



**FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER,  
AND THE GLORY, FOR EVER. AMEN**

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## **SUMMARY**

God knew that as we make our way through life that there would be certain elements and circumstances that would come into our life that were simply greater than we are. His solution to the problems of our life was to make Himself and His resources available to His people. The means by which we can tap into the presence, the provisions, and the power of God is prayer, and yet, most of prayer lives are struggling to show any signs of life. In this series of thoughts, we are taking our prayer life to the emergency where we will learn from the Great Physician how to pray.

## **REVIEW**

In this study, we're journeying through the model prayer and we're discovering how to pray. So far, we've considered the following:

We looked at the phrase "...Our Father which art in Heaven..." and we found that when we pray, we should pray according to our **ADOPTION**, according to our Father's **AUTHORITY**, and according to a right **AFFECTION**.

We looked at the phrase “...*Hallowed be thy name....*” and we found that our prayers should consist of two parts: the **VERTICAL** part (our relationship with God) and the **HORIZONTAL part** (our relationship with the world around us). Prayer is more than just a way for us to **GET SOMETHING FROM GOD**; prayer is a way for us to **GIVE SOMETHING TO GOD**. We give God glory when we recognize the holiness of God when we enter into His presence.

We looked at the phrase “...*Thy kingdom come...*” and we found that it is an expression of the heart that desires for the **WORD** of God and the **WORK** of God to become a reality.

We looked at the phrase “...*Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven...*” and we found that the goal of our prayer life must be our surrender to the Lord’s will. There is nothing that we **WANT** that is more important than God’s **WILL** for our life – **NOTHING!**

This marked a shift in the model prayer from the vertical (our relationship with God) to the horizontal (our relationship with the world around us). We found that the latter portion of this model prayer is focused on the needs of our life: our **PROVISIONS**, our **PARDON** (forgiveness), our **PROTECTION**, and our **PRAISE-GIVING**.

We looked at the phrase “...*Give us this day our daily bread...*” and we found that God is a good God Who is ready and willing to give good things to His children. He cares about the **DESIRES** of our heart, the details of our life, and the day-to-day needs of our life, and we should bring **ALL** of them to Him in prayer.

We looked at the phrase “...*And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors...*” and we found that our prayer life is an **EXAMINATION** of what is going on in our mind, in our heart, and in our life and whether or not those things match up with what is pleasing to the Lord. We are to **CONSIDER** the sins that are in our life and confess them to our Father Who is ready and willing to forgive us restoring both our fellowship with God and our function before Him.

We looked at the phrase “*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil...*” and we found that God often allows our faith to go through seasons of **INSPECTION** (to reveal weaknesses in our faith) and seasons of **IMPROVEMENT** (to strengthen, or temper, our faith). What must not fail to remember that our enemy wants to turn those tests into temptations, but the wonderful truth is that God knows how to lead us through temptation, and God has the ability to **LIMIT** and to **DELIVER US OUT** of our temptations.

## MESSAGE

Matthew 6:9-15 says, “*After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*”

If you're in the habit of marking things in the Word of God, I'd like to draw your attention to verse 13 where the Bible says, "*...For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.*"

For a few moments, I'd like to consider this thought: **FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOR EVER. AMEN.**

As we've gone through this model prayer, while all of this prayer is important, we have been met with some sections that have impacted us in a specific way.

In this prayer, we have considered the most **DIFFICULT** portion of this prayer to pray - "*...Thy will be done...*"

In this prayer, we have considered the most **CONVICTING** portion of this prayer to pray - "*...Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors...*"

In this prayer, we have considered what we labeled as the most **PERPLEXING** portion of this prayer to pray (at least until we understand it)– "*...Lead us not into temptation...*"

But now, we are considering the most **IGNORED**, most **QUESTIONED**, and most **REMOVED** portion of this prayer.

Now, let me explain what I mean by that. This particular portion of the model prayer as recorded in the Gospel Record of Matthew over the years has created more controversy and contention than any other portion. To my knowledge, apart from the King James Version of the Scripture, every other English translation of the Bible does one of two things:

- (1) They **REMOVE** this portion of the prayer all together.
- (2) They **CAST DOUBT** or **CAUSE CONFUSION** about this portion of the prayer by putting it in brackets or by including it in the footnotes with a statement like this: this portion is not included in the earliest manuscripts.

Now, let me respond to that this way: perhaps if those people who spend so much time and energy removing, casting doubt on, and causing confusion about this particular portion of the prayer would spend as much time attempting to understand and properly applying this portion of the model prayer, they would see its importance and they would incorporate the principle into their prayer life as well.

When it comes to the model prayer, Jesus taught it on a couple different occasions, and the reality is that when Jesus taught this model prayer to His disciples and to His followers, there were times when He included it (like here in Gospel Record of Matthew) and there were times when He didn't include (like in the Gospel Record of Luke).

This particular portion of the model prayer is what is often referred to as the *Doxology*. It is simply a hymn of praise. While the model prayer opens with the **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** of Who God is, it concludes with the **ADMIRATION** and the **APPRECIATION** for Who God is.

**PRAISE** is just as important to our prayer life as our **PROCLAMATIONS** and our **PETITIONS**. As a matter of fact, praise isn't just to be a part of our prayer life; praise is the proper response of our prayer life. It's the proper response to the **GREATNESS** of God and it's the proper response to the **GIFTS** of God.

Growing up, I was always taught that Jeremiah 33:3 was God's telephone number. Anybody remember that?

Jeremiah 33:3 says, *"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."*

Well, if Jeremiah 33:3 is God's telephone number, then praise is God's address. It's where He lives.

Psalms 22:3 says, *"But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel."*

The presence of God can be found with those who magnify Him, with those who praise Him, and with those who exalt His name. The giving of thanks to God is something that we should do often because we can do it often. What I mean by that is that regardless of what is going on in you and around you, God **HAS BEEN GOOD**, God **IS BEING GOOD**, God **WILL BE GOOD**, and I should praise Him greatly and often for the **GRACE**, and the **GREATNESS**, and the **GOODNESS** that He pours into my life.

Psalms 69:30-31 says, *"I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving. This also shall please the LORD better than an ox or bullock that hath horns and hoofs."*

Psalms 100:1-5 says, *"Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations."*

It was J.I. Packer who wrote that "Prayer and praise are like a bird's two wings: with both working, you soar; with one out of action, you are earthbound. But birds should not be earthbound, nor Christians praiseless."

By the way, praising God is something that we should do **PRIVATELY**, and praising God is something that we should do **PUBLICLY**. Hey! The people of God ought to be a people of praise and the house of God ought to be a house of praise.

Psalms 145:2 says, *“Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.”*

Psalms 35:18 says, *“I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people.”*

Psalms 34:3 says, *“O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.”*

I like the way Harold Vaughn put it: “Our faces should not look like a reprint of the book of Lamentations at church. If they do, we need facelifts.” Here’s the reality: we have a lot more to **PRAISE** God about than we have to **POUT** about. “Instead of sitting around counting our **BRUISES**, we should try counting our **BLESSINGS**” (Harold Vaughn).

Praise directs our heart and our mind to the both the **MAJESTY** and the **MIGHT** of God. Someone has correctly stated that “If we fail to end there (praise), we will be left with more of a sense of our problems, than with a hope of their solution.”

By the way we have great examples of including praise in our prayer life throughout Scripture.

**DAVID** prayed that way.

1 Chronicles 29:10-11 says, *“Wherefore David blessed the LORD before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, LORD God of Israel our father, for ever and ever. Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all.”*

**HEZEKIAH** prayed that way.

2 Kings 19:14-15 says, *“And Hezekiah received the letter of the hand of the messengers, and- read it: and Hezekiah went up into the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD. And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said, O LORD God of Israel, which dwellest between the cherubims, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth.”*

The **APOSTLE PAUL** prayed that way.

1 Timothy 1:17 says, *“Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.”*

**JUDE** prayed that way

Jude 24-5 says, *“Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.”*

When it comes to this particular portion of the model prayer, we need to understand that it is because of the eternal kingdom of God, it is because of the everlasting power of God, and it is because of the perpetual glory of God that we can pray the rest of this prayer.

Even the word *Amen* is an important part of this portion of the prayer. The word *amen* means that which is true, faithful, stable, and reliable.

We are to praise God because He is always in control.

We are to praise God because He is capable of fulfilling His will, His work, and His word in our lives and through our lives.

We are to praise God because His character is always good, and His choices are always right.