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A SERIES ON THE LORD'S PRAYER IN MATTHEW 6:5–15

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The **Content** of the Lord's Prayer in the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 6:9–13 RHT)

Therefore, pray in this manner:

Our Father, who is in heaven, let your name be sanctified; let your kingdom come; let your will be done as in heaven also on earth.

Please give us today our necessary bread for existence. Please forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. Please do not lead us into temptation during trial, but deliver us from the evil one.

[For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.] (cf. 1 Chronicles 29:11–13)

The **Condition** of the Lord's Prayer in the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 6:14–15)

For if you forgive people their moral violations, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

But if you do not forgive people, neither will your Father forgive your moral violations.



"IF . . . THEN" CONDITIONAL SENTENCES

LOGICAL CONNECTION "IF/THEN"

HYPOTHETICAL SITUATION "IF/THEN"

OR

PROBABLE FUTURE OCCURRENCE "IF/THEN"



"IF . . . THEN" CONDITIONAL SENTENCES

EXAMPLES:

MATT. 4:9 AND HE SAID TO HIM, "ALL THESE I WILL GIVE YOU, **IF** YOU WILL FALL DOWN AND WORSHIP ME."

1 JOHN 1:9 **IF** WE CONFESS OUR SINS, HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST TO FORGIVE US OUR SINS AND TO CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.

JOHN 11:9 JESUS ANSWERED, "ARE THERE NOT TWELVE HOURS IN THE DAY? **IF** ANYONE WALKS IN THE DAY, HE DOES NOT STUMBLE, BECAUSE HE SEES THE LIGHT OF THIS WORLD.



3 OBSERVATIONS FROM THE TEXT

CONDITIONAL OR UNCONDITIONAL FORGIVENESS WITH OUR HEAVENLY FATHER? • IS THE CONTEXT FORENSIC?

• IS THE CONTEXT FELLOWSHIP?

CAN PRAYER LOSE ITS POWER?

o LACK OF FORGIVENESS = LACK OF EFFICACY

OPRESENCE OF FORGIVENESS = EXPERIENCE OF EFFICACY

SIN 101: DEBTS (V. 12) & TRESPASSES (V. 14-15)

- DEBT FINANCIAL OR MORAL OBLIGATION
- TRESPASS MORAL OFFENSE OR VIOLATION

Biblical Idea in Matthew 6:14– 15

JESUS CONDITIONED A MODEL OF PURE PRAYER TO OUR HEAVENLY FATHER.





FINDING THE TIMELESS TRUTH

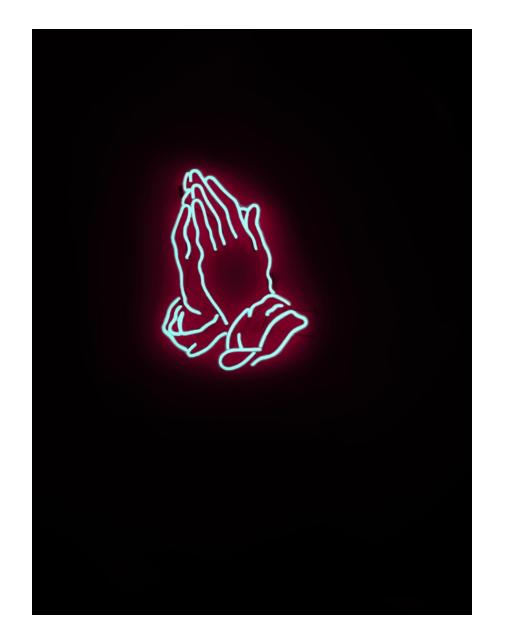
EXTENDING THE POWER OF THE KINGDOM THROUGH BELONGING.

EXTENDING THE POWER OF THE KINGDOM THROUGH TRANSFORMATION.

EXTENDING THE POWER OF THE KINGDOM THROUGH FORGIVENESS.

Finding the Timeless Truth

FORGIVING FORGIVEN FOLLOWERS CONDITIONS THE FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER WITH OUR FORGIVING FATHER.





PRAYING TO A FORGIVING FATHER

"I HAVE A PRECIOUS WAY OF LOOKING AT THE LORD'S PRAYER. IT BECAME A MANIFESTATION OF CHRIST'S OWN PRAYER LIFE AND AN UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FATHER—IT WAS A LIFE IN THE HOLIEST OF ALL."

-GERHARDT DUTOIT



TURNING OBSTACLES TO OPPORTUNITIES

WHAT IF A REVIVAL OF FORGIVENESS BREAKS OUT AS A RESULT OF THE OUTBREAK OF COVID-19?

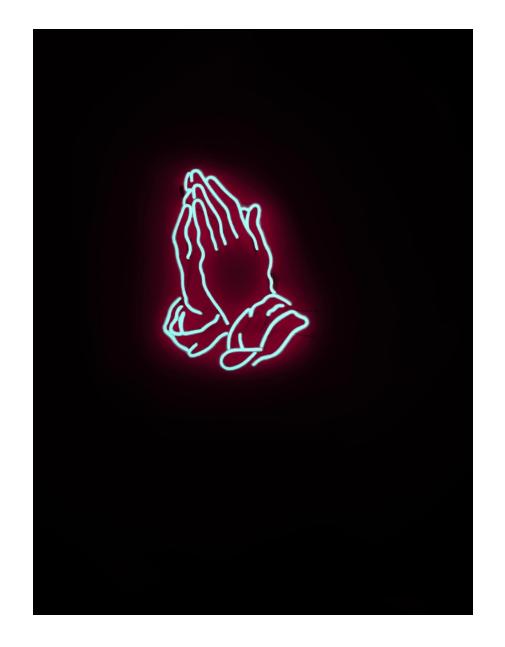
WHAT IF WE EMERGE FROM OUR HOMES IN THE COMING DAYS HAVING SPENT TIME IN THE PRESENCE OF OUR FORGIVING FATHER, WHO COMPLETES A WORK OF FORGIVENESS IN EACH OF US?

FORGIVENESS IS THE CLOSEST THING THE CHRISTIAN HAS TO A SUPER-POWER.

PUT YOUR CAPE ON AND USE IT.

Today's Message

FREELY FORGIVE TO FREELY PRAY.





REMEMBER.

"BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER, TENDERHEARTED, FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER, AS GOD IN CHRIST FORGAVE YOU" (EPH. 4:32).

#PUTOFFANDPUTON



REPENT.

"SO SPEAK AND SO ACT AS THOSE WHO ARE TO BE JUDGED UNDER THE LAW OF LIBERTY. FOR JUDGMENT IS WITHOUT MERCY TO ONE WHO HAS SHOWN NO MERCY. MERCY TRIUMPHS OVER JUDGMENT" (JAMES 2:12–13).

#MERCYTRIUMPHS



RECONCILE.

"IN OTHER WORDS, IN CHRIST GOD WAS RECONCILING THE WORLD TO HIMSELF, NOT COUNTING PEOPLE'S TRESPASSES AGAINST THEM, AND HE HAS GIVEN US THE MESSAGE OF RECONCILIATION" (2 CORINTHIANS 5:19).

#IAMABRIDGE



RESTORE.

"BROTHERS AND SISTERS, IF A PERSON IS DISCOVERED IN SOME SIN, YOU WHO ARE SPIRITUAL RESTORE SUCH A PERSON IN A SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS. PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO YOURSELVES, SO THAT YOU ARE NOT TEMPTED TOO" (GALATIANS 6:1).

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