

Morning Sermon June 21, 2020

“Our Father: Matthew 6:9-13

One of the things I pointed out last week was that prayer is not an exercise; it is communication within a relationship. We are not trying to manipulate a force (may the force be with you) we are praying to our Heavenly Father, the first PERSON of the Godhead!

OT believers did not refer to God as “Father” in their prayers. This is a privilege we have now because of our Lord Jesus Christ, and because of what He did for us on the cross –

**3 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. 1 John 3:1 (NKJV)**

*This is a relationship Father – child that should transform us, and it certainly should transform our prayers!*

I. Our Father is Heavenly, we should hallow (highly honor) His Name -

**<sup>9</sup> In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your Name. Matthew 6:9**

1. Our Father being “in heaven” means He is spiritual; He is a Spirit –

**<sup>24</sup> God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” John 4:24 (NKJV)**

A. He is not limited by our physical limitations  
B. He can be worshipped both here and in China at the same time and be present both places

2. But here, I believe the emphasis of “in heaven” is that our Father is higher and greater than us, and deserves to be treated as such - **Hallowed be Your Name. Matthew 6:9** means His Name is to be single out for Special HONOR; for WORSHIP!

3. Worship and glorifying God are roughly the same thing, except in this: The word “worship” is sometimes used to describe those times we gather together for corporate worship, especially Sunday morning and evening, while glorifying God is meant to spread to every area of life –

**<sup>31</sup> Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31 (NKJV)**

II. Our Father is a Royal Father, we should labor to advance His Kingdom -

**<sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come. Matthew 6:10 A**

1. When we pray, “Your kingdom come” we are praying a prayer which will surely be answered (see prophecy) –

**<sup>15</sup> Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!” Revelation 11:15 (NKJV)**

2. When we pray “Your Kingdom come” we are praying this because His Kingdom is the highest priority in our lives –

**<sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)**

3. When we pray “Your Kingdom come” –

A. We pray against His enemies (Satan’s kingdom destroyed)

**<sup>1</sup> Let God arise, Let His enemies be scattered; Let those also who hate Him flee before Him. Psalm 68:1 (NKJV)**

B. We pray for the advancement of His Kingdom, which includes our own salvation and that of others –

**“Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. Revelation 12:10 (NKJV)**

**<sup>13</sup> He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1:13–14 (NKJV)**

III. *Our Father is a Right Father, His will deserves our constant obedience and submission –*

<sup>10 B</sup> **Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Matthew 6:10 B**  
*Father knows best, is truly true about our Heavenly Father!*

1. *God's prescriptive will, His will we follow, for instance the Ten Commandments ... we are PRAYING for ability to OBEY –*

<sup>15</sup> **"If you love Me, keep My commandments. John 14:15 (NKJV)**

2. *God's decretive, or secret will, His will we fall into, for instance*  
*- <sup>18</sup> in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NKJV)*

IV. *Our Father is a Rich Father, He is able to meet all our needs –*

<sup>11</sup> **Give us this day our daily bread. <sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. Matthew 6:11-12**

1. *He is rich enough to provide for all our needs (Daily Bread = material needs) –*

<sup>19</sup> **And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19 (NKJV)**

2. *He is rich in grace, in forgiveness – debts, are debts due because of sin -*

<sup>7</sup> **In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace Ephesians 1:7 (NKJV)**

<sup>30</sup> **So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit. John 19:30 (NKJV)**

*In John 19:30, the words translated "it is finished" which Jesus spoke as He died on the cross; in the Greek refer to a payment of a debt, they are saying **PAID in FULL** in regard to our sins!*

V. *Our Father is a Ruling Father, He is able to keep us from temptation –*

<sup>13 A</sup> **And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. Matthew 6:13 A**

*God is sovereign, he is in control of our circumstances –*

<sup>28</sup> **And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. <sup>29</sup> For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.**

<sup>30</sup> **Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.**

<sup>31</sup> **What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written:**

***"For Your sake we are killed all day long;  
We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."***

<sup>37</sup> **Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:28–39 (NKJV)**

VI. *We should remember, in regard to all these things, our Father is eternal -*

<sup>13 B</sup> **For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. Matthew 6:13 B**

*Our Father is the King, our Father has the power, our Father is due all glory – Forever!*

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