

Matthew 6:9-10 - "Pray then like this"

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A real temptation in our prayer life is to slip into a mode that defines the *health* of our prayer life by the *location, length* and *verbosity* of our prayers. What Jesus is focused on is the **relationship of the Father with His children**. By pointing out in v. 5-8 the potential hindrances to that relationship, He is helping us redirect our times in prayer. His desire is that we are able to talk with Him **with right motives** so that we would not be hindered from laying our requests before Him

In light of all this then, Jesus gives the disciples a model and framework to follow in the Lord's prayer. **"Pray then like this"**.

In looking at the Lord's prayer, it is broken up into 7 petitions. The first 3 petitions deal with: **His name, His kingdom, and His will**. The last 4 petitions deal with: our physical needs, our forgiveness, our spiritual health and spiritual protection.

**Our Father in heaven**, What does coming to God with "our father" say about our hearts in prayer? (Romans 8:12-17, Phil 4:6)

*Martin Lloyd Jones says, "The essence of this prayer is found in these two words "our father". "I suggest that if you can say from your heart, whatever your condition, 'My father in a sense your prayer is already answered. It is just this realization of our relationship to God that we so sadly lack."*

**hallowed be your name.** (Exodus 34:5-7)

To hallow means to sanctify, to make holy, to lift up, to exalt. The point of this is twofold. 1) That we would understand that He is magnified in our hearts as believers (Psalm 34, Psalm 111:10) 2) that He would be magnified in the hearts of those people who do not know him yet.

*"When you come to God, says our Lord, in effect, even though you may be in desperate conditions and circumstances, it may be with some great concern on your mind and in your heart; even then He says, stop for a moment and just recollect and realize this, that your greatest desire of all should be that this wonderful God, who has become your Father in and through Me (Jesus), should be honored, should be worshipped, should be magnified amongst the people." -Martin Lloyd Jones*

**your kingdom come (on earth as it is in heaven)**, (Acts 1:6, Rom 8:18-25, Rev. 21:1-7, Col. 3:1-4) This is what we are praying for then when we say "your kingdom come". We are praying for the consummation of God's kingdom where His name will be hallowed and our perfect relationship with the Father will be fully redeemed.

**your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.** The result of the coming of the kingdom will be that the will of God will be done amongst men on earth like in heaven where the will of God and the kingdom are being done perfectly. (Romans 12:1-2)

*"The end of prayer is not so much tangible answers as a deepening life of dependency" -John Hannah*