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The Lord's Prayer
2 – Hallowed be Thy Name,
Thy Kingdom Come



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During the season of Lent, we will reflect on the Lord's Prayer. This is the example for talking to God the Father that Jesus gave to the disciples and to us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from all evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and glory forever. Amen.

Our Father: Hallowed Be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom Come

Let us go forward in meditation on our Lord's prayer.

Thy Name: What is the name of the Lord God our Father?

The Israelites were afraid to take the name of God on their lips and addressed him as Yahweh – y-h-w-h. The meaning of YAHWEH is “self-existing and self-revealing God.”

Exodus 20:7, “You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.” What does this mean? Do not take an oath in the name of God in vain. Be serious when you invoke or involve God in your words. We cannot take it lightly to have a stamp of God's approval, especially when the facts are not correct. How casually people take the oath “by God.” Remember, in the presence of God only truth, and nothing but the truth, is spoken. God is the truth and God is holy. We cannot lie in taking our oath.

The Israelites experienced the mighty acts of God in their lives and accordingly name him.

Elohim: Genesis 1:26, “Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness...” This is plural. It indicates the Trinity of God – God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

Isaiah 6:3, “And they were calling to one another, ‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.’”

Elohim is Almighty God.

We have another name of God when Moses asked the Lord: When people ask who sent me, “‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?”

“God said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: “I AM has sent me to you.”’” Exodus 3:13-14

In the New Testament Jesus clarified about this I AM; seven times he said “I am ...”

1. “I am the bread of life.” (John 6:35, 41, 48, 51)
2. “I am the light of the world.” (John 8:12)
3. “I am the door of the sheep.” (John 10:7,9)
4. “I am the resurrection and the life.” (John 11:25)
5. “I am the good shepherd.” (John 10:11, 14)
6. “I am the way, the truth, and the life.” (John 14:6)
7. “I am the true vine.” (John 15:1, 5)

There were other names in the Bible too. El-Shaddai, El Elyon, Ebenezer etc.

After the coming of the LORD on earth, He has given us the privilege to call God as our Father. (John 1:12; Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:6)

So when we take his name on our lips, remember that He is the holy God.

Isaiah explains to us how our lips can be clean to take his name.

Isaiah 6:5-7, “‘Woe to me!’ I cried. ‘I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.’ Then one of the Seraphs flew to me, with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, ‘See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.’”

THY KINGDOM COME

The impact of the Kingdom of God should be seen in every aspect of human life.

1. Family Life: The result of a transformed life where Christ dwells should reflect His presence. The head of the family is responsible to take care of the body, which is his family. He is willing to sacrifice for the welfare of the family. Christ is the example for us who was patient, sacrificial, and forgiving to his bride the Church. He loved the church and gave himself for her even going to the cross. The head of the house should reflect Christ's presence in him. Love is not just a word, but it is action. It needs to be seen in our daily living. Paul describes Love in Action:

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

Parents need to model this for their children.

2. The Life of a Nation: Where there is honor and glory of God, the people live in the reverential fear of the Lord. People are honored as they are made in the image of God. No one is given special privilege, but everyone is considered equal. There is no rich or poor, old or young, male or female. (Galatians 3:28, James 2:1-7) Remember, every good gift is from above and given by the Lord to each one according to their abilities. Whatever responsibility is given, must be fulfilled in recognition of the presence of God in their midst. God has appointed leaders and they are accountable to God and to the people.

3. The Life of the Church: God is our father, and we are his children. We are partners together with God.

Acts 2:41-44

They devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possession and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their

homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

4. A Life of Peace: There is one more important impact in the life of the world. The Lord is near to us in spite of people being in the midst of anxieties, pandemic, insecure condition and stress. This peace is experienced by the followers of the Lord. We are the salt and the light to the world.

Matthew 5:13-16

You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men.

You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

The work of salt is to protect and preserve society from corruption, and impact the community with their witness. We may be in the minority, but our impact will be great.

We are the carriers of the Light: Jesus being the Light of the World in us. The purpose of light is to remove darkness. Luke writes about sending Paul with a mission in Acts of the Apostles 26:17-18.

We are also sent out with the same mission:

... I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.

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