

I. THE LORD'S PRAYER – MATT. 6:9-11 AND LUKE 11: 1-3

Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." 2 So He said to them, "When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. 3 Give us day by day our daily bread. 4 And forgive us our sins, For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one." ...13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!" Luke 11: 1-4, 13

- A. As far as we know the only time Jesus' disciples asked him to teach them anything was when they asked him to teach them to pray in Luke 11: 1-4.
- B. Jesus begins his teaching and thereby sets the course of the rest of his disciples lives.
- C. The Prayer:
 - 1. ***Our Father in heaven*** – Prayer is centralized on the Godhead and relational based.
 - a. The throne room of the Father (Dan. 7, Rev, 4-5) is the central focus of the universe. This is the God who created the world and rules all realms.
 - 2. ***Hallowed by Your name*** – Prayer focuses on the names of God in gratitude for who he is.
 - 3. ***Your kingdom come...will be done...on earth as it is in heaven*** – Our lives focus on advancing God's eternal purposes on the earth as it exists in heaven. Ultimately in this phrase we are asking God to send Jesus as the King of the earth.
 - 4. ***Give us this day our daily bread*** – This bread speaks not just of the daily resources I need for life but the spiritual bread we need to sustain our soul.
 - 5. ***Forgive us our sins, as we forgive others*** – Forgiveness is key to advancing in intimacy with God and learning to love othes.
 - 6. ***Lead us not into temptation...deliver us from the evil one*** – Asking God to help us as we face the reality of our lives here on earth.

II. PRAYER TOOL – THE LORDSHIP PRAYER

- A. Another tool I use for prayer on various occasions is called The Lordship Prayer.
- B. This tool is not to replace the Lord's Prayer recorded in the Bible as taught by Jesus. It is a constant reminder to place Jesus at the center of all our lives.
- C. Scripted prayers can never replace the prayers of the bible but they do help us as tools. I like to read this prayer out loud so my ear hears what I am saying.

'..faith comes through hearing...' Rom. 10:17

D. In this prayer we are establishing the leadership of Jesus in our lives. We are putting him first. For some, this is a call to salvation and the born-again experience.

E. In this turbulent time in the earth’s history, it is critical that we establish the lordship and leadership of Jesus in our lives. He is the only one considered worthy to lead the earth.

⁹ And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation... Rev. 5:9

III. THE LORDSHIP PRAYER

Lord Jesus, I come to your cross to confess my sins and acknowledge my need of you. I repent of living my life in my own way and accept you as my Savior, my Redeemer, my Lord and my Deliverer.

I invite you now to be the Lord of the whole of my life.

Lord of my mind and all my attitudes.

Lord of my body and my physical health.

Lord of my spirit and all my worship.

Lord of my family and all my relationships.

Lord of my gender, sexuality and it's expression.

Lord of all my work and service for you.

Lord of all my finances.

Lord of all my material goods and needs.

Lord of my emotions and all of my reactions.

Lord of my will and all of my decisions.

Thank you that your blood was shed that I might be set free.

In Jesus Name, Amen.