

Matthew 6:9-13
When You Pray, Part 2
(The King and His Kingdom)

It was the late R.A. Torrey – Former President of Biola University who said:

“When the devil sees a man or woman who really believes in prayer, who knows how to pray, and who really does pray, and, above all, when he sees a whole church on its face before God in prayer, he trembles as much as he ever did, for he knows that his day in that church or community is at an end.” - R.A. Torrey

Prayer is indeed a powerful privilege in the life of a follower of Jesus Christ.

A) Disciples asked – Teach us to pray- they recognized that Prayer was a key

B) Jesus’ power – focus – staying on point – on mission amidst all the demands around Him
1) Teach us to pray.

C) Saw in our study last time – Although we can pray anywhere at anytime –
1) Jesus advocated a Secret Place – go into your room

D) E.M. Bounds – great author on prayer: Nine books
"Prayer is not learned in a classroom but in the closet." E. M. Bounds

E) Go into the secret place – Your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly - Reward for prayer
1) Intimacy with God.

F.B Meyer – famous preacher/evangelist in London in the late 1800’s – Many commentaries
“The greatest tragedy of life is not unanswered prayer, but unoffered prayer.” - F.B. Meyer
A) So today we are coming back to Jesus teaching on prayer.

9 In this manner, therefore, pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.**

**10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.**

11 Give us this day our daily bread.
**12 And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.**
13 And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

A model not a formula:

❖ **In this manner pray....**

A) Jesus is not advocating – recite this prayer as a mindless – ritual.

B) It is to serve as a model – road map in the approach to prayer.

C) Prayer that is effective will have these elements

Also note: Not the Lord’s prayer.

A) V.12 Forgive us our debts or sins.... Sinned against us

B) Jesus would not have a need to pray that – HE NEVER SINNED!

C) The Disciples prayer

D) Key thing to note: A model to follow– not a formula to recite

4 Aspects of the model. (Touched on the first two last week – cover briefly today.)

A) **It is to be Relational** – Our Father
Father is Abba – Daddy

B) Healthy prayer life is born out of an understanding that He is my Dad!
1) He made a way for us to be sons and daughters

C) Everyday when I start my day: Daddy is waiting in the secret place for me to spend time with Him!

Don’t Rush past this:

A) The Lord wants to hear our needs – our concerns our struggles – but first enjoy the relationship

B) I love it when my kids want to just spend time with me (**especially now adults- Hang time**) – precious

C)I love to help my Kids when I can – I love when they call – have a need I can meet – advice / borrow

1)But if the only time they ever called was when they needed something – Feel a bit hurt

D)I recently had a friend I hadn't seen in a long time coming into our area – Asked if I could hook him up on a place to stay.

1)I didn't have a lead – but suggested we get dinner

E)No response: Now I admit, I was hurt – felt a little used. -

Now God is not like us- He doesn't get his feelings hurt when we don't spend time with Him.

A)I am not going to answer your prayer – all you ever do is use me!

B)NO- His heart breaks for us because – He knows the benefit that we are missing out on

1)When we don't take the time to ENJOY the relationship – come to Him as FATHER – DADDY

C)So Jesus is saying: Don't miss this – when you pray – realize first and foremost – this is about a RELATIONSHIP with Him !

2nd Aspect: Not just Relational but it is meant to be Worshipful.

A) **Hallowed – be your name- Hallowed = set apart – there is NONE LIKE YOU.**

B)Great is your name Father!

C)Now again the idea here is not: This is a prerequisite – requirement – Movies

1)People come in before the king – they have to bow and say their pleasantries –

D)It is not like God is saying: Before I will even listen to your request you need to tell me how great I am.

1)That is not God – Doesn't need that from us

But we need it! – The point is just like it is beneficial for you to recognize – He is Father – Daddy

A)It is also important for you to recognize His greatness – His power – His glory

B) When you begin to understand the greatness of God – **when you pause long enough to declare His greatness –**

1)It puts everything else into perspective

C)So Jesus says Start here: You are God who is my father – who is great and awesome –

1)Who's resources are unlimited and inexhaustible

D)You are perfect in all of your ways!!!

E)We see all of our issues – problems – needs in light of who He is - So Relational – Worshipful

#3 Purposeful:

A)**Your kingdom come – Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven**

B)Now Pastor Aaron did a great job a few weeks ago of teaching on this verse – as sort of an overarching theme of KINGDOM LIFE

C)Living as people who are desiring to see His Kingdom manifested here on earth

1)In our lives

I want to consider it today from the standpoint of prayer – Prayer is meant to be purposeful

A)A huge part of that purpose is to align my heart with His heart.

B)It is remembering – that a big part of the reason I exist is to bring God glory with my life

1)To remember – I am here for Him –

C)I exist to be a part of His Kingdom – His mission

So this part of the prayer is really a centering part of the prayer.

A)Lord before I get to my needs / concerns / request and wants – I want you to know this:

B)That whatever the answer is – YOUR WILL BE DONE – FATHER – that is first.

C)I want you to know that right now in this moment I am surrendering my will to yours

D)It is to bring our wills – our agendas our visions for the future into alignment with Him!

“Prayer is not getting my will done in Heaven, it's getting God's will done on earth!”

A) Prayer is not an argument with God to persuade Him to move things our way

B) But prayer is an exercise where we are moving ourselves His way!

C) Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance but laying hold of His willingness.

Jesus says tell him: Father -Your agenda for my family comes before my agenda for my family.

A) Your agenda for my marriage, whether or not I get married, my business, my kids, my Ministry my money –

B) Telling Dad- I am **fully surrendered** –to your will above my own!

C) But if we are honest – this is where we can struggle

1) We are not sure we are going to like His plan – Can we really trust Him? – Our struggle

D) The Cross – His love – Father knows best
See **When my faith intersects with His faithfulness — Life changes!**

A) Sometimes – this might be as far as you get in your prayer.

B) **Start with intimacy** – relationship – Father Worshipping – declaring His greatness

C) But this part – becomes more of a wrestle

1) Lord I want your will for my family – but I am scared – hard time surrendering

D) Lord I want your will for my profession – but I really don't like my job – rather not be here

1) But your will be done - ABOUT YOUR KINGDOM

E) Jesus modeled this: Prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane.

1) Let this cup pass..... Not my will but your will be done – He prayed it 3 times

I am surrendering to YOUR PURPOSE

A) YOU ARE A GOOD FATHER – perfect in all your ways – You can be trusted – Faithful

B) Right now I am a bit faithless – So Help me Lord

C) Some days that might be the extent of the prayer – that might be as far as you get. –

D) But that is ok- Honesty and interaction w/ Dad!
#4 Provisional

Give us day by day our daily bread.

4And forgive us our sins, For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And do not lead us into temptation,

A) Our Provision: Our needs

❖ Our daily bread addresses **the Present**

❖ Forgive us our sins addresses **the Past**

❖ Lead us not into temptation addresses **the Future**

B) Martin Luther rightfully defined bread as everything necessary for the preservation of this life.

C) This verse encourages us to talk to God about the necessities of Life

D) Bring your daily needs – strength – provision –
1) Whatever your daily needs are.

E) I pray for wisdom and balance – everyday –
1) Admission of dependency.

I need daily to pray for provision because – there is a lot that I need to be the husband, father, pastor,

A) I also need **to pray daily for forgiveness** – because I am a sinner

B) This is ESSENTIAL to my relationship with God.

A group of prominent Christian theologians were discussing at a seminar - “What is found in Christianity which is not found in any other religion?”

C. S. Lewis, was to be a part of the group but was running late stuck in traffic – the group deliberated for about an hour without him.

When Lewis finally arrived and the question was posed to him. **“That's simple,” he replied. “The forgiveness of sin.”**

C)Standout of Christianity – A person lost in Sin – separated from God.

1)Sins forgiven – guilt removed

D)Our past is buried in the sea of God’s forgiveness and forgetfulness.

1) He does not remember our sin anymore. And that is what makes Christianity absolutely unique.

E)You today: Forgiveness – Freedom from your guilt

1)Embrace Jesus

Forgive us As we forgive those who have sinned against us – Assumes that we are choosing to walk in forgiveness. -

A)People who realize the debts to which they have been forgiven – will be those who are quick to forgive

B)So Jesus says pray for the present – Daily needs Past – Forgive me of my sins

C)Future – Lead us not into temptation

This is a prayer of protection. “And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one ”

A)This world is full of temptation and evil – We are in a battle – **Playground vs a Battle ground.**

B)We need to pray for Protection – that is what this is

C)Wait- How could Jesus say, **“Lead us not into temptation”?**

1)Does God lead us into sin? No. James 1:13 and 14 says, **“God does not tempt anyone to sin.”** He doesn’t.

There are many explanations by various scholars describing what Jesus was saying here

A)Some are long and weighty – **DON’T HAVE TIME** –

B)The simple explanation is Jesus is telling us – to pray to not be led into temptation.

C)Our tendency is toward sin – and temptation

1)Our flesh gravitates in that direction

So in reality this is a declaration of dependency

A)Lord help me not to be led into temptation but deliver me from Evil

B)Lord I need your help – I am weak – I am prone toward this – Help me

I read a story about George Adam Smith, a wonderful preacher and author, who was on a **mountain-climbing tour of the Alps**. On one particularly high peak, he ran to the very precipice and looked out over Switzerland.

Suddenly, a strong gust of wind came up that threatened to blow him over the edge.

From several feet away, his guide called to him, **“Mr. Smith! On your knees, sir! The only way you’re safe up here is on your knees!”**

C)It has been rightly said that Satan trembles when he sees the weakest saint upon his knees.

Too many people pray only after they sin. “God I’ve blown it. I’m sorry. Help.”

A)If you sin and you’re in trouble, yes cry out to God for help.

B)And Dad will help his kids. But it’s even better to pray in advance before you’re tempted.

Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire? - Corrie ten Boom

C)Pray offensively. Pray before!

1)Father I am going into this situation – Help me!

D)**Pray for protection** for yourself? Husband/Wife

For your children?

E)I pray regularly for God’s protection on our church – our school.

Notice how He Ends!

Matthew 6:13 – “For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”

A)This concise and potent prayer ends in an explosion of praise,

B)Literal reading, **“For yours is the kingship, and the (glory) the weight or substance.**

1)It’s all Yours. You are King. You are powerful!

C) You be glorified in my heart – my life – my family

To sum this up quote from Timothy Keller – that captures the heart of this prayer

“Prayer is both conversation and encounter with God. . . . We must know the awe of praising his glory, the intimacy of finding his grace, and the struggle of asking his help, all of which can lead us to know the spiritual reality of his presence.”

His Presence: - More of Him in our lives!