



GOD OUR PROVIDER

Walking With God Through Prayer

RIGHTEOUS PRAYING

- The most adequate description of prayer is simply, “Talking to God about what we are doing together.”
- He is concerned about my concerns and, in particular, that my concerns should coincide with His. This is the re-shaping of my mind. This is our walk together. Out of it, I pray.
- He our “*Abba*” Father and He is close, but, He is to be revered as Holy. “Hallowed be your Name!”

Kingdom Come Praying

- The kingdom of God is the range of his effective will. It is the domain where what He prefers, is actually what happens
- Culture is seen in what people do unthinkingly, what is “natural” to them and therefore requires no explanation or justification.
- We are to pray about the structural or institutionalized evils that rule so much of the earth. Their goal is to shape culture. It has the power to daily bring multitudes to do deeply wicked things they do not even give a thought to.

God As Our Provider

◦ **Matt.6:11-15**

◦ **We are asking God to provide 3 things:**

1. Our Daily Sustenance

2. Forgiveness and the ability to Forgive

3. Spiritual Protection

Our Daily Sustenance

- Why does Jesus begin with the physical and not the spiritual?
- I think this is a picture of our spiritual walk. Our focus is mainly in the physical. As we see God is sufficient there, we grow to realize the greater need of feeding the soul and then walking in the Spirit. Heb.5:12
- Eph.4:17-5:1 – Pattern of dealing with the flesh 22, dealing with others 25, walking with God – 5:1; 1Jn1:7

Our Daily Sustenance

- The first request is where most of us start in our walk with God. The legitimate physical needs of the body.
- This is how little children function. They trust their parents for their daily needs. They don't worry about tomorrow.
- How would you feel if you saw your child slipping half their sandwich into their pocket for tomorrow?
- John 6:35 – “I am the bread of life” Matt. 6:19-34 -Worry

The Forgiveness Of Sin

- 1 Jhn1:7-9 The progression in our Christian walk is dealing with our soul and our walk with God and others.
- We ask God to forgive us. Then we begin to realize we have offended others as well. We need to seek their forgiveness and be willing to forgive. Matt.6:14-15
- Forgiving others does not mean we must prevent suffering that may come to them as a result of the wrong they have done. In fact that is not helpful.

The Forgiveness Of Sin

- It is not possible for us really to know God's pity for us and at the same time be hardhearted toward others. So we are "forgiving of others in the same manner as God forgives us." Learning to Be Like Jesus
- We are not just promising or resolving to forgive. We are praying for help to forgive others, for, though it is up to us to forgive—we do it—and we know we cannot do it without help. Jesus is telling us to ask for help to forgive

Don't Put Us To The Test

- We are asking that we should never be led into a situation where we are liable to be tempted by Satan.
- Our prayer starts with an acknowledgement of the greatness and power of God and ends with an acknowledgment of our weakness.
- Most temptation comes from our flesh and our world conformed mind
- God expects us to pray that we will escape trials, and we should do it. He always gives a way out. Take it.

Who Are You Trusting?

- It is not wrong to have food in the cupboard. But, are we trusting our ability to put it there, or God
- Who provides the breath, the strength, the contacts, the physical and mental capacity to do your job?
- Who gives the humility for seeking forgiveness and the pity and mercy to forgive?
- Who is able to put the spiritual hedge of protection around you or your family? Job.1:9-10