

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"