

COMMUNICATION WITH THE CREATOR

Luke 11:1-4

“The Principles of Prayer”



Luke 11:1 And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

3 Give us day by day our daily bread.

4 And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. **And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.**

A person wearing a red robe is shown from the waist up, standing in a field of tall grass. They have their hands clasped in prayer and their head tilted upwards. The background is a soft-focus field of grass under a bright sky. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent dark blue-grey rectangle that contains the text.

Our theme this year is...

GLORIFY THE CREATOR

A few weeks ago we began a new series...

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In what is commonly called “the Lord’s Prayer,” (which correctly should be called “The Model Prayer,”) Jesus gives us several principles of prayer. We began with...

I. THE EXAMPLE OF THE SAVIOR

Lu. 11:1b “...as he was praying...”

II. THE EXPECTATION OF THE SAVIOR

Lu. 11:2b “...When ye pray...”

III. THE ENLIGHTENMENT OF THE SAVIOR

A. The Principle of Relationship – “...Our Father...”

B. The Principle of Righteousness – “...Hallowed by thy name...”

C. The Principle of Reigning – “...Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done...”

D. The Principle of Request – v. 3 “Give us day by day our daily bread.”

E. Principle of Reciprocity – “And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us.

F. The Principle of Reality – “...And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.”

- Why does it state “...lead us not into temptation...” rather than “keep us from temptation”?
- The “Model Prayer” is consistently teaching us to comprehend a greater picture of understanding about the Lord and about ourselves.
- In this principle, we must admit to ourselves the reality of how fragile and vulnerable we are to spiritual defeat.

1. The Admission of Vulnerability – “...And lead us not **into temptation...**”

2. The Adversary is Vicious – “...but deliver us **from evil.**”

3. The Access to Victory – “...**deliver** us...”

- The “*Model Prayer*,” when properly considered, helps us focus upon our Creator’s greatness, and what He considers important for us to consider.

This morning we move unto the last principle of prayer...The Principle of Regality.

The first image in our mind when we begin to pray is that we are addressing “Our Father.” The very next image is that of location – “which art in heaven.” How should that image impact our time of prayer? This morning, we will consider what it means to have a Father whose location is our destination.

G. The Principle of Regality – “...which art in heaven...”

Definition of *regality*

royalty, sovereignty, or kingship.

a right or privilege pertaining to a sovereign.

a kingdom.

<https://www.dictionary.com/browse/regality?s=ts>

1. The Present Residence – “...which art...”

Deut. 4:39 Know therefore this day, and **consider *it in thine heart***, that **the LORD he is God in heaven above**, and upon the earth beneath: ***there is none else***.

- God resides in, and reigns from heaven.

Psa. 11:4 The LORD *is* in his holy temple, **the LORD'S throne is in heaven**: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.

- His exaltation should be humbling to our feeble, human hearts.

Prov. 30:4 **Who hath ascended up into heaven**, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? **what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?**

- His residence in heaven is a place to honor Him as our Creator.

Col. 1:16 For **by him** were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: **all things were created by him, and for him:**

17 And **he is before all things**, and **by him all things consist.**

18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; **that in all things he might have the preeminence.**

Rev. 4:11 **Thou art worthy, O Lord**, to receive glory and honour and power: for **thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.**

2. The Powerful Reverence

- His residence in heaven is an indication of His power and sovereignty.

Deut. 3:24 O Lord GOD, thou hast begun to shew thy servant **thy greatness**, and **thy mighty hand**: for **what God is there in heaven or in earth, that can do according to thy works, and according to thy might?**

2 Chron. 20:6 And said, O LORD God of our fathers, **art not thou God in heaven?** and **rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen?** and in thine hand *is there not* **power and might**, so that **none is able to withstand** thee?

- The “height” of heaven is indicative of His superiority over our insignificance.

Isa. 55:6 **Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:**

7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

8 For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

9 For **as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.**

- As we realize the power of God, our souls are humbled at our smallness.

Job 7:17 **What is man, that thou shouldest magnify him?** and that **thou shouldest set thine heart upon him?**

Psa. 8:3 When I consider thy heavens, **the work of thy fingers**, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;
4 **What is man, that thou art mindful of him?** and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Eccl. 5:2 Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter *any* thing before God: for **God is in heaven, and thou upon earth**: therefore let thy words be few.

- Recognizing God's greatness should result in a healthy humility for humanity.

1 Chron. 29:14 But **who am I**, and what *is* my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? **for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.**

3. The Promised Reservation

1 Pet. 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 **To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,**

5 Who are **kept by the power of God through faith** unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

- Our Father is in heaven, and He has promised a place reserved for His children!

4. The Perpetual Relationship

- Heaven is promised as our residence, too, the place of our eternal fellowship with Christ.

Jn. 14:1 **Let not your heart be troubled**: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; **that where I am, there ye may be also.**

- Why should we be so troubled on this earth? When we pray, we have so much more to focus upon which can help us overcome our troubles.
- Our Father is in heaven, and He has all things under control!
- Nothing in our lives will ever take Him by surprise!

Heb. 13:5 *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: **for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.***

- Knowing these seven principles of prayer, we should always be motivated to pray!

Summary

Mt. 6:13b “...For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.”

- The “*Model Prayer*,” when properly considered, helps us focus upon our Creator’s greatness, and what He considers important for us to consider.
- Matthew’s closing of the “*Model Prayer*” gives us a wonderful summary:

“...For thine is...”

- the kingdom = we are privileged to serve Him in His kingdom;
- and the power = we are weak and totally dependent upon His power;
- and the glory = we desire to honor and glorify Him – both now and at the Judgment Seat of Christ.
- for ever. Amen.” = we recognize that our temporality will soon be eternity.
- Our purpose in life is to be effective for His eternal glory!

Conclusion

Psa. 145:1 I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

3 **Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable. ...**

18 **The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.**

19 He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: **he also will hear their cry**, and will save them.

20 **The LORD preserveth all them that love him:** but all the wicked will he destroy.

21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.