

OUR FATHER
MATTHEW 6:9

1. The miracles of Jesus
 - a. Power over man
 - i. **Mark 1:17-18** "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed him.
 - b. Power over the spiritual world
 - i. **Mark 1:24-25** "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are--the Holy One of God!"²⁵ "Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!"
 - c. Power over the illness
 - i. **Mark 1:32-34** That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed.³³ The whole town gathered at the door,³⁴ and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.
 - d. Power over nature
 - i. **Mark 4:39-41** He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.⁴⁰ He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"⁴¹ They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"
2. What Jesus Taught.
 - a. When The Followers of Jesus seeing that He had great power with God, they ask Him to teach them to pray.
 - i. From this we can see that they had determined that one of the great differences between them and Jesus was His prayer life.
 - (1) What was this great difference?
 - ii. The first thing that he addressed was their attitude, we can see this in the Psalms of David
 - (1) "Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.
 - (2) **Mark 11:10** "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest!"
 - (3) **Luke 1:73** the oath he swore to our father Abraham:
 - iii. And the correction that Jesus tried to teach them.
 - (1) **Luke 3:8** Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to

- yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.
- iv. Where ever Jesus went He runs up against the same thing, the woman at the well.
 - (1) **John 4:12** Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?"
 - v. The prophet Isaiah sees a change in the people after they are driven from Jerusalem
 - (1) **Isaiah 63:16** But you are our Father, though Abraham does not know us or Israel acknowledge us; you, O LORD, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name.
 - (2) **Isaiah 64:8** Yet, O LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.
 - vi. The problem for the disciples and many believers today. That did not see that they had any direct connection with God the Father.
3. So the first thing, what is your relationship with God?
- a. **Matthew 6:9** "This, then, is how you should pray: " 'Our Father in heaven,
 - i. Father in Heaven.
 - (1) Jesus had been proclaiming that He was the Son of God.
 - (2) Now He was wanting the disciples to see themselves as children of the same God.
 - (a) But they would have also seen all the trouble that this had gotten Jesus into.
 - (b) Would they have quickly embrace this idea?
 - (3) Look at the first sermon of Peter in acts the second chapter
 - (a) No mention of Our Father
 - (4) Look at the first recorded prayer of Peter in Acts 4th chapter
 - (a) **Acts 4:24-25** When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. ²⁵You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: " 'Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?
 - (i) This is the prayer of a Jewish Man in the company of Jewish people.
 - (5) Peter the man that had such a hard time excepting that Jesus died for the gentile seems to have had a hard time excepting his true relationship with the Father. At least it was not one recorded in scripture.
 - (a) Peter in his actions in the Book of Acts and in his two letters shows his strong relationship and dependance on Jesus Christ, and on God, the Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
 - (b) So why is it so easy for us to do so? Or do we?
 - (6) Matthew, John, James and Paul in their writings all acknowledge God as Our Father.

- b. I find it very instructive that it is Paul that will give instructions in his writings on the gifts that come from the Father. The gifts that are to help the church be what it is meant to be. A witness of God on the earth today.
- 4. hallowed be your name,
 - a. In the Greek this says, may all I do bring Glory to Your Name.
 - i. Think what Jesus is saying to His followers, You See what I am doing, I am doing it to bring Glory to the Father.
 - ii. What are you doing with your lives?
- 5. He then says that they are to ask that the Kingdom of the Father Come.
 - a. your kingdom come.
 - i. What did Jesus say to those who ask about the Kingdom. He said that there are many at that time entering into the Kingdom.
 - (1) **Matthew 21:31** ".Jesus said to them, **"I tell you the truth, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you.**
 - (2) What did He tell the followers of John the Baptists to report to back to him
 - (a) **Matthew 11:4-6** Jesus replied, **"Go back and report to John what you hear and see:** ⁵The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. ⁶Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me." .
 - (b) The Kingdom of God had come.
- 6. Then He told his followers that they should ask that the Will of the Father be done.
 - a. **Luke 11:2-3** And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, **Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.**
 - i. The King James has it correct, They will be done as in heaven, so in earth.
 - (1) Man has such a hard time with God.
 - (a) Most will quote this and say, let thy will be done as in heaven, so on the earth
 - (i) But it does not say on the earth, it says in the earth.
 - 1) **Genesis 2:7** the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being
 - 2) So what we are asking the Father for FIRST, let thy will be done in me.
- 7. Then He tells the disciples how they will know the will of the Father.
 - a. ³Give us day by day our daily bread.
 - i. When did they have this daily bread?
 - (1) When they were in the wilderness and God fed them everyday.
 - ii. What did Jesus say about this daily feeding.
 - (1) **John 6:35** Then Jesus declared, **"I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will**

never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.

(2) **John 6:48** I am the bread of life. .

8. The heavenly Father wants a relationship with us.
 - a. It is not going to be easy, some of us found it hard to have a relationship with our earthly fathers who we could see as we talked with them. That it was easy to hear what they were saying to us.
9. But we must learn as the disciples learned, to have the Power of Jesus in our lives, it will require us to do as He did, have communication with the Father, have communication with our God.
10. It was that way with the Great Prophets of old.
 - a. **Daniel 9:4** I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed: "O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with all who love him and obey his commands,
 - b. **Daniel 9:17** "Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servant. For your sake, O Lord, look with favor on your desolate sanctuary.
 - i. Today we would say, Hear the prayers and petition of your servant. For your sake, O Lord, look with favor on your children who are sick and in a need of your healing power. Do it for your glory O Lord.
11. May we all Learn to pray.
12. Here is the Lords Prayer
 - a. **John 17:11-21** I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name--the name you gave me--so that they may be one as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. ¹³
"I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified. ²⁰
"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.
John 15:7-8 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. ⁸This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.