

Treasure Hunt

- What is one sign of the full arrival of God's kingdom?
- How did the disciples misunderstand the statement of our Lord, and of his cousin, that "the kingdom of heaven is at hand"?
- Who is the ultimate counter-example of "thy will be done"?
- What historical event will be undone when God answers the first three petitions "in earth, as ... in heaven"?
- What does the word "daily" mean?
- Explain why v. 11 does not conflict with the instruction of Matt 6:34.
- Explain why v. 11 does not discourage diligence and thrift.
- How does the behavior of the early church reflect the corporate nature of v. 11?
- What should be included in our prayer for "bread"?

Structure of the Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer, Matt 6:9-13

Opening description of God
Our Father, which art in heaven

Petitions for God's Glory

Hallowed be thy name
10 Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done

In earth, as it is in heaven

Petitions for Our Needs

11 Give us this day our daily bread
12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive
our debtors
13 And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from evil

Closing description of God
13c For thine is the kingdom, and
the power, and the glory, forever.

Thy kingdom come

What is “thy kingdom”?

Isa 2:2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, *that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established* in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. 3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for **out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.**

Isa 60:1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. 2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. 3 And **the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.** 14 The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, **The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.**

Misunderstanding of “the kingdom of God is at hand”:

Luk 19:11 And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear. 12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. ...

Act 1:6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? 7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

John’s echo of this prayer:

Rev 22:20 Even so, come, Lord Jesus

Thy Will be Done

God already does it:

Psa 135:6 Whatsoever the LORD pleased, *that* did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.

Dan 4:35 And all the inhabitants of the earth *are* reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and *among* the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?

The Antichrist:

Dan 11:36 And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.

Our choice:

Mat 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

The Implications:

Mat 26:42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

In earth, as it is in heaven

His name is hallowed:

Isa 6:3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, *is* the LORD of hosts: the whole earth *is* full of his glory.

Rev 4:8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about *him*; and *they were* full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

He rules over all:

2Ch 20:6 O LORD God of our fathers, *art* not thou God in heaven? and rulest *not* thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand *is there not* power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee? (Jehoshaphat)

Dan 4:17 the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.

His angels constantly do his will:

Psa 103:21 Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure. το θελημα αυτου

Our daily **επιουσιος** bread

A related word, **επιουσα**

Act 16:11 Therefore loosing from Troas, we came with a straight course to Samothracia, and **the next day** to Neapolis;

A conflict?

Mat 6:34 Take therefore no thought **μεριμνω** for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day *is* the evil thereof.

Mat 6:25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought **μεριμνω** for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink;

Mat 6:31 Therefore take no thought **μεριμνω**, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink?

Prayer is how to avoid worry:

1Pe 5:7 Casting all your care **μεριμνα** upon him; for he careth for you.

Phi 4:6 Be careful **μεριμνω** for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

An antecedent:

Pro 30:8 Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: 9 Lest I be full, and deny *thee*, and say, Who *is* the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God *in vain*.

No diligence?

Pro 6:6 Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: 7 Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, 8 Provideth her meat in the summer, *and* gathereth her food in the harvest.

Mat 6:19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Our daily bread

Early days in Jerusalem:

Act 4:32 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any *of them* that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. 33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. 34 Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, 35 And laid *them* down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

Act 6:1 And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations.

Help from Antioch:

Act 11:27 And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch. 28 And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar. 29 Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judaea: 30 Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

Paul's mission:

2 Corinthians 8, 9

Rom 15:25 But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints. 26 For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem.

Our daily bread

God's Word as food:

Mat 4:4 It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Job 23:12 Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the **words of his mouth more than my necessary food**.

Psa 19:10 More to be desired are **they** [God's judgments] than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than **honey and the honeycomb**.

Psa 119:103 How sweet are **thy words** unto my taste! yea, sweeter than **honey** to my mouth!

Jer 15:16 **Thy words were found, and I did eat them**; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.

1Pe 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the **sincere milk of the word**, that ye may grow thereby:

A sobering warning from Amos:

- Impatience with spiritual disciplines ...

Amo 8:4 Hear this, O ye that swallow up the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fail,
5 Saying, **When will the new moon be gone**, that we may sell corn? **and the sabbath**, that we may set forth wheat, making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit?

- ...leads to a famine of the Word of God

Amo 8:11 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send **a famine** in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but **of hearing the words** of the LORD: 12 And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find *it*.