

Confirmation Lesson #25

Lord's Prayer Part Two

Pastor Lesson

Review Quickly Last Weeks Lesson (first three petitions)

The Fourth Petition-Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread

What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

Give-All that we have in earthly things is a gift of God. He gives without our asking. Both Christian and non-Christian receive good things! However, for the Christian we should acknowledge the gifts as coming from God. Non-Christians believe their good things are due to good fortune.

Us, Our-We should eat our own bread, not stolen bread. We should share our bread with those in need.

This Day, Daily-We should not worry (to the point of burden) about the future. God will provide each day for our needs.

Look at **Proverbs 30:8**- "Give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown You and say, "Who is the Lord?" Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God.

OTHER EXAMPLES OF GOD PROVIDING IN EXTREME SITUATIONS (to be talked about, not looked up)

*Exodus 16-God fed the children of Israel with manna from heaven.

*1 Kings 17-He fed Elijah in a miraculous way, both at the brook and in the home of the widow.

Bread-Everything we need such as food, water, shelter, clothing, happiness, peace, weather, children, wife, faithful neighbors, money, and all other blessings. These are things that support the body.

The Fifth Petition-And Forgive Us Our Trespases, as We Forgive Those Who Trespass Against Us

(Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us)

What does this mean? We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, or have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

Forgiveness- (Received, Paid Out)

We are guilty of many sins or “trespasses.” We have many debts: sins of commission and omission, sins against self, sins against others, and sins against God! God, through Jesus, has removed our multitude of sins. Because of the Grace given to us through Jesus, we return this to our neighbors and forgive their sins and debts to us.

The Sixth Petition-And Lead Us Not into Temptation

What does this mean? God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although, we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

Temptation-God tested Abraham (Genesis 22:1). God does not tempt anyone. The word temptation has two meanings in the Bible.

- 1.) Temptation means a leading into sin. (This can never come from God)
- 2.) Temptation means a testing of faith. “God did test Abraham” which means “God put his faith on trial.”

What is the difference? Let’s look at real life “temptation” or testing to see how it is used for good.

- *A weight is attached to rope, not to break it, but to test it!
- *Pressure is applied to a boiler, not to burst it, but to test it!

Testing is intended to do more than merely prove, it is meant to IMPROVE!

So when we pray lead us not into temptation we are asking “Do not let Satan tempt us, and if he does, give us the power to resist.”

Seventh Petition-But Deliver Us from Evil

What does this mean? We pray that our Father would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

***Spare us from every harm of body and soul!**

Conclusion-For Thine Is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory Forever and Ever. Amen

What does this mean? This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means “yes, yes, it shall be so.”

For Thine Is The Kingdom-All things belong to God

Thine is The Power-God has the power to give all things to us.

Thine is The Glory- All honor belongs to God.

Amen- It shall be so