

Sermon Notes: "THE PRAYER OF ALL SAINTS"
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The Lord's Prayer -- Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6)
The Prayer Jesus' taught his people – his "saints"

1. RELATIONSHIP (Our *Father*)

- i. Amazement that Almighty God should be interested in or listen to us
- ii. Amazement that God thinks of us as "family" and gives us access

2. RE-ORIENTATION (Re-centering)

- i. The emphasis in the original is not on the nouns (*name, kingdom, will*) but on the word "THY" . . . as opposed to "MY"
 - May the Name I seek to be hallowed/honored – be Thine, not Mine
 - May the Kingdom I seek to build – be Thine, not Mine
 - May the Will I seek to follow – be Thine, not Mine
- ii. On earth as in heaven
 - Not an assurance of going to heaven when I die (*though this is really important! Do you have it? If not . . . seek it today!*)
 - But a full commitment to God's name, kingdom and will
 - until as much of heaven comes down to earth as possible

Heaven in Book of Revelation –

1. Filled with God's praise
2. Filled with people of every ethnic background
3. With no pain and suffering anymore

3. RESOURCES.

Jesus teaches us to pray for the divine resources we need to accomplish his purposes. Jesus is interested in our lives, both spiritual and physical

i. Resources For Our Physical Bodies: *Give us today our daily bread*

- *Sufficient (but we have more than sufficient) Bread*
- *So surely not just for US but for those who face war & famine & starvation*

ii. Resources For Healing Broken Relationships:

forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors

The Forgiveness we need from God (vertically)

- Not just for sins of CO-MMISSION (trespasses)
- But sins for O-MISSION (debts) . .
= what we owe God & others that we just never get around to

The Strength to forgive others (horizontally)

- relationships broken through our fault or theirs – does not matter . .

iii. Resources to fight against REAL EVIL:

- *Lead us not into temptation* – INTO the web/grip of temptation;
- *But deliver us from evil* – from the Evil One.
"Lord, in a world that drags us away from you, keep us faithful"