

Matthew 20 – The Lord’s Prayer: Three God-Centered Petitions

Matthew 6:9-10

Fallen Condition Focus (FCF): When we pray the Lord’s Prayer without understanding, we are missing out on its blessing and doing Christ a disservice.

What are we praying for?

- Hallowed be Thy name
 - Not: “Our father in heaven, whose name is hallowed (honored)”
 - Imperative and Passive
 - “Be glorified”, “may you be glorified”
 - By whom?
- Thy kingdom come
 - Praying for kingdom in two senses
 - One – Growth and establishment of God’s kingdom on earth – the church
 - Two – Calling for the second coming of Christ
- Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven
 - Prayer that all of creation would conform to the will of God
 - Sovereign Will vs. Holy Will

How should we then live?

- We don’t pray for something without investing ourselves in it
- Hallowed be Thy name
 - Are we seeking to glorify God in our own lives and to spur others on to worship Him as well?
 - Look at my actions, my attitudes, my priorities...All of life is to be worship!
 - What is our attitude when we come in to worship on Sunday morning?
- Thy kingdom come
 - Are we serving the advance of His kingdom?
 - But we need to see God’s kingdom in all of life as well
 - We should not pray for God’s kingdom to come if we will not participate in the work of it.
- Thy will be done
 - Advance of God’s kingdom on earth as well as in our hearts assumes a rise in obedience to God’s revealed will.
 - His kingdom advancing, my life being brought into obedience.

How does Christ fulfill each of these prayer requests in His life?