

“The Lord’s Prayer Model” Matthew 6:5-15

In Matthew 6:1-18, we have the problem of motivation in service and the key to this section is the righteousness of the scribes and the Pharisees which is a phony facade, nothing more than a whitewash that’s generally characteristic of religion.

To understand what has been called the Lord’s prayer, we must examine its context and the first lesson of this model prayer is just how short it is and secondly, it’s important to realize that this prayer was never intended to be a part of a liturgical church service.

Before Jesus can offer the disciples supernatural powers to go out in public and represent Him to fulfil their ministry, He must expose the universal legalism of their day.

This present active subjunctive use of the word pray is very important because it tells us that we can spend a lot of time praying and none of it may be effective!

Rewards are for believers in Jesus Christ and they’re only awarded for that which glorifies God. Prayer to the Father is a radical change for the disciples and to a Jewish mindset, this is amazing! But when Jesus comes into the world, He’s our High Priest Who makes intercession for us and He prays to the Father for Himself also; teaching us that all prayers are to be addressed to the Father.

Repetitious babbling does not force God to bless man because God can never bless man on the basis of man’s merit; He always blesses man on the basis of His Person and His merit.

One of the greatest dangers in the world is for a believer in Jesus Christ to imitate religious people.

We have a right to expect God to do certain things and the basis for this is our knowledge of biblical truth and our operation of the faith rest life.

The devil is the ruler of this world and he will rule it until the last phase of Operation Footstool is complete when he and all his rebellious demons will be cast off the earth.

The principle behind this request is that we should live one day at a time and since God has faithfully provided our needs today, we should ask for them a day ahead of time.

This petition reminds us that the responsibility for taking care of us is not ours; we do not belong to ourselves; we belong to Him!

Grace is emphasized here as the only foundation for our recovery and restoration to fellowship. James 1:13 tells us that God cannot tempt because it’s impossible and incompatible with His character to solicit anyone to evil so, this petition does not mean to be led into temptation since God never provides any temptation of any kind for any member of the human race.

When adversity, trial, heartache or catastrophe finds us, we want to have the same peace, the same happiness and the same power we have at any other time!

One of the worst slaveries that has ever existed in history is the fact that most members of the human race are slaves to their circumstances.

Grace is now substituted for the law of retribution and to emphasize grace in recovery, Jesus demands that His disciples begin to live by grace in forgiving others’ trespasses.

In His crash course during the three years that Jesus taught on earth, He amplifies ‘Grace for grace’ rather than ‘An eye for an eye.’

The fact that the open door to the plan of God is available to all of us is the greatest opportunity for historical impact that individual believers in Jesus Christ have ever had in any dispensation of history!

We continue to live after we’re saved to fulfill our very own personal destiny and become spiritually mature believers as an expression of God’s glory in both time and eternity.