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The Lord's Prayer
7 – Kingdom, Power, Glory



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This is our final study in this series on the Lord's Prayer, which 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.

For Thine is the Kingdom, **And the Power, and the Glory, Forever**

Matthew 6:13 - This phrase is found in the Greek Manuscripts of the Gospel.

We have now come to the last part of this prayer. It ends with a doxology (Greek for "word of glory"). Let us divide this line in three segments, and dwell in detail on each.

The Kingdom, the Power and the Glory

1. **Kingdom**

The kingdom of God is from eternity to eternity. The Lord has established his throne forever and He is seated on it. John Chrysostom, the fourth century preacher with great oratory skills, wrote that we are under this King, who is appointed as a ruler forever. Satan in his schemes tried to divert us through enticing and fooling us to push us into the kingdom of darkness instead.

God's kingdom is **light** where everything is clear as **crystal** and **true**.

In the Bible we find different kinds of kingdoms. Jesus went through forty days and nights of fasting to prepare himself for the public ministry. At the end of this period, Satan thought he had a great opportunity to tempt Jesus and offer him the kingdoms of this world.

Matthew 4:8-10 – “Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of this world and their splendor. ‘All this I will give you,’ he said, ‘if you will bow down and worship me.’

Jesus said to him, ‘Away from me, Satan! For it is written: Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

The Lord called Paul and then commissioned him.

Acts 26:17-18

“I am sending you to them (your own people which are Jews as well as to the Gentiles) 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.”

What is the Kingdom of God, which is eternal?

1. Entrance into the kingdom – those who are poor in spirit (Matthew 5:3)
2. It is not eating and drinking (partying, excess) but righteousness, reconciliation and joy which comes through the Holy Spirit, (Ephesians 5:15-21).

3. It is holy living which is approved and acceptable by the Lord, (Galatians 5:22-23).

4. If one of our part of the body, such as hand, feet or eye become hindrance to enter into the Kingdom of God, we must remove that part. It is better to enter without them than to have them and loose the kingdom of God, (Matthew 18:9). Our fellowship, work or perspective can keep us from the kingdom of God. So remember how we live and what kind of fellowship we have. Psalm 1:1 directs us:

“Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.”

5. The Kingdom of God is eternal life, which you receive by putting your faith in Jesus Christ, (John 3:16)

2. Power

God’s power and strength are also forever.

1 Timothy 1:12 – “I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service.”

Paul describes this eternal power of God in 2 Timothy 1:12.

“That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed; and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.”

What do you understand by “that day”? When the Lord sits on his judgment seat to punish or reward, he is able to guard and protect me from eternal destruction.

Paul describes this power also in Philippians 3:10-11 and Romans 1:16, which are as follows.

“I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.”

“I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jews, then for the Gentiles.”

Jude also describes this power.

vs. 24-25: “To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy – to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages now and forevermore. Amen.

In the Old Testament too it is Written about his eternal power.

1 Chronicles 29:10-13 – David Praising God

“Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.”

3. Glory

“The heavens declare the glory of God,” (Psalm 19:1).

Revelation 4:11 also talks about the glory of God.

“You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.”

The Lord through his sacrifice on the cross has brought reconciliation between mankind and God. The covenant of relationship between God and mankind was broken by Man. The breaking of the boundaries which were set by God is called sin. Sin is the opposite of holiness and purity. Jesus was not only sinless and holy, but was God himself, who has overcome death. The

wages of sin, which were death, were paid by Jesus. The result of this act of mercy on his part has reconciled us with God for ever. He made the way open to have fellowship with God once again. That fellowship had been lost in the Garden of Eden by the rebellion of Adam and Eve against the holy covenant and order.

Look what a glorious Christ we have who has reconciled us with our Father God!

Romans 5:1 – “Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Romans 8:1- “Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Jesus Christ the law of the Spirit of life has set you free from the law of sin and death.”

The only mediator we have is Jesus Christ.

1 Timothy 2:5 – “For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”

Revelations declares it in 5:12

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”

The Apostle Paul writes also in 1 Corinthians 1:30

“It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us the wisdom from God - that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.”

Jesus speaks to his Father in prayer. John 17:4-5

“I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.”

Today we have concluded our meditation on the teachings of the Lord’s prayer. Whenever you say this prayer give always glory, honor and praise to the Lord.