

Review

- The steps ----Our Father, in Heaven – Hallowed be your name
- The focus VS 10

Matthew 6:9-14 (NIV) ⁹“This, then, is how you should pray: “ ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us today our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.’ ¹⁴ For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

Galatians 4:1-7 (NIV) ¹ What I am saying is that as long as an heir is underage, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. ² The heir is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. ³ So also, when we were underage, we were in slavery under the elemental spiritual forces of the world. ⁴ But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. ⁶ Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

Thoughts on verse 10

1. Your Kingdom come—I want it – your Kingdom is good – We want you to rule

2. The end of all things on earth will lead to an Eternal Kingdom

- Heaven is going to have A King – Jesus –It’s for those who want the Kingdom forever

Ephesians 1:7-10 (NIV) ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

Colossians 1:10-17 (NIV) ¹⁰ so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

3. Your Kingship in my life starts now ...

- Now I live as Gods servant on planet earth – Living out His will now – the Kingdom now

4. Repentance – From self-rule (the enemy’s temptation in the garden) to His Rule

- Your will be done---in my life now – I am not waiting until heaven – you rule now
- A spirit of repentance not just a one-time act or thought
- This is a prayer of hopeful surrender –

Colossians 3:1-11 (NIV) ¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. ⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶ Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸ But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. ⁹ Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. ¹¹ Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

5. Where God has spoken, I will build my life on that – The five spheres

- Though I am not in heaven yet I get a taste of it here and now as I experience His plan for my life

Matthew 7:24-27 (NIV) ²⁴“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that

house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

6. But the devil is still trying to change our focus –deliver us from evil ...

7. The promises in the battle – His activity – provision – glorification

Matthew 6:33 (NIV)³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Romans 8:29–30 (NIV)²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

1 Peter 5:6–11 (NIV)⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

2 Timothy 3:14–17 (NIV)¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it,¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

For Small Group Discussion

Opening Question: Has there ever been a time when you got your way but then regretted it?

Main Point: God’s will and our own will don’t always line up. As disciples of Christ, we are called to default to God’s will over our own.

Main Scripture: Matthew 6:10

Head Questions

- What sets the Kingdom of God apart from other kingdoms?
- How can we know what God’s will is?

Heart Questions

- When you pray, do you tend to try to convince God of your will? If so, how can you try to center your prayers around His will?
- When have you experienced God’s will being different from your own?

Hands Questions

- How can you alter your own prayer life to focus on God’s will and not only your own?
- How is God calling you to surrender to His will?

Additional Scripture: Matthew 6:33, Ephesians 1:7-10, Colossians 3:2

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