1Thess #127

The Lord’s prayer

Remember we have a generous offer of a plane tickets and hotel fees given to a couple or small family, who would like to go to the November Bible Conference but is in a financial pinch.

You have to contact me in the next few weeks for me to make arrangements.

We will open today in Matthew chapter six.

Contrary to some denominational dogma the prayer in Matthew six is really not the Lord’s prayer, but a template for prayer.

Just as man-made religion always does they have twisted and counterfeited what was originally taught.

The prayer Jesus used in John chapter 17 is best suited as the LORD’s prayer.

I have taught on the doctrine of prayer several times since starting my online ministry because it is so valuable.

Also, it is a doctrine that at least once a year we should go over and remind ourselves.

This will probably only be a three-part series, yet I think the repetition for most of us will be very enlightening. Not just for new Bels…but all of us!

What you will see in Matthew chapter six is a lesson and a basic template for CA prayer.

/Mat 6:6 “But **as for you, when you pray,** go into **your inner room, close your door, and pray to your Father** who is in secret; and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.

Other than prayer over food and group prayer for healing and certain blessings, your prayer life is extremely intimate between you & GOD! \

Jesus is stating right from the first part of the prayer lesson that something is new on the horizon. There is no temple and no priest involved, it is now between you and GOD.

You are the Bel priest in the CA dispensation, your soul is the temple for the Trinity in the CA dispensation.

Jesus then immediately addresses ritualistic repetition.

He actually states in the original context - DO NOT use meaningless repetition.

/[Mat 6:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/mat/6/7/s_935007) “And **when you are praying, do not use thoughtless repetition** (*battalogeō*)as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard because **of their many words**.

Stuttering and stammering repetitive words. God is not impressed with a set of words or terms repeated that simply resemble religious ritual. \

BAT-OLOW-GAYO, really means useless words, terms or phrases repeated that make little or no sense.

It was sometimes used as term for a person with a speech impediment, such as stuttering.

By the way, never forget many historians believe Moses had a speech impediment and GOD used him in a mighty fashion!

Many Bels do not even recognize the works program within repetitive prayer.

It can become like a works program of speaking the same phrases over and over, thinking you have some special inner strength to summon GOD to your wishes.

[Mat 6:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/mat/6/8/s_935008) “So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

Jesus is moving the apostles away from the rituals of religion.

God knows what we need from eternity past – any repetition in prayer is designed to show your faith and communication with GOD is growing.

It is not a call to continually plead with GOD because you think HE is ignoring you.

Let us read thru this and then I will quickly tear it apart and highlight some important factors.

Mat 6:7 “Pray, then, in this way:
‘Our Father, who is in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.

[Mat 6:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/mat/6/10/s_935010) ‘Your kingdom come.
Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

[Mat 6:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/mat/6/11/s_935011) ‘Give us this day our daily bread.

[Mat 6:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/mat/6/12/s_935012) ‘And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

[Mat 6:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/mat/6/13/s_935013) ‘And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.’

Then Jesus makes a strong point in closing;

[Mat 6:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/mat/6/14/s_935014) “For if you forgive other people for their offenses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

[Mat 6:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/mat/6/15/s_935015) “But if you do not forgive *other* people, then your Father will not forgive your offenses.

Which as I mentioned last lesson, is a reason for many Christian prayers to fall short of the divine throne room of heaven.

/Mat 6:9 – *pray in this (way) manner*,

This is a present active imperative, Keep on praying along this pattern. “pray in this way” doesn’t mean to use these exact words, it means to use this pattern. This is a model to follow without imitating the words exactly each time. \

/“*Our Father*” — all prayer is addressed to the Father (Mat 6:9), in the name of the Son (Jhn 14:13-14), in the power of the Spirit (Eph 6:18). Immediately we address God the Father first in prayer. We note in verse 9 - it is the present active imperative in the Greek, meaning- *Keep on praying along this pattern! \*

This is a command from TLJC. By a pattern I mean in the same manner…not a chant of the same prayer over and over again.

/The pattern of prayer in Mat 6:7 thru 13 covers aspects of proper protocol in prayer. There is recognition of the plan of GOD the Father for our life, praying for daily strength or supplies in a grateful manner. Seeking forgiveness of our own sins and failures. While releasing bitterness and an unforgiving spirit toward others.\

There was an important theme going on in chapter 5 and into chapter Matt 6 that points to religion & legalism.

/Jesus highlights pseudo-righteousness and the religion of the day concerning public prayer. He rebukes the Pharisees and to illustrate how the religious standards of the day have failed. This has been a theme of the Lord’s lesson from the start of the sermon in chapter five.\

TLJC presents the model prayer for the disciples, and the reason He gives this is to demonstrate the failure of human good added into the word of God.

 This model of prayer must be understood concerning its context.

 REPEAT

/The first lesson of the model prayer is brief but direct in accuracy. It is a model prayer for the crash course prior to the Church Age. Dispensational knowledge is beginning to open up. Remember that the Sermon on the Mount was a way of life for the disciples during the next 3 years. (Foundational period)\

This is a legitimate petition for the disciples during the three years of our Lord’s ministry.

Part of the prayer much like a large portion of TLJC lesson so far was designed to expose the self-righteousness and the hypocrisy of the Pharisees who would not admit to personal sins nor extend grace beyond their circle of family & friends.

 REPEAT

/Jesus had already amplified the Mosaic Law by extending it to thought patterns and motivation, this cries out for grace. The sermon is the full portion of grace being introduced as more than a mere gesture but a lifestyle and trademark of spirituality. This prayer has an attitude or pattern within it that is important not repetitive instructions to pray over and over.\

With the introduction of what God’s grace resembles the most subtle forms of legalism are now going to be exposed.

/This legalism is opposed to grace and this will be emphasised in this first prayer as much as it has been in the first section of the sermon. Christ needed to expose human good, religious nonsense and legalism…because that had been the standard for spiritual maturity.\

I had mentioned in many previous lessons the Law is fulfilled in TLJC and now there becomes a focus on Grace…I also taught you that there is a shift or change from one dispensation into another.

/If The Lord didn’t wake up these future teachers, they would fall into great arrogance due to the power He would bestow on them leading up to the completed canon of scripture. There is greater depth to this template of CA prayer protocol, then to focus on rituals of repeating words.\

If He doesn’t expose legalism the disciples will abuse the powers that are given to them by catering to their approbation lust and seeking to impress people with these powers.

/The title, The Lord’s prayer, is best suited for John chapter 17. Matthew chapter 6 is a brief but enlightening prayer for a group of new converts who would be learning and applying grace principles as a foundation & bridge into the Church Age.\

Their first mission and focus was going to be on the lost sheep of the house of Israel…the Jews.

Those already indoctrinated into legalism through the Scribes and Pharisees were who Jesus was teaching against.

The apostles are about to be called to seek out lost sheep of Israel in Mat 10.

It is imperative that the disciples be warned about legalism before they begin their ministry to the lost sheep of the house of Israel— and consequently this model prayer is designed to help them avoid all the pitfalls of legalism.

As this prayer begins it recognizes God the Father and then goes directly into basic prayer principles.

What is the first principle of prayer? Fellowship.

 You must have fellowship with God — you must be in fellowship …filled by GOD the HS.

/The word “***Hallowed****”* gives us this concept. It means to be set apart or to be sanctified — “*set apart be HIS name*” this means to be in fellowship. Name and cite any known sins before prayer or any form of worship, Bible study or divine works. \

It is in the passive voice and this means that His name receives this through the Believer who is praying…. being in fellowship. It is an imperative mood and it is commanding God that His name be set apart.

/The aorist tense plus the imperative mood… plus the passive voice addressed to God. Receive a set apart name, actually adds up to a strong statement. It is the principle of being in fellowship. If you pray out of fellowship —You cannot be effective! Being out of fellowship in prayer, Bible study, worship or deeds is meaningless – wood, hay and stubble.\

/Mat 6:10 **Your kingdom come**. Your will
be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Jesus Christ is on earth, the capacity of the kingdom was there with the King. This was a look to the future - (eschatology) \

“*Your kingdom*” is a reference to the rule of Jesus Christ on the earth; *“come”* — the Greek goes in the opposite direction. *“Come, Your kingdom*” is the literal Greek translation.

The word *“come”* indicates the power of the faith-rest technique in prayer, indicating the principle of believing God will work in your life because you have remained positive in His plan.

*Mat 21:22 tells us - “And all things you ask in prayer,* ***believing, you will receive****.”*

Pointing to the strength of your faith.

/The kingdom cannot come today, God Himself could not bring the kingdom today. It was possible when the disciples were on the mount because the King was on earth, but the King is in heaven today seated at the right hand of the Father. The kingdom in a temporal sense is within the Bels’ soul, especially the church as a body represent a KINGDOM on earth. \

When the King is in heaven the kingdom can’t come. The King is going to stay there until the Rapture….when the Church will go up to meet the King but the King will meet the Church in the air and He still won’t be on the earth.

 Not yet! 2nd Advent is when HIS feet touch the ground. (humanity)

He is then going to cleanse His bride and then the King will come back to the earth and then begin the Millennium.

The physical kingdom is the 1,000 year reign of the King Jesus on earth.

/But in their day the disciples could pray *“Come, thy kingdom”* because the King was there, and this was to be a part of their message to the lost sheep of the house of Israel: The King is here! “*Come, thy kingdom”* in the full, physical sense, pertains to the Millennium.\

How will you know when the kingdom occurs?

We have to glorify GOD in the angelic conflict as reflections of the kingdom of Christ before HE returns. Yet the true physical kingdom is after 7 years of Tribulation.

/There is a third petition which amplifies the second — “*Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven*.” “*Thy will*” is the will of God. God’s will at this historic point allows Satan his run, on earth in the form of authority. He is allowed a title of prince and power of the atmosphere (Eph 2:2), because he knocked mankind off the seat of authority in the Garden.\

Do you think today, by any stretch of the imagination, that the will of God is being accomplished on the earth as it is in heaven?

The devil is the ruler of this world and will rule it until the last phase of the 7 years of Tribulation.

The devil is the god of this world, he is the prince of the power of the air, and he will rule this world until the Second Advent.

And when the devil rules the world the will of God cannot be done on earth as it is in heaven.

God’s plan is forging forward and part of that plan allowed Satan and his army a period to prove their case against HIM.

Some events have not yet been fulfilled. It will be a legitimate prayer for believers at the end of the Tribulation.

/Mat 6 - prayer recognizes the plan of GOD the Father, the language within it was suited for that historic point. That prayer today, repeated word for word would mean you were disoriented to the plan of God. The pattern and protocol of the prayer is for CA Bels. Yet it is the wording itself, which was suited for a period of Christ on earth (Doctrine of the Hypostatic Union). \

More specifically for the Apostles preparing to call out the lost sheep of Israel.

The outline itself is suitable… it is the wording that does not fit the time we live in. Also notice it is not completed or given over to the Father in the name of TLJC…because He was with them physically and His ministry on earth was not yet complete!

/There is an outline of the recognition of the Father, forgiveness of sin and a grateful heart in the prayer all forming a basis for prayer, yet the exact language does not suit the Church age Bel. In the name or the work of Jesus Christ is absent from the prayer – Christ was with them, the cross was yet to come!\