

The Lord's Prayer

1. Review of the context leading up to this:
 - a. Genealogy
 - b. Birth of Christ/flight into Egypt and return
 - c. John the Baptist
 - d. Jesus' temptation
 - e. Sermon on the Mount
 - i. Beatitudes
 - ii. Everything else
2. Jesus is telling us how not to pray and how to pray.
 - a. How **not** to pray.
 - i. Not like the hypocrites
 - ii. Not long-winded or with empty words
 - b. How to pray
 - i. In private
 - ii. Simple, not long-winded.
 - iii. Rooted in knowing that the Father in heaven knows our needs.
3. Why do we pray?
4. The Lord's Prayer (though could be called the Disciples Prayer) should be used as a guide or general patten for prayer.

Our Father who art in heaven

5. How can we see the opening as both individual and corporate?

6. Father” is wrapped up in the anticipation of the fulfillment of the promise “I will be your father, and you will be my sons and daughters.” (2 Sam 7:14 and 2 Cor. 6:18)

7. The description of God “in heaven” communicates two truths:
 - a. Emphasizes God’s ability to hear and respond to prayer.

 - b. The Father is in heaven and the disciple are on earth.
 - i. Why is this significant?

The first three petitions

8. Should be seen as one unit with “on earth as it is in heaven” as the close.
 - a. These petitions will be fulfilled on the Last Day. The Sermon on the Mount has strong eschatological themes (5:3-12, 19-20, 26, 29:30; 6:4, 6). God has begun the work of redemption and re-creation in Jesus but will complete it on the Last Day.

9. These three petitions make us pray for God’s wider purposes on earth, offering petitions for the benefit and the conversion to faith of all humanity, and for the restoration of the cosmos as well.

10. We see the paradox of now and not yet in these three petitions.
 - a. God’s kingdom has already been ushered in through Jesus’ ministry. By his teaching, preaching, healing, and exorcisms. There we see God already acted to save. Yet, we must wait for the fulfillment of these petitions.

Hallowed by your name

11. With God’s name comes his saving presence. How he works salvation and his truth.

12. God’s name is not hollowed only when being mocked but also when it is rejected.
 - a. Ezekiel 36:16-21