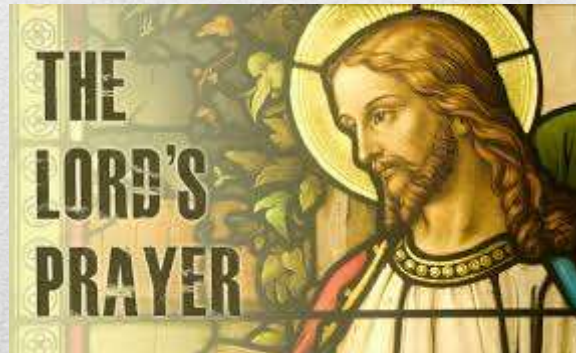


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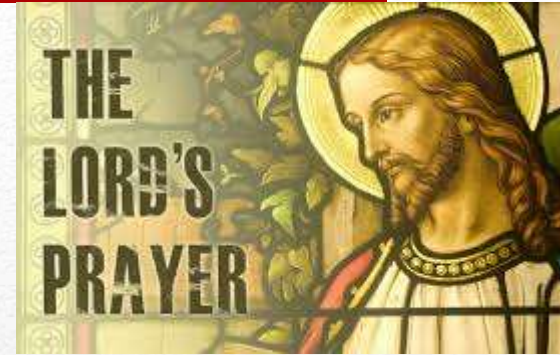


Lesson #1—"Our Father"

- **9 Οὕτως οὖν προσεύχεσθε ὑμεῖς·**
 - **Πάτερ ἡμῶν ὁ ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς·**
ἁγιασθήτω τὸ ὄνομά σου·
 - **10 ἐλθέτω ἡ βασιλεία σου·**
γενηθήτω τὸ θέλημά σου,
ὡς ἐν οὐρανῷ καὶ ἐπὶ γῆς·
 - **11 τὸν ἄρτον ἡμῶν τὸν ἐπιούσιον**
δὸς ἡμῖν σήμερον·
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- 12καὶ ἄφες ἡμῖν τὰ ὀφειλήματα ἡμῶν,
ὡς καὶ ἡμεῖς ἀφήκαμεν τοῖς ὀφειλέταις ἡμῶν·
 - 13καὶ μὴ εἰσενέγκης ἡμᾶς εἰς πειρασμόν,
ἀλλὰ ῥῦσαι ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ τοῦ πονηροῦ.
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Significance in Christian practice...

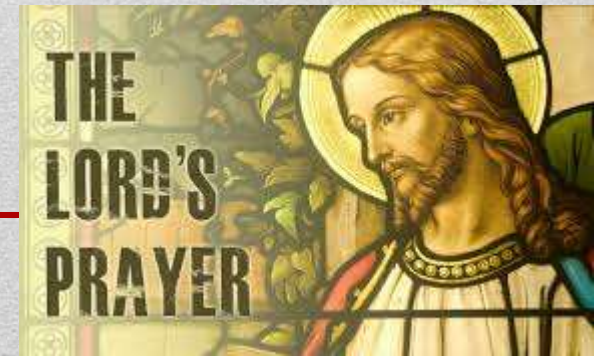


- Main Protestant liturgies
- Personal recitation
- Why important to study it

Introduction

- **Significance in Matthew's gospel**
- **Giving, praying, and fasting in the larger contextual setting**
- **Motivation--(be seen by men)**
- **Consequence: they have their reward**
- **“reward” in the teaching of Jesus**

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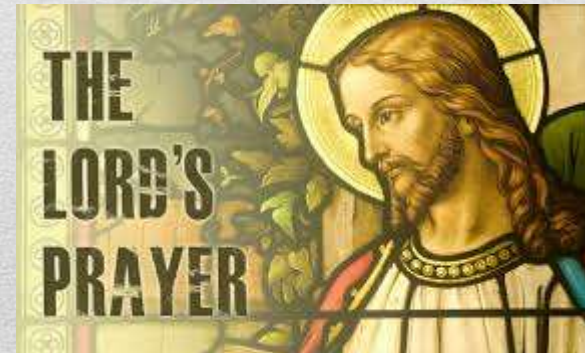


- **Contextual setting of the Lord's prayer, 6:5-8**
- **You will not be like the hypocrites**
- **Go into your room, shut the door**
- **Address your “Father” in secret**
- **Private prayer life rewarded
openly [between you and God]**

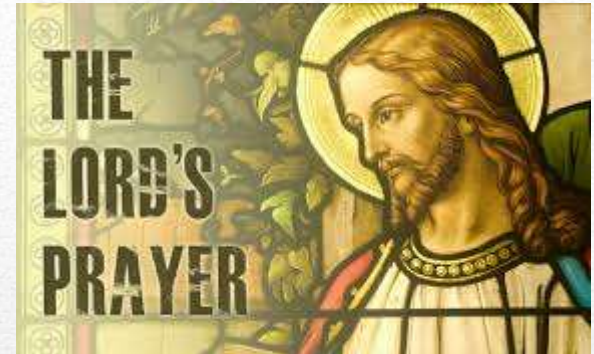
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- **Do not use vain repetitions**
- **God already knows what you need [implicit statement about prayer...prayer is more about aligning our will to the will of God, and asking for the grace to accept that]**
- **Teaching on forgiveness**

Introduction



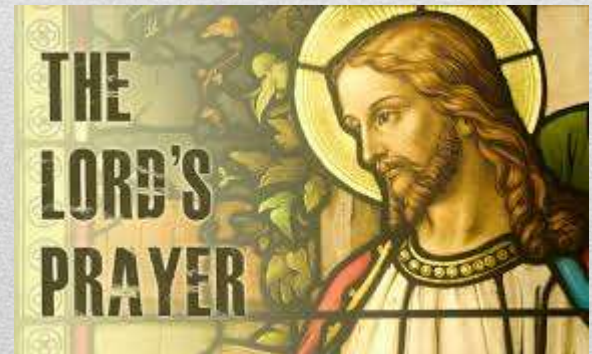
- **Therefore...**
- **Pray**
- **Like this, thusly, in this manner
(what is Jesus actually saying
here?)**



Therefore, pray like this...

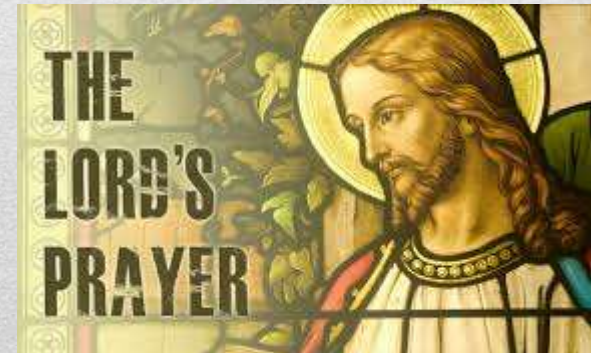
- 1 Person plural pronoun
- Language of community
- Matthew 1:23=Emmanuel is God with “us”
- “Our” in the rest of the Lord’s Prayer
- “Our” infirmities, and “our” weaknesses, 8:17

“Our”



- **Old Testament background**
- **ancient Palestinian Judaism**
- **“Father” in the Words of Jesus**

“Father”



- **Includes authority**
- **Includes submission and obedience**
- **Includes source of help in time of need**
- **Includes tenderness, mercy and forgiveness**
- **Includes closeness**

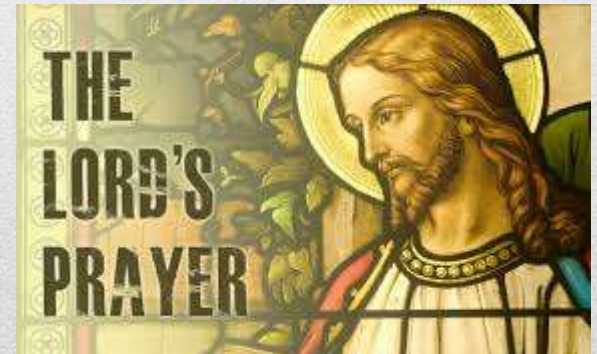
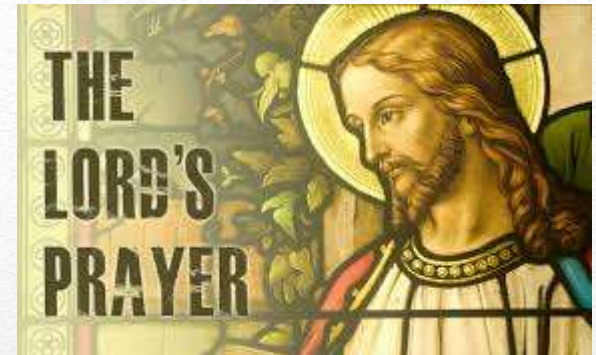


Image of father

- **God being in heaven/heavenlies**

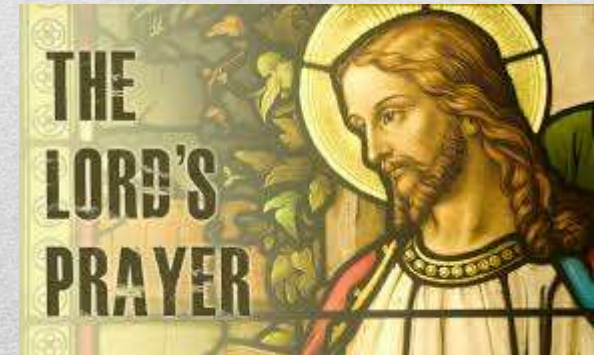


- **Why heaven is important**
- **The Otherness of God**

Who is in Heaven

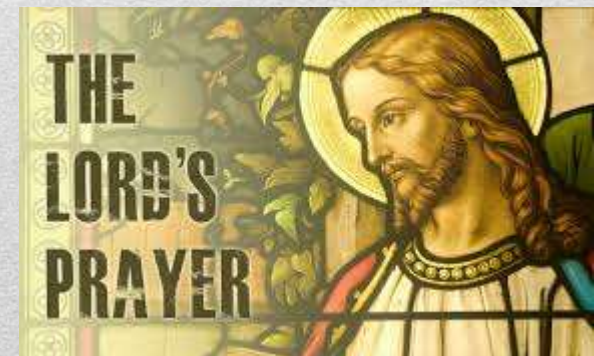
- **What are your earliest recollections of the Lord's Prayer?**
- **How has your understanding of the Lord's Prayer changed over the years?**

Questions



- **What events in your life brought you back to the Lord's prayer? Did you receive peace, comfort and stability from it?**
- **How has the Lord's Prayer helped you live a better Christian life?**

Questions



- **Do you think that reciting the Lord's prayer can provide a good basis for spontaneity?**
- **Is there a contradiction in addressing God as "our" Father during private prayer time?**
- **How does the Lord's prayer enhance my view of heaven?**

Questions

