

The Gospel of Matthew #58

Sermon on the Mount: chapter 6: LIVING IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

HOW TO PRAY: I. WHO WE PRAY TO: OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN

II. WHAT WE PRAY FOR: 6 PETITIONS: 1ST 3 FOCUS ON HIM

2nd 3 FOCUS ON US: #5: FORGIVE US AS WE FORGIVE (I)

Matthew 6:12

I. It's about DEBT

A. What do you owe Him?

1. Your existence

2. Your sustenance

Myriad bodily functions we are totally unaware of

3. Your provisions

Job and money, all you need

4. Bounty of blessings

Family, friends, hobbies

B. So what should you be giving Him?

1. Your Thanks (Rom 1:21a)

2. Your worship and adoration: a God-centered orientation (Rom 1:21a)

3. Your obedience to His commands

Remember Mt 5:48: reflect His likeness by obeying His commands.
The 6 mirrors to show your heart

And what do you actually give?

Very little

II. So it's about FORGIVENESS

6:12: "Forgive" is Greek "aphiemi": to _____ or _____ a debt

This is vividly pictured in **Colossians 2:13-14**

- Jesus is God in the flesh Who has no debt of His own (Col 1:15, 19)
- He cancelled your _____ of _____ with its regulations against us (i.e. the condemnation of the Law)—how?
- He _____ it to the _____: debt paid had nail driven thru it; He drove the nail thru His Son to pay your debt! His blood was the payment for all sins: past, present, future!
- He _____ it _____: the scapegoat driven into the wilderness to picture sin as GONE. Removed entirely
- He did it all by _____ undeserved: v13 "forgave" is from Greek "charis": grace

Why then is this prayer continued on a daily basis?

Distinguish:

- God as _____ : judicial forgiveness once for all
Thank Him for this daily
- God as _____ : parental forgiveness daily
Repent daily of what comes between you and Him