

Bible Study Series - The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

9 "Pray, then, in this way:

'Our Father who is in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.

10 Your kingdom come.
Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13 And do not lead us into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

[For Yours is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.]"

April 5	Who is in Heaven
April 12	Our Father
April 19	Hallowed be Your Name Your kingdom come Your will be done
April 26	Give us this day or daily bread Forgive us our debts Do not lead us into temptation
May 3	To Him ... Glory

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Week 1 - It Shouldn't Be This Hard

April 5, 2020

Thoughts and Questions

1. Introduction

Have you studied the Lord's Prayer before? What do you recall about that teaching?

Today's lesson first defines prayer as "talking to God" and then expands that to be "an intentional conveying of a message to God". Remembering Romans 8:26, what do you think about the expanded definition?

Can you think of any other means, other than speaking and groanings, of communicating to God in prayer?

2. Who Art in Heaven

Today's lesson relies on Romans 8:20 to establish a world view that we all exist in, and are a part of, a creation that has been subjected to futility. Do you agree? In what other ways do you see this subjection as impacting our lives?

We looked back at the change in Adam's and Eve's relationship with God as a result of their sin (Genesis 3:8-10). Recalling shortcomings in your life, can you identify with how they felt? How did they respond when confronted? (read the next few verses). Was God just in his actions to punish sin?

3. In Hope

Considering that all of creation is subjected to futility, what do think of the value of any remedy that comes from inside of that futility? What things do people cling to as their way of dealing with the condition of the world?

Romans 1:16,17 says that the gospel (the good news of His life, death and resurrection) reveals the righteousness of God. The gospel reveals so much about God, His love, grace, mercy, and so much more. Why do you think that the righteousness of God is the focus here? Why should we continue to study the gospel?

Closing thoughts – Thank Jesus for leaving heaven and entering this futile, fallen world to save us. Thank God (in prayer) for the great privilege of prayer! Pray that God would show you more and more of His righteousness through the gospel.