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The Prayer of Example

MT. 6:9-13 pg # 1018

I. Introduction: Many people call this the Lord's prayer, but it is actually a prayer of example rather than one the Lord prayed.

A.) Go over it a part at a time.

II. "Our Father which art in heaven"

A.) This recognizes the fatherhood of God.

B.) He is the Father by the right of

a.) creation

1.) Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

b.) preservation

1.) Mt 6:25-34 pg #019

c.) redemption

1.) John 3:16-17 pg ~~xx~~ 1122

C.) This phrase also recognizes heaven.

a.) II Cor 5:1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

b.) John 14:1-4 pg ~~123~~ 1140

c.) Jesus said to sinners (in part of Jn 8:44) "ye are of your father the devil."

1.) So how can sinners spiritually have God as their Father?

a.) They cannot unless they are born again.

1.) Jn 3:3-5 pg ~~xx~~ 1121

III. "Hallowed be thy name"

A.) The word "hallowed" means to render or pronounce holy. Let thy name be celebrated and esteemed as holy everywhere.

B.) This recognizes that God's name must be reverenced.

a.) Heb 12:28 pg ~~253~~ 1282

C.) Not only do some fail to reverence God's name, but they show disrespect in an outright manner by taking it in vain.

a.) Lev 19:12 pg ~~xx~~ 141

IV. "Thy kingdom come"

A.) The kingdom is the church.

a.) Eph 2:19-22 pg ~~1241~~ 1218

B.) Jesus came not to establish an earthly kingdom

a) John 18:36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should ~~not~~ be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

c.) The kingdom was established during the lifetime of some of ~~the~~ disciples who lived ~~2000~~ ABOUT 1900 years ago.

a.) Mk 9:1 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, that there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.

D.) The kingdom was established on the day of Pentecost following the resurrection of Christ.

a.) Acts 2 Pg 1151

E.) Members of the church at Colosse were in the kingdom.

a.) Col 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear son:

F.) This part of the prayer recognizes the church. We cannot pray for it to come, because it has already come. But we can pray for it to spread.

V. "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

A.) Here Jesus recognizes ~~that~~ THAT God's will has priority over man's will.

B.) Jesus exemplified this principle in his own life.

a.) Jn 5:30 I can of ~~my~~ mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the father which hath ~~me~~ sent me.

b.) Mt 26:39 pg ~~35~~ 1047

C.) Man's whole duty is ~~to~~ to fear God and keep his commandments.

a.) Eccl 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. FEAR + LOVE

D.) This prayer has been called the "most fearful prayer" in all the world. Everyone knows that God's will is obeyed

perfectly in heaven. You say these words in prayer, but what would happen if God should answer it in detail immediately? What would happen to your business, home, church, relationships, your thinking, speech, friendships, your time and money?

VI. "Give us this day our daily bread"

A.) This recognizes God as the provider of material blessings.

a.) Mt 7:7-12 pg 1019-20

b.) James 1:17 pg ~~205~~ 1284

B.) It also recognizes man's dependence upon God.

a.) Phil 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by christ Jesus.

NEEDS NOT WANTS.

VII. "and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors"

A.) This recognizes the reality of sin, the need of forgiveness from God, and the need of forgiving each other.

B.) We need forgiveness from God.

a.) Acts 8:22 Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

C.) We need to forgive each other.

a.) Mt 6:14-15 Pg 1018 / MT 5:23-24 Pg 1017

b.) Col 3:13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if ~~any~~ any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

D.) If God forgives us as we forgive our debtors, then how many of us stand forgiven in his sight?

VIII. "And lead us not into temptation"

A.) Here we see a recognition of temptation. It is not an illusion; it is real.

B.) God tempts no man.

a.) James 1:13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I ~~am~~ tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

C.) God will not suffer us to be tempted above that we are able to bear.

a.) I Cor 10:13 pg ~~1277~~ 1215

b.) That is, if we pray to ~~him~~ him and work for him and want a way to escape. ~~[illegible]~~

IX. "But deliver us from evil"

A.) This recognizes Satan, his work, and influence.

a.) II Cor 2:11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

b.) Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

c.) Mt 4:11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

B.) Jesus never made light of Satan.

a.) James 4:7-8 pg 1286

X. "For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen".

A.) This recognizes the power of God.

a.) I Chron 29:11 Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all.

b.) Rom 11:36 For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

c.) I Tim 1:17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.