

# Outline - Lesson 16

**OPENING PRAYER**

**MEMORY WORK**

**MEMORY WORK TERMS & APPLICATION: PAGE 91**

## Terms & Application

❖ “Imprint On The Mind” ❖  
(Memory Work)

**Lord’s Prayer - 6th, 7th Petition & Conclusion**

℞ “Understanding Before Imprinting” ℞  
(Defining Terms)

Tempts - \_\_\_\_\_

Sinful Nature - \_\_\_\_\_

Vice - \_\_\_\_\_

Blessed End - \_\_\_\_\_

Valley of Sorrow - \_\_\_\_\_

Glory - \_\_\_\_\_

📁 “In Simple Terms” 📁  
(In Your Own Words)

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⌚ “Using What You Know” ⌚  
(Applying It To Life)

What are two ways God can deliver you or protect you from evil: \_\_\_\_\_

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What can you do today because you know all power and glory belong to God:

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**QUIZ TIME**

**REVIEW QUESTIONS**

What would be different in your life if forgiveness did not exist?

Give me your definition of forgiveness based on our discussion last week.

What are two things you can do to forgive yourself?

What are three things you can do to forgive others?

**LESSON OVERVIEW**

Last week, we discussed the most important topic of the Christian faith, the topic on which our faith stands or falls, the topic of forgiveness. Today, we conclude our study of the Creed by discussing the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. In our discussion today, we will learn about the bodily resurrection, hell, heaven, and what we are to do while we wait to arrive in heaven.

**LESSON**

As we near the end of our discussion of the Creed, we have two important topics remaining, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.

To begin our lesson today, who brought their obituary for extra credit?

What information can you learn from an obituary?

(Use the obituary information as a springboard into the topic of the resurrection of the body by discussing the obituaries briefly and then moving into the main topic.)

As we noted from our obituary discussions, and as we know from personal experience, people are born and people die. It's how it works on this side of heaven.

But why do people die?

Why do we have funeral visitations and funeral services?

Why do we place the body in the ground?

Death may be how one leaves this world, yet death is not the end. It's simply a period at the end of one sentence which is followed by another sentence. Death is merely a momentary pause on our way to eternal life.

When we profess we believe in the resurrection of the body, we are admitting that death is a normal part of life, that death is the avenue which enables the resurrection of the body to become a reality and a significant aspect of our profession of faith.

Look up Job 19:23-27.

(Have one of the students read the verses for the class.)

Now, turn to page 92 in your Handouts.

## *I Shall See God*

Based on the words from Job 19:23-27, what do you know about the resurrection of the body? Circle the number of each accurate statement.

1. Job viewed his words regarding the bodily resurrection as incredibly significant.
2. Job wanted his words engraved in rock forever because he knew they were of monumental importance to faith.
3. If Jesus had not risen from the dead, there would be no resurrection of the body.
4. Job knew that Jesus, his Redeemer, would live beyond the grave even though the events of His death and resurrection did not occur for many years.
5. Job believed that Christ would one day return to earth.
6. Job knew the body placed in the ground or in the tomb would surely decay with time.
7. Although the body would decay to ashes, Job still believed that same body would one day, in its physical form, see God.

8. Job speaks of the resurrection of the body as a fact even though he has no idea of how it can occur.
9. As Job pictured the resurrection of the body, he did not believe the body he possessed at that time would be the same body to see God one day.
10. Job was convinced he would see God, that it would not merely be someone else, but he, himself, would see God with his own eyes.
11. Although Job did not know when the bodily resurrection would occur, Job longed for that resurrection.
12. Job eagerly waited for the resurrection of the body because he was convinced his Redeemer's resurrection would pave the way for the resurrection of his body at some later date.
13. In the mind of Job, the resurrection of his body was of little importance.
14. Although Job faced much heartache, he continued to believe in the resurrection of the body.

Job is one of the first to record information about the resurrection of the body. As we sing the hymn, "I Know that My Redeemer Lives," we need to allow that hymn to remind us of the resurrection of the body which will occur on the Last Day.

Look at the next page in your Handouts as we apply the information from Job to our lives.

## *This I Know*

Draw an "X" over the number of each false statement.

1. Since the body will have decayed in the ground, it is not logical to believe there is a resurrection of the body.
2. When a body is cremated and the ashes are scattered over a lake or field, there is no way God can resurrect that body.
3. As we lay a body in the ground following a funeral, I can know with great confidence that, no matter what the condition of the body may be, God has the power to restore it to life.
4. Only the bodies of the believers will be raised to life on the Last Day.
5. The resurrection of my body is only possible because Jesus rose from the dead on Easter morning.
6. If Jesus had not risen from the dead, the resurrection of my body could never occur.

7. The body of the unbeliever will be resurrected in a different way than the body of the believer.
8. As the body is resurrected, God will reconnect the soul to the body in preparation for eternity for both body and soul in heaven or hell.
9. Since we have never seen it with our own eyes, faith is the only way we can believe in the resurrection of the body.
10. No one can escape the bodily resurrection on the Last Day.
11. Because I believe in Christ as my Redeemer, I have every reason to believe in the bodily resurrection because He has promised it will occur.
12. The resurrection of the body will be far more amazing than I can ever imagine.
13. As the body is resurrected, God will change the bodies of all believers so body and soul can spend eternity together in heaven.

Although we have only one statement in the Creed regarding the resurrection of the body, we believe in the resurrection because of Christ's resurrection. How it will occur, we are not told. Yet, by faith, we, along with Job, believe our bodies will be brought back to life on the day Christ returns.

The final statement made in our Creed is that we believe in the life everlasting. That life everlasting will occur in one of two ways. It will either occur with God in heaven or with the devil in hell.

For most of us, the reality of heaven and hell is a given; it's merely something we say and believe. Yet, there are many in our community who do not believe hell exists. If they believe it exists, they fail to believe hell will actually be as it is described in God's Word.

Turn to page 94 in your Handouts so we can find out what we know about hell.

## *This Is Hell*

Circle the number of each statement below that is true.

1. Hell is where the unbeliever's soul goes the moment of death.
2. Hell is a bad place, but it isn't really that much worse than life on earth some days.
3. Hell is real; hell is a place of extreme torment, a place where you want to die, but can't die.
4. Hell is far worse than anything I can imagine about hell.

5. In hell, there is physical pain that never ends, emotional pain that never ends, and mental anguish that never ends.
6. No one who arrives in hell wants to stay in hell. The only reason they remain there is because hell is permanent and there is no way to leave once you arrive.
7. Hell exists to scare people into believing; God would never create such a horrible place.
8. After the resurrection of the body, the body will experience the physical pain of hell forever.
9. Some people who are in hell arrived there by accident.
10. Hell is the exact opposite of heaven to the extreme.
11. In hell, life is worse than your worst day of life on earth and every day is as horrible as the previous day.
12. Hell is reserved only for really bad people. Most people will end up in heaven.
13. The only way to arrive in hell is to die without faith.
14. God will give those in hell a second chance to believe in Him and spend eternity in heaven.

As we profess that we believe in the life everlasting, we are acknowledging we believe in hell, that we believe hell is far worse than anything we can imagine, that hell is where unbelievers will spend eternity.

Now that we have been reminded of what hell is like and how one gets there, we need to look at heaven and see what we know about heaven and how we get there.

Turn to page 95 in your Handouts.

## *Welcome to Heaven*

On the line in front of each statement write “true” or “false” as your response to each statement about heaven.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Heaven is a nice place, but it isn’t as spectacular as some people describe it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. To arrive in heaven, I need to believe in Jesus as my Savior and do enough good works to please God.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Only those who truly believe will arrive in heaven; those who claim to believe, but actually don’t, will never see heaven.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Whatever I can imagine, heaven will be far better.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Eternity in heaven will get boring after a while because there will be nothing exciting to do in heaven.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. After the Last Day, my body and soul will be in heaven forever because of my faith and the grace of my God.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Since my imagination is limited, heaven will exceed everything I dreamed it would be.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. As a believer, I have every reason to eagerly look forward to heaven after my life here ends.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. As a baptized child of God who remains in the faith, I can know with absolute certainty that I will be in heaven one day.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. When a family member dies who is a faithful Christian, I know I will see them again in heaven.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. On the Last Day, God will change my body in some way so that it can exist forever in heaven.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Once someone arrives in heaven, it is impossible for them to ever arrive in hell.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Depending on how I act in heaven, God could remove me from heaven if He wanted to do so.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Everything the Bible tells me about heaven is just the tip of the iceberg. Heaven will be far more than I can imagine.

Although you may be very imaginative, you cannot possibly imagine how wonderful heaven will be. What we are told about heaven is enough to whet our appetite, to keep us in the faith and looking forward to heaven.

As we look forward to heaven, we need to consider what we need to do in the present as we wait for heaven to arrive.

Look at the next page in your Handouts.

## *Until I Arrive*

Place a star next to the number of each true statement.

- 1. While I wait for heaven, I am free to do as I please as long as I claim to believe.
- 2. While I wait for heaven, God has great plans I need to accomplish here on earth.

3. While I wait for heaven, my only concern needs to be that I have faith.
4. While I wait for heaven, God is waiting for me to share my faith so that others can also join me in heaven.
5. While I wait for heaven, God wants to see me at worship.
6. While I wait for heaven, I need to look for opportunities every day to make my life count for Christ.
7. While I wait for heaven, I need to fret and worry about whether I will actually arrive or end up in hell.
8. While I wait for heaven, I need to do as many good works as I can so I stay in good graces with God.
9. While I wait for heaven, God is watching my every move waiting for me to make a mistake so He can send me to hell.
10. While I wait for heaven, God is waiting for me to make the most of life, to enjoy life as I live it for Him.
11. While I wait for heaven, God has little interest in what I am doing as long as I claim to have faith.
12. While I wait for heaven, I know God is using me to touch the hearts and lives of those around me.
13. While I wait for heaven, God is smiling down on me as I live my life for Him.
14. While I wait for heaven, God is always pleased with everything I do and say.
15. While I wait for heaven, I willingly offer my life to God and whatever adventure He has planned for me.

There is a life everlasting waiting for the Christian in heaven. That life will be fantastic, spectacular, and unbelievable. Yet, while we wait for that day to arrive, God has work for us. Actually, God has an adventure planned for each one of us, an adventure we will find rewarding as we follow in His footsteps on our route to heaven.

### **REVIEW OF THE DAY**

What are two things Job knew about the resurrection of the body?

What are three things you now know about the bodily resurrection?

Describe hell as best you are able.

What are three things you know about heaven?

What are two things you need to do while you wait for heaven?

***PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK***

Next week, we will begin our topic of prayer. We will look at general information about prayer and how we are to pray. Then, we will focus on the Introduction and First Petition of the Lord's Prayer.

***TEST TIME***

As I indicated last week, today we have a test over the material related to our discussion of the Creed. As I did previously, I am sending the test home with you to make better use of our class time. Once again, your Handouts need to remain here and you need to bring the test back to our next class.

***CLOSING PRAYER***

***ADDITIONAL MEMORY WORK***



# Outline - Lesson 17

**OPENING PRAYER**

**MEMORY WORK**

**MEMORY WORK TERMS & APPLICATION: PAGE 97**

## Terms & Application

❖ “Imprint On The Mind” ❖  
(Memory Work)

**Commandments 1, 2, 3**

℞ “Understanding Before Imprinting” ℞  
(Defining Terms)

Fear - \_\_\_\_\_

Trust - \_\_\_\_\_

Satanic Arts - \_\_\_\_\_

Deceive - \_\_\_\_\_

Despise - \_\_\_\_\_

Sacred - \_\_\_\_\_

📁 “In Simple Terms” 📁  
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 **“Using What You Know”**   
(Applying It To Life)

What is one thing you can do this week to make sure God remains first:

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What will God do when you call on Him, go to Him in prayer: \_\_\_\_\_

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**QUIZ TIME**

**REVIEW QUESTIONS**

What are three things you now know about the bodily resurrection?

What words or phrases would you use to describe hell?

What are three things you know about heaven?

What are two things you need to do while you wait for heaven?

**LESSON OVERVIEW**

In our last lesson, we completed our discussion of the Creed as we discussed the resurrection of the body and eternal life. Today, we enter the next portion of our journey as we move into the topic of prayer. After we look at some general information, we will focus on the Introduction and First Petition of the prayer our Lord taught us.

**LESSON**

As we move into the topic of prayer, we need to realize the connection between prayer and the previous material we have discussed this year. We began the year acknowledging we are sinners who have a desperate need for God and His plan. As we looked at God’s plan, we learned that Baptism was the beginning of our new life in Christ. From the topic of Baptism, we moved into the Creed where we learned what we believe as God’s baptized children.

Since the Holy Spirit has worked faith in our hearts and we have a fuller understanding of that faith, we are now ready to learn more about the privilege God has given to His baptized children, the privilege of talking to Him through prayer.

As we begin the topic of prayer, we need to answer what might appear to be an unnecessary question, "What is prayer?"

\_\_\_\_\_, how would you describe or define prayer?

\_\_\_\_\_, what would you offer as your definition of prayer?

Turn to page 98 in your Handouts. After we discuss the information on that page, we will create our "official" working definition of prayer.

## *Defining Prayer*

Place a star next to the number of each true statement about prayer.

1. Prayer is a command God has given to His people.
2. Prayer is a special privilege only available to those who truly believe.
3. Prayer is talking to God as I would talk to my friend.
4. Prayer is speaking to God through my thoughts.
5. Prayer is telling God what He needs to do in my life.
6. Prayer is what God expects me to do every day.
7. Prayer is telling God about my problems as if He has no idea what I need.
8. Prayer is sharing my needs with God and trusting He is able to do all I ask.
9. Prayer is bringing my concerns to God, yet not being convinced God will answer my prayer.
10. Prayer is prayer only if my prayers are directed to the Triune God.
11. Prayer is one way I can earn special favors or blessings from God.
12. Prayer is sharing my heart with my God confident He will listen and answer as He knows best.
13. Prayer is offering my praise and thankfulness after I have told God what to do.
14. Prayer is my avenue of communicating with God.
15. Prayer is talking to my God as if He were my best friend who was walking right beside me all the time.

Based on our discussion, let's formulate a proper definition for prayer.

What information from our discussion needs to be included in our definition of prayer?

(Encourage the students as much as possible to help formulate a definition of prayer based on the statements discussed.)

As we compile our thoughts, we could say prayer is;

Our God-given privilege of sharing our hearts and lives, admitting our mistakes, and offering our praises to our God who listens and responds in the way that benefits us most.

Since prayer is a privilege, it's obvious God wants us to pray, that He waits to hear us pray. Yet, what do we say to our God? How do we pray? What do we include in what we might call a "proper" prayer?

Although every prayer does not need to fit a particular formula, as it were, our prayers should include at least one of the four basics of prayer. Those four basics are most easily remembered by using the letters A-C-T-S where "A" stands for adoration, "C" for confession, "T" for thanksgiving, and "S" for supplication, making our requests.

Of these four basics, most who pray are good at making requests and poor at offering God the praise He deserves. Since we know that to be true, we need to consider how to pray in the way our Lord desires us to pray.

Turn to the next page in your Handouts.

## *As I Pray*

Circle the number of each true statement. Then, for each true statement, use the letters A-C-T-S to mark which aspect of prayer the statement speaks about.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. As I pray, I pour out my heart to God admitting I have disappointed Him and broken His heart.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. As I pray, I mention some of my mistakes with little thought and quickly return to what I was doing before I prayed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. As I pray, I praise God for the day, for the answers I have seen to my previous prayers, and offer my gratefulness for what I know He will do next.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. As I pray, I spend a great deal of time thanking God for being God, for loving me, forgiving me, and being my Friend.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. As I pray, I appreciate the beauty of His creation, thank Him for giving me a new day, and let Him know how much I enjoy living in His presence.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. As I pray, a smile comes to my face as I am reminded of His forgiveness for my past and His promise to walk beside me in the present.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. As I pray, I sense the presence of God as I thank Him for His gifts, make my requests, and praise Him for what I know He is about to do next.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. As I pray, I tell God I am sorry, ask Him to forgive me, and spend the remainder of my prayer praising Him for His goodness toward me.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. As I pray, I ask for God's help, yet do all I can to handle things myself realizing God may not have time for me and my concerns.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. As I pray, I begin with praise, offer my requests, and end with more praise because that's what God deserves from me.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. As I pray, I offer my praise hoping God will be impressed by my actions and give me what I ask.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. As I pray, I do so with absolute confidence that God will respond to every request I make in the best way.

Talking to our God is a wonderful privilege. As we pray, God waits to hear our confession, to hear our words of praise and appreciation. He looks forward to hearing our expressions of thankfulness and He eagerly waits to respond to our requests. Only our God could have given us such a wonderful privilege!

With these basics in mind, we need to take a few moments to practice prayer, to consider what basic components of prayer are best for different situations.

Turn to page 100 in your Handouts.

## *Prayer Practice*

Based on each statement below, choose by letter the most appropriate types of prayer to be used in the situation by placing one or more of the letters A-C-T-S on the line preceding the statement.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. I have had a really long day; I blew up at my friend and everything seems to have gone wrong.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. I woke up this morning to a beautiful day; all around me I see the beauty of God's creation and feel like singing for joy.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. I disobeyed my parents and refused to clean up my room.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. I didn't feel like doing my homework, so I said I had it all done. Later in the day, I was reminded of the goodness of God in my life.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. I had a fight with my parents, but later I asked them to forgive me and had a great rest of the day.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. I was chosen for first string on the basketball team and was bouncing off the walls with excitement.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. I realized God answered my prayer from last week and wanted to tell Him about it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. I was having a sad day; no one seemed to notice me or appreciate anything I did.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. I have a really big presentation at school tomorrow and am worried I won't do a good job.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. I am worried about one of my friends and need to know what I can do to help them.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. I did something really stupid at school and feel guilty even though no one else knows about it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. I had one of the best days I have had in a long time. Life is good; life is great!
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. I feel like I can't do anything right, that nothing I do matters.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. I have a solo at the band concert tomorrow night and I am getting really nervous.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. I feel like dancing because my school day went so wonderful today.

We may know about prayer, yet prayer only benefits us when we pray, when we know what to say to our God. Whatever your day, whatever you may face, you always have a reason for prayer. What you say in your prayers will be determined most often by your needs and thoughts as you go to your God in prayer.

As we go to our God in prayer, we need to remember who we are talking to, who is listening to our prayers. The Lord's Prayer begins saying, "Our Father, who art in heaven."

As we begin the Lord's Prayer, we call God "Our Father." Yet what are we saying as we begin our prayer in that way?

Look at the next page in your Handouts.

# *As I Begin*

Put a star in front of the number of each true statement.

1. As I begin the Lord's Prayer, I am speaking to my Father who loves me and wants to hear from me.
2. As I begin, I am confident my Father is listening to my every word.
3. As I begin, I find comfort knowing my God treats me as His child.
4. As I begin, I have no fear regarding what my Father will think of my prayers or how He will respond to them.
5. As I begin, I know my Father cares because He is a loving Father.
6. As I begin, I am very careful about what I say so I do not make God angry with me.
7. As I begin, I know God will treat me in a kind and loving way, that He will always look out for my best interest.
8. As I begin, I realize the remarkable privilege I have of talking to my Father who is also the all-powerful Creator of the universe.
9. As I begin, I pray with great confidence that my Father has unlimited power and can do anything He chooses to do.
10. As I begin the Lord's Prayer, I am reminded that, since my Father is in heaven, He obviously has power over and rules over the entire world.
11. As I begin, I know my Father is listening, but also realize He probably won't answer most of my prayers.
12. As I begin, I say, "Our Father," to acknowledge that He is the Father of all true believers, not just my Father.
13. As I begin, I come into His presence with great boldness because He has invited me into His presence.
14. As I begin, I talk to my Father as I would talk to the most wonderful father I can imagine on this earth.

In the past, you may have begun the Lord's Prayer without even thinking about what those first words declare. The next time you pray the Lord's Prayer, remember who you are talking to. You are talking to your Father, to the Father who created you and has given you the privilege of talking to Him through prayer.

Following our acknowledgment of who we are speaking to, our focus quickly turns to the proper use of His name.

When we speak of the name of God, we are not merely talking about His title or the various names used for our God. The name of God actually includes everything available and known about our God. To keep God's name holy, we must protect everything related to our God.

Turn to page 102 in your Handouts.

## *Keeping It Holy*

As we say in the explanation to the first petition, God's name is holy. Our challenge isn't to make it holy, but to keep it holy among us. Circle the number of each statement that enables you to keep His name holy.

1. I keep God's name holy by using it to praise my God.
2. I keep God's name holy by believing what His Word says.
3. I keep God's name holy just by not using it in an inappropriate way.
4. I keep God's name holy when I tell others what God says and not what I wish He would say.
5. I keep God's name holy by repeating God's Word as God has spoken it.
6. I keep God's name holy by adding to what God's Word says to make it fit my situation.
7. I keep God's name holy by living my life in a way that agrees with God's Word.
8. I keep God's name holy by disagreeing with those who teach something different than God's Word teaches.
9. I keep God's name holy by obeying the Second Commandment which speaks about His name.
10. I keep His name holy by using His name as I bring my concerns to Him.
11. I keep His name holy by following the Commandments to the best of my ability.
12. I keep God's name holy by not misusing His name in my words or conversations.
13. I keep God's name holy by offering Him my praises and my thankfulness.
14. I keep God's name holy by having great respect for His Word as I hear it and read it.

God's name involves more than meets the eye. It involves everything known about our God. As we ask our Father to help us keep His name holy, we are asking Him

to help us with a task that is very far reaching, with a task that will require great effort from us.

### **REVIEW OF THE DAY**

Define prayer.

What are the four basics of prayer?

What does it mean when you say, "Our Father who art in heaven?"

What are three things you can do to keep God's name holy?


### **PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK**

In our next lesson, we will discuss the Second and Third Petitions of the Lord's Prayer as we learn about God's Kingdom and the Will of God. We will learn about the Kingdom of grace and Kingdom of glory along with learning what God's Will is for our lives and how He carries out His Will.

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

### **ADDITIONAL MEMORY WORK**





# Outline - Lesson 18



**OPENING PRAYER**

**MEMORY WORK**

**MEMORY WORK TERMS & APPLICATION: PAGE 103**

## Terms & Application

❖ “Imprint On The Mind” ❖  
(Memory Work)

**Commandments 4, 5, 6**

℞ “Understanding Before Imprinting” ℞  
(Defining Terms)

Despise - \_\_\_\_\_

Authorities - \_\_\_\_\_

Honor - \_\_\_\_\_

Cherish - \_\_\_\_\_

Decent - \_\_\_\_\_

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⌚ **“Using What You Know”** ⌚  
(Applying It To Life)

What two things can you do yet today to honor your parents: \_\_\_\_\_

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What can you do tomorrow to show someone you care: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **QUIZ TIME**

#### **REVIEW QUESTIONS**

What is prayer?

What are the four basics components of prayer?

What does it mean when you say, “Our Father who art in heaven?”

What are three things you can do to keep God’s name holy?

#### **LESSON OVERVIEW**

In our last lesson, we began our discussion on prayer and also looked at the Introduction and First Petition of the Lord’s Prayer. Today, we will continue our discussion of the Lord’s Prayer as we look at the Second and Third Petitions. In these petitions, we will learn what the Kingdom of God is and how it affects our lives. We will also discuss the Will of God and how God carries out His Will.

#### **LESSON**

The Second Petition of the Lord’s Prayer is, “Thy Kingdom come.”

As you speak those words, what are you asking? What does it mean when you pray, “Thy kingdom come”?

(Encourage students to offer their ideas. Most likely, it will be difficult for them to explain this petition since they have not given it serious thought in the past.)

Frequently, when we pray these words, we fail to think about what we are saying. We simply say the words without understanding what the words mean.

Although that may be true, that doesn't make it the proper thing to do. Praying words that have no meaning serves no purpose. We need to understand what we are saying.

When we speak about the kingdom of God, we are talking about God's ruling power, about His power to rule over the entire world as king. Included in this petition is also His power to rule as king over His church here on earth along with His power to rule over His church in heaven and all the angels of heaven.

As we pray, "Thy Kingdom come," we are asking God to rule the world, His church, and our lives.

Turn to page 104 in your Handouts.

## *God Is in Charge*

As we pray the Second Petition, we are asking God to rule over our lives, to take charge of our lives. Circle the number of each true statement.

1. I allow God to rule my life when I ask Him for assistance only when I can't figure it out on my own.
2. I allow God to be in charge when I offer Him my life each day and ask Him to use me to fulfill His plan in that day.
3. God rules my life when what God says matters more than what I want to do.
4. God rules my life when I allow His Holy Spirit to live in my heart and affect my words and actions.
5. God is in charge when I do all I can to live my life each day in a way that pleases Him.
6. I allow God to rule my life while I am at worship. The rest of the week, I need to figure things out on my own.
7. I allow God to rule my life by asking Him to forgive me when I do wrong and then, do my best to do what pleases Him.
8. God is in charge when I remember each day that my life is a gift from God.
9. When I allow God to rule, I do what I can to bring others to know Jesus.
10. When I allow God to rule, I do whatever I want to do knowing God can intervene if He wants me to do things differently.
11. I allow God to rule my life when I continue to grow in my faith and learn more about Him all through my life.

12. I allow God to be in charge by asking for His help to resist the temptations all around me.
13. I allow God to rule my life by viewing each day as an opportunity to make a difference for my God.
14. God is in charge of my life; therefore, I can only do what God wants me to do.
15. God is in charge of my life when I allow God to be in charge of my life.

As much as we want to believe life is all about us, that we have the right and freedom to do whatever we want with our lives, this petition reminds us that such is not true for the Christian. As God's people, we allow God to be in charge and when God is in charge, life is different.

Turn to the next page in your Handouts.

## *Because God Rules*

What is different in your life because God is in charge, because God rules. Put a star in front of each true statement.

1. Because God rules, I am basically a robot who is pre-programed by God to do what God intends me to do.
2. Because God rules, my life is a matter of fate. Everything has already been decided. I am merely going through the motions called "living."
3. Because God rules, my life-goal is to move with God, to live my life to the fullest as my expression of appreciation.
4. Because God rules, tomorrow will be a great day, a day He will use me to accomplish things beyond my imagination.
5. Because God rules, I can put a smile on my face and carry joy in my heart knowing God is in control. Everything will work as He has it planned.
6. Because God rules, I have every reason to dream big dreams and to chase after those dreams confident God is also in control of my dreams.
7. Because God rules, I can face whatever tomorrow brings knowing He will get me through the day.
8. Because God rules, I have no reason to be fearful, no reason to be afraid of the future.
9. Because God rules, I offer Him my praise and thanksgiving for choosing to guide me through life.

10. Because God rules, I allow God to use my words and actions to touch the hearts and lives of others.
11. Because God rules, I look forward with great eagerness to gathering for worship.
12. Because God rules, I choose to do all I can to share His love, to demonstrate His love and care through my words and actions.
13. Because God rules, I ask Him many times each day to show me what I can do for Him before my day ends.
14. Because God rules, I feel like I have no choices, that life is rather boring.
15. Because God rules, I greet each new day with an eagerness to make the most of the day.

When God rules, life is different. Life is better. Our challenge each new day is to give God permission, to allow Him to rule. As we allow God to rule, each day will greet us with new opportunities, with opportunities that create excitement and joy.

In the Second Petition, we not only speak about God ruling our lives, but also about God ruling His church on earth and His church in heaven. As we speak of God's rule in this way, we use the terms, "Kingdom of grace," and "Kingdom of glory."

The "Kingdom of grace" refers to God's activity within His church here on earth. The "Kingdom of glory" refers to God's activity and rule of His church in heaven. As we pray, "Thy Kingdom come," we are asking God to rule over both the Kingdom of grace and the Kingdom of glory.

As we think about these two kingdoms, we need to distinguish the difference in order to better understand what we are saying as we pray this petition of the Lord's Prayer.

Turn to page 106 in your Handouts.

## *Grace or Glory?*

On the line in front of each statement, indicate whether the statement refers to God's Kingdom of grace or His Kingdom of glory by writing the word "grace" or "glory" or "both" on the line.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. In this kingdom, God is always in full control.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. In this kingdom, His people still face the challenge of a sinful world.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. In this kingdom, some follow His rule and others choose not to follow.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. In this kingdom, His people always express their love and appreciation for His work in their lives.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. In this kingdom, God wants all people to be saved.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. In this kingdom, it is possible to lose the faith worked at Baptism.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. In this kingdom, God rightfully reigns and maintains full control.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. In this kingdom, I will live in perfection. All effects of sin will be gone.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. This is the kingdom I am waiting for, the kingdom I am asking God to bring.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. In this kingdom, God deserves my praise, my appreciation, my adoration.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. In this kingdom, God pours out His love on me and waits for me to live my life for Him.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. In this kingdom, my Father's rule is welcomed by all.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. In this kingdom, I love my Lord and want to do what pleases Him.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. In this kingdom lives all those who have gone before me in the faith.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. In this kingdom, life is everything I dreamed it could be and even more.

In the past, you may have prayed this petition without ever thinking about what you were actually saying. The next time you pray the Lord's Prayer, recall our discussion about God's rule in your life and His rule in the Kingdom of grace and the Kingdom of glory. Then, pray this petition with confidence and a faith-filled heart.

We need to move on to the Third Petition.

What is the Third Petition?

The Third Petition speaks of the Will of God. As we speak these words, it may be easy for us to gloss over them by thinking, "God, You do Your thing and I will go about my life." Yet, there is far more to this petition than God "doing His thing."

Turn to page 107 in your Handouts.

# *This Is God's Will*

Draw a box around each statement that is true as it relates to the Will of God.

1. God's Will is that all good people be saved.
2. God's Will is that I do all I can every day to protect His name and everything related to His name.
3. God's Will is that I enjoy my life to the fullest as one of His creation.
4. God's Will is that my life be a reflection of my God in my thoughts, words, and actions.
5. God's Will is that I give Him praise and honor regardless of how my day may go or how I may feel at the moment.
6. God's Will is that I learn His Word and apply it to my daily life.
7. God's Will is that His Word be preserved as true and without error.
8. God's Will is that I believe most of His Word, respect His Word, and live my life based on His Word.
9. God's Will is that I love Him with all of my heart and do all I can to make my life count for Him.
10. God's Will is that others who do not know Him will be brought to faith.
11. God's Will is that I please Him every day.
12. God's Will is that I come to Him in prayer and then return to life as normal.
13. God's Will is that I resist the temptations that are all around me every day and choose to live my life for Him.
14. God's Will is that life is always fun and I can do whatever I want.
15. God's Will is that I remain firm in my faith until I die.

God's Will is the sum total of everything God desires for all His creation. As the most important visible creation of God, it is His Will that our lives be a reflection of God, that all we do and say reflect onto others the God who lives within.

Knowing the Will of God is helpful. Yet, as we pray this petition, we need to also understand how God's Will is done, how God carries out His Will among us.

Look at the next page (page 108) in your Handouts.

## God's Will at Work

On the line in front of each statement, write "yes" or "no" as your response to the statement.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. God's Will is done when I give Him honor and praise for each new day.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. God's Will is done when He interrupts the destructive plans of the devil who is trying his best to destroy my faith.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. God's Will is done as He gives me strength to live my life for Him.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. God's Will is done as He prevents the devil from leading me to give up on my God.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. God's Will is done as He encourages me to rely on Him for all things.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. God's Will is done as He leads me to search His Word for answers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. God's Will is done as He uses other people to keep me on His path.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. God's Will is done as He guides me through each day so that what I do pleases Him.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. God's Will is done as He works behind the scenes and in ways I may not even realize.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. God's Will is done as He uses my conscience to show me right from wrong.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. God's Will is done as He stands beside me and walks with me through my toughest moments.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. God's Will is done as He manipulates the world so I have a more pleasant and enjoyable life.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. God's Will is done as He carries me through my toughest moments, as He walks beside me through my storms of life.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. God's Will is done as He surrounds me with friends who encourage me and give me hope when things look hopeless.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. God's Will is done as He protects me from the devil who wants to destroy me.

The Will of God is not merely God's wish. It is what God intends to accomplish, what is included in God's plan. As each new day arrives, God's Will is active. God is at work. In ways you may not notice, God is carrying out His Will. What God wants done will always be done.

As we pray this petition, we need to remember what the Will of God is and how God carries out His Will. These words are powerful words, words that change lives, words that change our lives as we make ourselves aware of the Will of God.

### **REVIEW OF THE DAY**

As we pray, “Thy Kingdom come,” what are we asking God to do?

What is the difference between the Kingdom of grace and the Kingdom of Glory?

In summary fashion, describe the Will of God.

What are two things that occur as God carries out His Will?

### **PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK**

Next week, we will continue our discussion of the Lord’s Prayer as we learn information about the Fourth and Fifth Petitions. In our discussion, we will focus on the significance of “this day,” and “daily,” and see how we need to respond to God’s gifts. After that, we will focus on forgiveness, God forgiving us and our need to forgive others.

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

### **ADDITIONAL MEMORY WORK**



# Outline - Lesson 19

**OPENING PRAYER**

**MEMORY WORK**

**MEMORY WORK TERMS & APPLICATION: PAGE 109**

## Terms & Application

❖ “Imprint On The Mind” ❖  
(Memory Work)

**Commandments 7 & 8**

℞ “Understanding Before Imprinting” ℞  
(Defining Terms)

Possessions - \_\_\_\_\_

Dishonest - \_\_\_\_\_

Betray - \_\_\_\_\_

Slander - \_\_\_\_\_

Reputation - \_\_\_\_\_

Defend - \_\_\_\_\_

📁 “In Simple Terms” 📁  
(In Your Own Words)

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⌚ **“Using What You Know”** ⌚  
(Applying It To Life)

What can you do to help your friend protect his possessions: \_\_\_\_\_

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What are two things you can do to protect your friend’s reputation: \_\_\_\_\_

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**QUIZ TIME**

**REVIEW QUESTIONS**

As we pray, “Thy Kingdom come,” what are we asking God to do?

What is the difference between the Kingdom of grace and the Kingdom of glory?

How would you define or describe the Will of God?

What are two things that occur as God carries out His Will?

**LESSON OVERVIEW**

In our last lesson, we discussed the Second and Third Petitions as we talked about the Kingdom of grace, the Kingdom of glory, and the Will of God. Today, we continue our discussion of the Lord’s Prayer as we learn information about the Fourth and Fifth Petitions. In our discussion, we will focus on the significance of “this day,” and “daily,” and learn how we should respond to God’s gifts. After that, we will focus on forgiveness, God forgiving us and our need to forgive others.

**LESSON**

As we closed our lesson last week, we were talking about the Will of God and how God carries out His Will. God’s Will ties to the Fourth Petition because it’s God’s Will to give us what we need each day even though we have not earned it nor do we deserve it.

In the Fourth Petition, we say, “Give us this day our daily bread.” As we speak those words, we need to focus on three particular words from the Fourth Petition, “This day” and “Daily.”

Why does the Lord's Prayer speak of "this day" and "daily"? Why doesn't it say, "Give us what we need when we need it"?

Turn to page 110 in your Handouts as we learn about the importance of "this day" and "daily."

## *Just for Today*

On the line in front of each statement, write "T" for true or "F" for false.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. I ask God to give me what I need for today so I don't become greedy and think I need more.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. I ask God for what I need today as a reminder that I need Him every day.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. I say, "this day," because it keeps me from wasting what God gives me.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. I ask God to give me what I need today so that I have good reason to come to Him in prayer tomorrow.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. As I ask for my daily needs, I indicate I am dependent on God for even the simple things.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. As I ask God to provide what I need today, it makes me less likely to worry about what I may need tomorrow.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. By asking for what I need today, I have less need to fret about what might happen tomorrow.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. As I focus on today's needs, I teach myself to be content with what I have today.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. As I pray this petition, I remind myself that God is in control, that He will supply all I need for each day.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. As I focus on my needs today, I make God more likely to give me more tomorrow.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. As I pray this petition, I often feel like God is depriving me of better things.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. When I ask for my daily needs, I am telling God what I need because He wouldn't know otherwise.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. As I pray this petition, I indicate to my God that I will be content with whatever He provides in my day.

\_\_\_\_\_ 14. As I focus on my needs for today, I am prepared to go where my God sends me and to do what He leads me to do.

In our fast-paced world, it's easy to get impatient, to want God to supply all our needs for the week or the month. Yet, even in our world today, God knows best. He knows we need to ask daily so that we keep our focus on Him rather than on ourselves. As we ask God for what we need each day, we realize how dependent we are on our God.

As we realize our dependency, we also realize the need to respond to God's goodness, the need to respond as God provides what we need for each day.

Turn to the next page in your Handouts as we learn how to respond as God gives us what we need each day.

## *As God Provides*

Circle the number of each statement that describes an appropriate way to respond to what God provides each day.

1. As God provides, I insist that He give me even more.
2. As God provides, I go to Him in prayer explaining what He apparently overlooked.
3. As God provides, I enjoy what He gives me and wait for Him to provide more as He knows best.
4. As God provides, I thank Him with my prayer and my attitude.
5. As God provides, I say, "Thank You for being so good to me; You are a great God!"
6. As God provides, I seldom notice and seldom offer Him my appreciation.
7. As God provides, I realize very clearly that all I have is from God.
8. As God gives me what I need, I offer Him my praise and make the most of the day He has given me.
9. As God blesses me, I look at my day in a better way, enjoy it more, and am more aware of His other blessings in my day.
10. As God blesses me, I still feel short changed and ask God to give me what someone else has.
11. As God blesses me, I notice His blessings, offer my prayer of thankfulness, and do all I can to make my day matter for Him.

12. As God provides, I realize I have more than I need and learn to be more content with what I already have.
13. As God provides, I learn to ask Him more frequently for all I need aware of His goodness in the past.
14. As God provides, my heart responds in gratefulness and appreciation because God is so generous toward me.

As God provides what we need for each day, He waits for a response. He waits to see if we will notice His goodness and if we will respond. Every day, God gives us more than we need. Our challenge is to realize His goodness and then to offer Him our appreciation before the day ends.

We need to move into the Fifth Petition for the remainder of our class time today. The Fifth Petition relates directly to the statement found in the Third Article of our Creed where it says, "I believe in... the forgiveness of sins."

In the Creed, we are stating a fact; we are declaring our conviction as we say, "This is what I believe." In the Lord's Prayer, we are taking that conviction and turning it into action as we say, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

Everything we attach to the Third Article of the Creed needs to be attached to the Fifth Petition. Having done that, we need to expand our conviction by turning our statement of faith into appropriate actions.

Before we can turn our statement of faith into action, we first need to realize why we need this petition in our prayer life.

Turn to page 112 in your Handouts.

## *Why I Need It*

Circle the number of each true statement.

1. I need God to forgive me because once in a while I do something wrong.
2. I need God to forgive because I am a sinner from birth, one who deserves absolutely nothing from God except His punishment.
3. I need this Petition in my prayer life because I cannot please God unless I first realize I need His forgiveness.
4. I need God to forgive because forgiveness is the most important aspect of my faith. Without it, my faith is worthless.
5. I need God to forgive because I break His heart every day.

6. I need God to forgive me because it's the only way I can be in a right relationship with my God.
7. I need God to forgive me because just one of my sins would be enough to send me to hell forever.
8. I need God to forgive me because there are some mistakes that are beyond what I can fix on my own.
9. I need this Petition because it encourages me and reminds me that I need to forgive those who hurt me.
10. I need this Petition because I cannot stand before God on my own, because my life would be a disaster every day if it weren't for His forgiveness.
11. I need God to forgive because my spiritual x-ray shows that I am filled with sin and unable to wash myself clean.
12. I need this Petition because I can't enjoy life as God intended until I know I am forgiven.
13. I need this petition because it tells me I must forgive others as Christ has forgiven me.

To say we don't really need this petition is to say we don't need Christ and His work on the cross. Of all the petitions, this is the most important and the most necessary. Until we understand forgiveness and our need to forgive others, the Lord's Prayer will be little more than words we recite from memory.

Aware that we need the forgiveness offered in this petition, how does this forgiveness become ours?

Turn to page 113 in your Handouts.

## *Forgiven!*

On the line in front of each statement, write "A" for agree or "D" for disagree.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. I am forgiven whenever I pray this petition in the Lord's Prayer.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. I am forgiven any time I ask God to forgive me regardless of my intentions.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. I am forgiven as I come to my God with a repentant heart.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. I am forgiven as I beg and plead with God, as I make promises to never do the same thing again.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. God forgives me when I admit I am sorry and accept His forgiveness.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. God forgives me when I believe God forgives me.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. I am forgiven as often as I forgive those who hurt me.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. I am forgiven every time I ask God in faith to cleanse my heart and set me on His path.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. I am forgiven only when I am able to forgive all those who have offended me.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. God forgives me only when I prove to Him that I will not do the same thing again.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. God forgives as often as I ask Him with a repentant heart.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. God forgives me as I promise to do extra good works as payment for my sins.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. God forgives me because that is what God does. I cannot earn His forgiveness, but can only accept what He offers as a gift.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. I am forgiven when God says I am forgiven. Whether I feel forgiven or not changes nothing.

As we ask God to forgive, God forgives provided we ask in faith and with a repentant heart. It's God's nature to forgive us, to do what we do not deserve. Each time we come to Him and confess our sins, God forgives.

When we realize how forgiving our God is, when we become fully aware of God's goodness toward us, we realize the need to offer that same forgiveness toward those who hurt us. To pray this petition and yet refuse to forgive another person is to reject the forgiveness Christ has offered as a gift.

Turn to the next page in your Handouts.

## *Sharing Forgiveness*

God's gift of forgiveness is intended to be shared. As God forgives you, He waits for you to forgive those who hurt you. Circle the number of each true statement as it relates to sharing forgiveness with others.

1. I am only able to forgive someone else when they apologize to me.
2. I am able to forgive others even though I may not be able to forget.
3. I cannot share forgiveness and continue to hold a grudge.
4. Sharing forgiveness with others is like offering them a gift they do not deserve.

5. Sharing forgiveness with those who hurt me is only possible because I first know how forgiving God is toward me.
6. I am able to forgive others even when they choose not to accept my forgiveness.
7. I am able to forgive because the motivation is from God not merely from my heart.
8. Since I am forgiven, I must be willing to forgive another person who could never hurt me as much as I have hurt my God.
9. I am able to forgive when I am willing to look beyond what they did and remember my Christian responsibility.
10. I am able to forgive others as many times as necessary because that is what Christ does for me.
11. If I am unwilling to forgive another person, there is no reason to believe God will forgive me.
12. I am able to forgive because I have no choice. It's the only way I can be forgiven by God.
13. I can share forgiveness with those who hurt me knowing that, as I do, it will relieve a burden I have been carrying.
14. As I forgive others, my life turns for the better because I am no longer wasting energy looking for revenge.
15. As I forgive others, I need to let go of what they did and focus on making my day count for Christ.

Forgiving others will never be an easy task, yet it is what we do because Christ has forgiven us. As you pray the Lord's Prayer, remind yourself that God has forgiven you, that you are free from your past. Then, take the next appropriate step and forgive those who have hurt you. As you do, life will change for the better because a weight will be lifted from your life, a weight your God has chosen to handle in your place.

### **REVIEW OF THE DAY**

Why do we ask God only for what we need for today?

As God provides what you need, what are two things you can do in response?

Why do you need God's forgiveness?

When does God forgive you?

What are two things you can do as you forgive others?

### ***PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK***

Next week, we will focus on the remaining portion of the Lord's Prayer. As we do, we will learn of the evil three, what we are asking as we pray the Sixth Petition, how God delivers us from evil, and what we are saying as we close the Lord's Prayer.

### ***CLOSING PRAYER***

### ***ADDITIONAL MEMORY WORK***



# Outline - Lesson 20

**OPENING PRAYER**

**MEMORY WORK**

**MEMORY WORK TERMS & APPLICATION: PAGE 115**

## Terms & Application

❖ “Imprint On The Mind” ❖  
(Memory Work)

**Commandments 9 & 10**

℞ “Understanding Before Imprinting” ℞  
(Defining Terms)

Covet - \_\_\_\_\_

Scheme - \_\_\_\_\_

Entice - \_\_\_\_\_

Urge - \_\_\_\_\_

Duty - \_\_\_\_\_

📁 “In Simple Terms” 📁  
(In Your Own Words)

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⌚ **“Using What You Know”** ⌚  
(Applying It To Life)

How should you respond when things go well for your friend, yet not for you:

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What can you do to keep yourself from wanting what belongs to your friend:

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**QUIZ TIME**

**REVIEW QUESTIONS**

Why are we to ask God only for what we need for today?

As God provides what you need, what are two things you can do in response?

Why do you need God’s forgiveness?

What are two things you can do as you forgive others?

**LESSON OVERVIEW**

In our last lesson, we discussed the Fourth and Fifth Petitions as we talked about God providing what we need each day and our need for His forgiveness. Today, we will focus on the remaining portion of the Lord’s Prayer. As we do, we will learn of the evil three, what we are asking as we pray the Sixth Petition, how God delivers us from evil, and what we are saying as we close the Lord’s Prayer.

**LESSON**

As we near the end of the Lord’s Prayer, we find the topic of temptation as we pray, “Lead us not into temptation.” As we speak those words, it sounds as if God could tempt us to sin, that we are asking God to protect us from the temptations He might send our way.

Although it may sound that way, that is not what we are asking as we pray this petition. In summary fashion, we are asking God to protect us from the devil, the world, and ourselves so that the evil three are not allowed to lead us away from our God.

Turn to page 116 in your Handouts so we can learn what kind of things the evil three may tempt us to do for the purpose of destroying our faith.

## *The Evil Three*

The devil, the world, and our sinful self can be called “the evil three.” Circle the number of each true statement as you learn how the evil three can tempt you.

1. The devil is always looking for a way to create doubt regarding who God is and what He is doing for me.
2. The devil does not play by the rules. He will use any means necessary to destroy my faith.
3. The world tempts me by leading me to believe I need material things to enjoy life.
4. My sinful self likes to play games in my mind to cause me to doubt God’s love for me.
5. My sinful self does its best to make me believe I can never actually be forgiven for my sins of the past.
6. The world likes to use greed as a way of deceiving me into believing God is depriving me of wonderful things.
7. The devil only bothers those who are unbelievers. The believers he leaves alone because he already knows they belong to God.
8. The devil has a wonderful way of creating doubt when I am at my lowest moments in life.
9. My sinful self only bothers me once in a while. Most of the time, I have no need to worry about it tempting me.
10. The world uses the idea that everyone else is doing it to make me believe certain things are fine when they are not fine.
11. The world is generally good, yet there are times when it can tempt me to go against my God.
12. My sinful self uses every moment available to tempt me to take the easy way, to deny my God instead of following Him.
13. The devil uses the evil angels to tempt me to believe he knows best.
14. The devil’s power is limited; he can’t destroy my faith because I am a Christian.

15. Depending on my determination, my sinful self sometimes wins and other times loses.

You may want to believe the evil three aren't really that evil, that they can't do any real harm. Yet, any one of the evil three can steal your faith and leave you with nothing unless you remain faithful to your God.

Now that we realize the power of the evil three, we need to consider what we are asking God to do as we pray this petition. Look at page 117 in your Handouts.

## *On My Knees*

As you pray, "And lead us not into temptation," what are you asking God to do for you? Put a star in front of the number of each true statement.

1. As I pray this petition, I ask God to strengthen my faith.
2. As I pray these words, I ask God to teach me to lean on Him and depend on His help more each day.
3. As I pray these words, I ask God to smile down on me and make the evil three vanish.
4. As I pray these words, I ask my Father to use even my temptations to make my faith stronger.
5. As I pray these words, I ask my Father to give me the power to resist those temptations that come my way.
6. As I pray this petition, I ask God to build an imaginary shield around me so that the evil three can do me no harm.
7. As I pray this petition, I ask God to give me a temptation-free life.
8. As I pray this petition, I ask my Father to encourage me and increase my determination when temptations come.
9. As I pray these words, I ask my loving Father to demonstrate His love by removing whatever temptations I may face.
10. As I pray these words, I ask my God to carry me through my temptations, not merely to make them disappear.
11. As I pray this petition, I ask my Father to use His testing of my faith as a means of making my faith stronger.
12. As I pray this petition, I ask my God to use whatever means are necessary to make my faith stronger.

13. As I pray this petition, I ask my Father to forgive me when I fail to stand against my temptations.
14. As I pray this petition, I ask God to help me see His plan in the midst of my temptations.

Temptations are real. They happen every day. Therefore, we need to go to our God every day asking Him to protect us, to strengthen us so that the evil three do not destroy our precious gift of faith.

Let's move on to the Seventh Petition. Immediately after we ask God to protect us from the temptations of the evil three, we ask God to deliver us from evil. In many respects, it sounds like we are asking God to do the same thing we asked Him in the Sixth Petition.

Yet, the Seventh Petition includes more than the evil three we discussed in the Sixth Petition. The Seventh Petition is a summary petition where we ask God to rescue us from all the evil that exists in our world.

Turn to the next page in your Handouts where we learn different ways God rescues us from evil.

## *God Rescues Me*

Which of the following are possible ways God could rescue you from evil? On the line in front of each statement, write "yes" or "no" as your response.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. God rescues me by giving me a close friend who will help me.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. God protects me by removing the evil situation from my life.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. God rescues me from evil by giving me strength to resist and arrive at the other side.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. God rescues me by assuring me of His constant presence.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. God rescues me from evil by using the actions of another person to my benefit.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. God rescues me by eliminating evil from my life.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. God rescues me and protects me by keeping harmful things from occurring in my life.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. God rescues me by stepping into my life when I need Him most.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. God sometimes rescues me by leading me through my struggles.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. God rescues me by looking the other way and waiting to see how things turn out.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. God rescues me by teaching me important information about the cause of evil.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. God rescues me by ignoring my needs because He has more important things to do.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. God rescues me from evil by not allowing the devil to take control of my life.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. God rescues me by assuring me that He will not give me more than I can handle.

As we have seen, God uses many different ways to rescue us, to deliver us from the evil of this world. When we lean on our God, we know He will come through for us.

Knowing some of the ways God rescues us from evil, we need to realize that God does not rescue us from every evil. Life has its share of troubles that we must face, troubles and heartaches God will use for our benefit. Yet, how does God help us endure our tough times?

Turn to page 119 in your Handouts.

## *Enduring Life*

Since God doesn't remove all evil or protect us from every evil situation, we need to learn how God works in the midst of our challenging times. Circle the number of each statement that describes how God works for you.

1. My Father uses my tough moments as teaching opportunities.
2. My God allows certain situations to occur for the purpose of increasing my faith.
3. My God teaches me that some tough times actually occur for my good even though I may not see it that way at the moment.
4. My God makes me suffer because He wants to remind me He is in control and I am not.
5. My Father promises to walk beside me through my tough times rather than leaving me all alone.
6. My Father works miracles behind the scenes as His way of demonstrating His power.

7. My God promises He will give me the strength needed to face whatever lies ahead in my life.
8. My God offers to forgive my failures and show me His path even though His path may have many challenges.
9. My God keeps me faithful to the end of life and then provides me with eternal life in heaven.
10. My God provides other people whom He uses to encourage me to stick with God through my struggles.
11. My God gives me glimpses of heaven, glimpses that keep me going when the going is tough.
12. My Father works for me by using some situations to punish me for past mistakes.
13. My Father heals me after a long illness showing me the benefit of trusting my God in all situations.
14. My Father carries me when I feel like I can't take another step or face another heartache.

Our God would have every reason to allow evil to take its course, to allow the evil of our world to destroy us and our faith. Yet, in love and mercy, He remains active in our lives enabling us to endure what we cannot avoid.

Before we end our lesson today, we need to look at the close of the Lord's Prayer. It's unfortunate, yet some view the close of the Lord's Prayer as nothing more than a signal that the prayer is almost over.

Yet the close of the Lord's Prayer is incredibly significant because it reminds us that God is in control, that He deserves all the honor and glory, that, as we close His Prayer, we are acknowledging life is all about His involvement in our daily lives.

Turn to page 120 in your Handouts.

## *It All Belongs to Him*

As we close the Lord's Prayer, what are we saying? Circle the number of each true statement.

1. With these words, I regrettably remind myself that I am not in control.
2. With these words, I declare God has the power to do everything I have asked of Him.

3. With the close of the Lord's Prayer, I know with great confidence that God is pleased to hear me pray to Him.
4. With these words, I offer God all the honor He deserves for His wonderful work in and through my life.
5. With these words, I reassure myself that nothing is impossible with God, that all I have asked God can do if it is best for me.
6. With these words, I give praise to God for being God.
7. With these words, I offer my appreciation to my Father for listening to my prayer.
8. With these words, I know God has listened as I prayed.
9. With these words, I profess God is my God, the One who guides and directs my life.
10. With these words, I offer my God all the praise and honor I can offer.
11. With these words, I am convinced God is pleased with my prayer.
12. With these words, I acknowledge He has the power to answer my prayers.
13. With these words, I believe He is my King, the One who has control over all good things.
14. With these words, I declare all I have spoken is true, accurate, and pleasing to my God.
15. With these words, my heart is prepared to face the world convinced my great God has the power to handle everything that comes my way.

You may have spoken these words in the past without giving them much thought. Yet, now these words have new meaning. Now, these words become your opportunity to express your praise and honor. Now, these words remind you that the God you claim as your God truly has unlimited power.

### **REVIEW OF THE DAY**

Who are the evil three we discussed today?

As you pray the Sixth Petition, what are you asking of God?

Name two ways God rescues you from evil?

What are two things God does for you when you are facing a challenging time?

What are you doing as you speak the closing words of the Lord's Prayer?

### ***PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK***

Next week, we move into the topic of the Lord's Supper. We will talk about the Sacraments in general and then we will look more carefully at the "Real Presence," the visible proof Jesus offers us in the Sacrament and what it means when we say, "This do in remembrance of Me."

### ***CLOSING PRAYER***

### ***ADDITIONAL MEMORY WORK***

