

Sermon on the Mount #12

“Prayer in the Sermon on the Mount!” pt. 1

I. Our Focus and Frame of Reference in Prayer!

A. Our Father in Heaven,

1. Revolutionary to the disciples, Jesus taught to address God as Abba (Father, Papa, Daddy). A term of intimacy and favor, it is our unique privilege to be introduced and to relate personally with our Abba and to remain focused on growing in the knowledge of Him.

2. He is not just the Father, not just a Father, but our Father. We are not abandoned or orphaned, we are accepted in the beloved by the Father of all creation, “in Whom all the family in heaven and earth is named.”

B. ...may Your Name be Kept Holy.

1. It has been the desire of Almighty God to progressively reveal Himself throughout the Old Testament and then fully in Christ, that we might know Him!

2. It was the desire and accomplishment of our Lord while on earth to make manifest the revelation of the Father’s name to His disciples! (Jn 17:6) It is our Father’s purpose that we the church should “show forth the praise of Him,” by manifesting His Name through us to the world! The Holy Spirit is in us to glorify Jesus Who is the “Expressed Image” of our Father.

John 17:6 "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word."

Hebrews 1:3 ...who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person...

3. The Lord’s acts are shown and experienced by the Spirit, through the church! In this way the Lord’s name is made known or made manifest (declared) in the earth! This is how our light shines and glory is brought to our Father in the earth.

Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

4. There are eight popular “Redemptive Names” or “Compound Names” of God which are clearly seen manifested in Jesus. These are and always will be eternal attributes our Father and provide a framework to begin to know Him as He is.

a. JEHOVAH-JIREH “The Lord will Provide” @ (Gen 22:14)

John 1:29 Behold! The Lamb of God...

2 Cor 5:19 ...God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself...

1 John 2:2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins...

b. JEHOVAH-ROPHI “The Lord our Healer” @ (Exo 15:26)

Matt 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

Matt 12:15 ...and great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them all.

c. JEHOVAH-NISSI “The Lord our Banner @ (Exo 17:15-16)

Isa 11:10 "And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, who shall stand as a banner to the people;

John 12:32 "If I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself."

Matt 21:9 `Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

d. JEHOVAH-M-KADDESH “The Lord Who Sanctifies” @ (Exo 31:13)

Heb 2:11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one

1Cor 1:2 ...to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus...

e. JEHOVAH-SHALOM “The Lord our Peace” @ (Jud 6:24)

John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you..."

Eph 2:14 For He Himself is our peace...

f. JEHOVAH-ROHI “The Lord My Shepherd @ (Psa 23:1)

John 10:14 "I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own."

Rev 7:17 "for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters."

g. JEHOVAH-TSIDKEENU “The Lord our Righteousness” @ (Jer 33:16)

1Cor 1:30 ...you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God-- and righteousness and sanctification and redemption--

Rom 3:22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus

h. JEHOVAH-SHAMMAH “The Lord Who is Present” @ (Ezek 48:35)

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...

Matt 1:23 ...they shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated, God with us.

II. Our Mission and Mindset in Prayer!

A. Your Kingdom Come.

1. The Kingdom of God is the realm in which His will and government is functioning with Jesus as Lord. We are citizens of this kingdom first and foremost, representing and extending the peace and authority of God in this world while not being of it.

2. This kingdom is continually extending and forcefully advancing in the earth and will ultimately conquer all other kingdoms as Jesus, Jealous Bridegroom, All-Powerful King, and Righteous Judge, will come at the end of the age as enforcer of the kingdom over all the kingdoms of this world.

Isaiah 9:7 Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Revelation 11:15 Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

B. Your Will be Done on Earth as in Heaven.

1. There is a twofold sense in which we are praying for the kingdom to come. First, we are praying and declaring as the Spirit leads that kingdom authority and peace (well-being) would come to situations and circumstances in this present world condition. (i.e. sick bodies, broken relationships, poverty, oppression, etc., etc., etc.) We have the privilege to be ambassadors and extenders of the kingdom in this way seeing the breakthrough and outbreak of the kingdom on earth.

2. Secondly, we are declaring the truth of the word of God and the God of the Word that His kingdom come to this earth in fullness and completeness as He intends. At once we are both praying that the environment of the kingdom be transmitted into earth and ultimately that the environment of earth be transformed into heaven on earth.

III. Our Supply and Needs within this Mission!

A. Give us this day our daily bread.

1. With our mission for today in mind we make request for the things we need (and our need is great). This "day our daily" supply is in keeping with Jesus exhortation later in this chapter not to worry about tomorrow.

Matthew 6:34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

2. There a place in prayer for asking, seeking, and knocking with persistence over time (7:7,8), but here, the focus is on our mission as citizens and extenders of the kingdom.

Matthew 7:7-8 (Luke 11:9-13) 7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

3. This supply includes both spiritual and physical bread that is needed keeping in mind that Jesus is the "Bread of Life," and our Bread come down. We recognize the disproportionate concern between the physical needs of life and the bread of breakthrough that is daily needed in us and though us in order to live out this mission.

Matthew 6:25 (Luke 12:22-31) "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?"

IV. Our Participation and Involvement in our Protection!

A. And Forgive us our Debts as We Forgive our Debtors!

1. We participate in our own protection as we anticipate the counter attack of the enemy for our extending of the kingdom. Our choice to forgive instantly is as important to our protection as believing is to participating in our own redemption.

2. In the verses directly following what is known as the "Lord's Prayer" Jesus reiterates emphatically the direct correlation between our forgiveness of others and The Father's forgiveness of us.

Matthew 6:14-15 "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

B. Spiritual Warfare and our Deliverance from the Evil One!

1. Jesus places instant forgiveness as the key to blocking the enemy from gaining access to us and our business, even above "putting on the armor" and "binding and loosing."