

Sermon Outline July 7, 2013
“The Lord’s Prayer” Luke 11:1-4

1. *True Christian prayer involves us an intimate relationship with the True and Living God –*
"When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven (Luke 11:2 NKJ)
1. *We are taught by our Lord Jesus to pray to God as our Father –*
 2. *This was something NEW; God is referred to as Father only 15 times in the entire Old Testament. No one in the Old Testament ever uses the word “Father” in regard to God in prayer!*
 3. *In Matthew, Mark, Luke and John Jesus’ references God as Father 165 times.*
 4. *164 out of those 165 times Jesus references God as Father are times when He is with at most His disciples and not with larger crowds, the one time He is speaking within the hearing of a larger crowd, it is clear in the context Matthew 23:9, He is speaking against the Pharisees and again to His followers. Therefore it is clear, only the converted are taught to pray to God as Father.*

NKJ **1 John 3:1 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. (1John 3:1 NKJ)**

5. *. Our relationship to God as our Father comes only through our relationship with Christ and possible only because of His death on the cross –*

¹⁰ **He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹ He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.**

¹² **But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: ¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.**

(John 1:10-13 NKJ)

NKJ **Romans 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.**

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⁶ **For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.**

⁷ **For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. ¹⁰ For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. (Romans 5:1-10 NKJ)**

6. *Our relationship with God as Father is made real and alive through God’s Spirit –*

¹⁴ **For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.**

¹⁵ **For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."**

¹⁶ **The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs-- heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. (Romans 8:14-17 NKJ)**

The word “Abba” is Aramaic and means something similar to our word “daddy” ... As Jesus spoke Aramaic it was most likely the word Jesus used when He taught this prayer.

7. *Because of what Jesus has done we are welcomed into the presence of God –*

¹⁸ **For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore. ²⁰ (For they could not endure what was commanded: "And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow." ²¹ And so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I am exceedingly afraid and trembling.") ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, ²³ to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, ²⁴ to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel. (Hebrew 12:18-24 NKJ)**

¹⁷ **For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. (John 1:17 NKJ)**

8. *At the point in history, when Jesus was teaching His disciples, He had not yet died, nor had He risen, but He KNEW what He would do, He teaches them based on the certainty of it.*

9. *So intimate is the relationship we have with God through Christ's blood it is also compared with marriage –*

²⁵ **Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, ...**

³¹ **"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."**

³² **This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. (Ephesians 5:25 and 31-32 NKJ)**

II. True Christian prayer requires us being rightly aligned with God's priorities –

Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as *it is* in heaven. (Luke 11:2 NKJ)

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. (Matthew 6:33 NKJ)

1. *When by grace we have been brought into God's family, into God's kingdom, it is only right that HIS NAME, HIS KINGDOM, HIS WILL would become our priority –*

¹³ **He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, (Colossians 1:13 NKJ)**

A. *His Name should be hallowed, honored, set apart! We honor God with our lips, our mouths when we praise Him! Yet, we need also to honor His Name with our lives (our actions and our hearts)... We hallow God's Name when we live for His glory –*

Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. (1 Corinthians 10:31 NKJ)

B. His Kingdom we pray will come ...

WSC 102 What do we pray for in the second petition? A. In the second petition (which is, Thy kingdom come) we pray, That Satan's kingdom may be destroyed; and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced, ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it; and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.

C. *His will we pray would be done, His prescriptive and decretive will.*

2. *These must be PRIORITIES not only of our prayers, but of our lives and hearts –*

⁸ **These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. (Matthew 15:8 NKJ)**

3. *This desire to be right with God's priorities is the fruit of a right relationship with God –*

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. ² Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. ³ And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. (1 John 3:1-3 NKJ)

III. True Christian prayer means we will have God with us in all the varying challenges of life –

³ **Give us day by day our daily bread.**

⁴ **And forgive us our sins, For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one." (Luke 11:3-4 NKJ)**

1. *God will provide for our needs "our daily bread" –*

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. (Matthew 6:33 NKJ)

2. *He will provide for our spiritual needs, most prominently are GREAT NEED of forgiveness of sins –*

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9 NKJ)

3. *He will be with us in our spiritual battles vs. sin and Satan –*

¹³ **No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it. (1Co 10:13 NKJ)**

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. (Ephesians 6:10-12 NKJ)

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