

Unleash God's Power: Surrender Your Needs Through Prayer

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LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

The first part of "The Lord's Prayer" reminds us of the importance of focusing on God, honoring His name, and surrendering to His will for our lives. When we learn to pray as Jesus taught us, we will delight in doing God's will because He is our Heavenly Father who understands our needs and knows what is best for us!

After praying for God's will to be done, Jesus then instructs us to pray for our needs (Matthew 6:11-13).

PROVISION: GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD...

Jesus instructs us to pray for "daily bread." The term 'daily' is from the Greek word EPIOUSIOS which implies that God will supply our specific needs for the day. God cares for our present and future needs, promising to meet them.

This concept of "daily bread" has a historical background in Exodus 16 (vv.4-5, 20-21, 29-30). God rescued His people out of Egypt and gave them manna daily for food, along with some specific instructions that the people disobeyed! We should work for provisions for ourselves (2 Thessalonians 3:10, 12), but like the Israelites, we also tend to put our confidence on the gift, and not on the Giver, God Himself. Matthew 6:31-34 urges us to cease worrying for our Heavenly Father knows our needs. We are to pray day by day, acknowledging that God owns everything and will provide as we seek first His kingdom.

PARDON: FORGIVE... AS WE HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN...

In Jesus' example of prayer, to forgive and to be forgiven are linked (Matthew 6:12,14-15). The basis of our forgiveness is that God in Christ has forgiven us and because we are forgiven, we also ought to forgive others. We will not understand what it means to be forgiven and to offer forgiveness when we do not see our own sinfulness.

Three examples of men who understood their sinfulness in contrast to the holiness of God are: Isaiah, who never knew his sin until he encountered God in a vision, and arrived at a conclusion that he is "ruined", because he saw the HOLINESS of God that contrasted greatly to his own sinfulness (Isaiah 6:1-5). Peter recognized his sin when he encountered Jesus and said "go away from me... I am a sinful man". The Apostle Paul described himself as "the chief of sinners". Like them, we all need forgiveness!

Jesus tells a parable in Matthew 18 about forgiveness. A king wanted to settle accounts with his slave who begged him for mercy. The king, moved with compassion, forgave the slave who owed him 10,000 talents! But when this slave met a fellow slave who owed him a hundred denarii, he choked that person in rage and put him in jail. Learning of this, the king rebuked the slave for his inability to extend the same mercy he had received, despite being forgiven for a much greater debt. This slave was handed over to the torturers. That is an imagery of our own condition. We must forgive others from the heart. This is supernatural – we need the Holy Spirit to empower us to do this.

FORGIVENESS IS	FORGIVENESS IS NOT
a choice	a feeling
based on God's forgiveness in Christ	based on what is "fair"
a command	a suggestion
supernatural — Holy Spirit	natural
unconditional	conditional

PROTECTION: LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION...

Matthew 6:13 is a prayer for protection. "Do not lead us into temptation" is a preventive prayer. Temptation is the word PEIRASMOS, and it can also mean trials (James 1:2-4,13-14). The context of this verse is that trials are meant to make us stronger as it produces endurance. The same word is used as "tempted" – but it is not God leading us to sin! The end of that prayer is to "deliver us from the evil one". God is telling us to learn to pray in humility. The best way to overcome temptation is to be prepared. Run away from it and flee. Peter wrote in 1 Peter 5:8 to be alert against the attacks of the devil. Jesus in His prayer for Peter (Luke 22:31-32) showcased how important this was. Jesus commanded His disciples to pray to overcome temptations (Matthew 26:41-42). Peter failed the first test – he denied Jesus. But he passed the final exam as he repented. When Jesus met Peter at the shores of Galilee, it was a beautiful scene of forgiveness and love (John 21:15-18).

May we all truly surrender to God through PRAYER!

Last Week's Memory Verse

Give us this day [e]our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.]

MATTHEW 6:11-13

Discuss This Message

Why do we ask for daily needs from God, not monthly or annual?

Why do you need to ask for forgiveness and why do you need to forgive?

Why do you need to pray that God will not lead you into trials?

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NXTGEN KIDS FROM 4-12 YEARS OLD

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G/F North Wing

ALSO STREAMED LIVE ONLINE

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Come together with the community to learn and grow, or to retreat and recharge!

Before and After I Do

February 17, CCF Center
REGISTRATION FEE: PHP3,500/couple
Register at <https://bit.ly/BAIDO2024>

LOOKING FOR ANSWERS? THINK YOUR VISIT IS A COINCIDENCE? YOUR BEING HERE TODAY IS NO ACCIDENT!

God brought you here for His purpose.

1 God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments – Deuteronomy 7:9

2 God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. – Romans 3:23

3 God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. – Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. – John 14:6

4 God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. – John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9

5 God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. – 1 John 5:11-13



FOR ALL IDC PARTICIPANTS:

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5:00 PM

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