

## ***Lessons From the Sermon of Jesus on the Mountain Part 88***

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***“9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.” (Matthew 6:9 KJV) “After this manner therefore pray ye:”*** Here Jesus started to teach His disciples and to teach us today the manner that we need to follow to pray. ***It is not that we say this prayer literally as it is mentioned by Jesus; although we can do that, but the most important is to understand the meaning and to live and to apply the meaning of that in our lives and prayers.***

***“Our Father which art in heaven”***, Jesus is teaching us here to call God our Father. God became our Father when He sent His son to die on the cross for our sins to give us eternal life. Jesus came to show us God the Father as we read here, ***“18 No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.” (John 1:18 KJV)*** Jesus came from Heaven to declare to us God our Father, to declare to us His perfection and His holiness and to teach us how to be like God our Father in holiness and perfection. The gap between us and between God is big, but Jesus came to bridge this gap between us and between God, and we became children of God as we read here, ***“12 But as many as received him, to them gave the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:” (John 1:12 KJV)*** When we receive Christ we are sealed with the Spirit of God and this Holy Spirit is a deposit and down payment for our eternity as we read here, ***“13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.” (Ephesians 1:13-14 KJV)*** and this same Holy Spirit of God will come to us and live in us because already Jesus paid the price for our sins, and so the gap between us and God was bridged by the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. This Holy Spirit as we respond to Him, will start to bring changes in us and renew us to be indeed children of God.

***“Our Father which art in heaven”***, with this teaching of prayer Jesus showing us that God our Father and Heaven is just a prayer away. ***\* When we open our mouth and pray and call Our Father in Heaven, or Our Heavenly Father, then we are reaching Heaven, and at the same moment also we are realizing all the blessings and all the power and the privileges that we have in God our Father through faith in Jesus our Savior and Lord. \* Now with such understanding we are prompt to give glory to God and to magnify and adore His name and to go into worship and give Him the praise for all what He had done to us. We are called to give thanks to God for all the good things we received and we are receiving from Him. We are overflowing with His blessings.***

***“Hallowed be thy name.”*** God our Father is Holy and we need to hallow the name of our God, to sanctify the name of our God, and not to use the name of our God in vain as we read here, ***“11 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain: for***

***the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.” (Deuteronomy 5:11 KJV) \* As we hallow the name of our Lord, we are seized with the fear of God in front of His holiness. Isaiah when he saw the Lord he cried, “5 Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.” (Isaiah 6:5 KJV)*** Isaiah was seized with fear when he met the holy God. Simon Peter was seized with fear when he met Jesus in the miracle of catching the fish and he said to Jesus, ***“8 When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” (Luke 5:8 KJV)*** And here we are today when we pray ***“Hallowed be thy name”***, we should be seized with the fear of God in front of this holy Father, and be willing to be challenged to change our ways. Such a prayer it should humble us and put us back to our real size. ***When you say “Hallowed be thy name” you would remember your sins, your wrong doings and your mistakes, and your prayer will be your coming back to God in repentance.***

***“10 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.” (Matthew 6:10 KJV)***

***“Thy kingdom come”***: Believing in Christ and in following Him, we became part of the Kingdom of God. ***\* And now seeing the awesome power of God as we are praying and seeing He is holy, then we are seeing His Kingdom advancing, and all that make us desire and pray that others will be included in His Kingdom, and that others will believe in Jesus and to start to follow Christ. \* We ought to pray for other people around us to be with us in the Kingdom of God. We pray continually for our families, our relatives, our friends, our neighbors, our colleagues, and other people around us to receive Jesus as personal Lord and Savior, and become part of His kingdom.***

***“Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.” \* Here in this prayer that Jesus taught us gave us the understanding that we need to work out to do His will in our lives. No more when we pray we request God to do what we want and desire, but we request Him and pray that His will be done. \* In this prayer we are committing ourselves to fully obey His will, and that all our plans, desires are all submitted to His will. With such prayer we are praying that we are willing to change all our plans, ways and decisions that are in contradiction to the will of God. \* The will of God will prevail in Heaven and we pray that the will of God will be prevailed on earth. As we continue to pray in that direction the will of God will prevail on earth in spite of all the human, the flesh and the devil work.***

***“11 Give us this day our daily bread.” (Matthew 6:11 KJV) \* As we pray to God our Father we confirm our dependence on God to give us our daily needs of food, drinks, dress, other necessities. As we pray to God our Father we are assured that He will give us our all daily needs. \* Our daily needs is not only of food and other material needs, but above all the Word of God that gives us comfort, contentment and clear direction to how we manage our daily living. \* The Word of God is the written Word that we read in the Bible, and that is why we read our Bibles daily: the Rhema Word, is what the Holy Spirit hear from God the Father and brings to us: and the living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord, help us to know what to do in life and act in our daily walk, and service unto God from the life of Jesus.***

***“12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.” (Matthew 6:12 KJV)***

***“And forgive us our debts,”*** we learn here that we need to deal with our sins. We ought to live like Christ. We must maintain a holy life, living away from sin because Jesus has already cleansed us and forgiven us our transgressions. Sin separates us from God and God will not hear our prayers if we keep sin in our hearts. ***“18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me: 19 But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.” (Psalms 66:18, 19 KJV)*** When we pray, we confess our sins to God to be forgiven. ***“9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9 KJV)*** Prayer teaches us and disciplines us to repent from our sins. While we are praying we need to keep time to remember and to renounce our sins, one by one. We need to confess our sins one by one, because God wants us to be aware of them and the proof that we are aware of them is when we confess them to God.

***“as we forgive our debtors.”*** God also wants us to forgive those who sinned against us, as we are asking God to forgive us our sins. Jesus said, ***“25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.” (Mark 11:25 KJV)*** \* Forgiveness is very essential element in the Kingdom of God. We are part of the Kingdom of God because we are forgiven by the blood of Jesus that was shed on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. Therefore and based on that we are forgiven by the blood of Jesus, and God requires us to forgive others so they will be included in the Kingdom of God with us. \* If we refuse to forgive then we are rejecting the offer of God for our sins to be forgiven, but if we forgive men then God the Father when we pray He will forgive us our trespasses as we read here, ***“14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: 15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.” (Matthew 6:14-15 KJV)***

***“13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.” (Matthew 6:13 KJV)***

***“And lead us not into temptation,”*** temptation in life it could be either the trial that God would allow in our lives, and what we read about them in the book of James, ***“2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. 4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.” (James 1:2-4 KJV)*** And here when we pray, ***“And lead us not into temptation,”*** what we are praying for is that God will not allow trials that will prevail over us and allow the devil to prevail, but that He will deliver us from such trials and the evil that Satan and its demons desire to us, as we pray ***“but deliver us from evil:”***

***“And lead us not into temptation,”*** temptation also it could be temptation of the flesh that we are led by our sinful nature as we read here, ***“13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: 14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. 15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.” (James 1:13-15 KJV)*** when we pray ***“And lead us not into temptation,”*** is to lead us away from ways that will tempt us to do sin and to give us

discernment to see how Satan is leading us into wrong ways that finally Satan will work on our own lust and we fall into sin.

Certain times as we pray and we are in the presence of God, the Holy Spirit will show us clearly the temptations and the wrongs ways and the traps that we are not aware of that Satan had laid before us and that is what it means ***“but deliver us from evil:”***

***“For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.”*** \* In our prayers we put in the hand of God our Father our difficulties, our troubles and the temptations around us. We ask Him to protect us from the evil one, from the devil. In our prayers we ask God to help us not to go through unsafe ways and to guide us by His Word and by His Holy Spirit so that we will not sin against Him. \* As we are in prayer the assurance of victory will come to us and we are assured that we will prevail as the Kingdom of God will ultimately prevail, for all the power and glory is belong to God and He will enable us to have the victory over the enemy, over Satan, over sin, over the trials and difficulties as Jesus our Lord won and have the victory over Satan and the evil and the power of darkness on the cross. Jesus told His disciples and He is also encouraging us today with His Word, ***“33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33 KJV)***

Jesus not only taught His disciples about prayer, but as well as about fasting, ***“16 Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. 17 But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; 18 That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.” (Matthew 6:16-18 KJV)***

***“16 Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.” (Matthew 6:16 KJV)*** Here the Lord was addressing another privilege that was abused by the Jewish especially the Pharisees, who was calling them here hypocrites, because when they will fast, they will show sadness in their faces; was a showing off to let the people around them to be aware that they are fasting. Jesus said they will disfigure their faces, so intentionally they change their appearances, and show the effect of fasting on them, looking hungry, looking weak, looking pale and looking sad just to take the attention and the affection of the people that they are fasting. Jesus said about such that they have taken their reward in full. Because they want to impress men, then that is their reward only, the praises of men, but nothing from God the Father.

***“17 But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; 18 That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.” (Matthew 6:17-18 KJV)*** Here the Lord Jesus Christ is correcting His disciples and is correcting us today, by putting the principle of fasting. ***When you fast then you wash your face to be refreshed to look healthy and vibrant, and put ointment on your head, inviting the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of joy to be on you as we read here about Jesus how God anointed Him with gladness, “9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.” (Hebrews 1:9 KJV)*** The purpose of

doing that, that men will not notice that you are unwell or that you have a problem or you are in trial, but only to God who knows that you are fasting and the trials and the problems that you are passing through, and based on that He will reward you openly, deliver you and save you, and people will see that you are delivered from the trials and the troubles that you had passed through. The Jewish in their fasting, they were putting sackclothes on their bodies as a sign of humbleness and humility before God. That is not wrong to do, but the Pharisees were using that to show that they were fasting, with their faces disfigured, appealing to the mind of the simple people to praise them, as if in their fasting they were doing favor to God.

**My dear and beloved:** Prayer and fasting is part of our lives and Jesus teaches us today that we live our lives and we face trials and struggles through prayer and fasting. Let us come now to the Lord and commit ourselves to what we hear from God's Word and let us see what things we need to change in our lives and do to God and to others. Have you surrendered your will to God? Are you praying for others to come to God? Are you dependent on God for your daily needs? Are you willing to confess and to renounce all your sins unto God? Are you willing to forgive others as God forgave you? Are you asking God to help you in the trials that you are passing through and asking Him the strength and to give you the power to overcome? Are you willing to go through fasting in the way that Jesus taught us so that you are inviting God to fight the battle for you? Let us pray committing our lives and ourselves unto the Lord.

**My prayer:** *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word that teaches me about prayer and fasting.*

*Repent and renounce all your sins; the lust of the flesh, the non-forgiveness toward others, using the name of God in vain, doing your own will, lack of prayers, lack of praying to others to be saved, boasting, hypocrisy and showing off. Lord forgive me, I renounce the following sins \_\_\_\_\_ . Lord I humble myself before you, and I am willing to change this way in my life \_\_\_\_\_ .*

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*Lord I commit myself to pray and fast according to what I learned in this message. Lord deliver me from the following trial \_\_\_\_\_ and protect me from the following enemies \_\_\_\_\_ .*

*Lord thank you for my brethren and sisters who repented of their sins and committed themselves to live and practice what we had learned in this message. Lord protect them and provide for them, and help them to continue to live their lives for you and give them more of the fruit of the Holy Spirit, that people may see you through their lives.*

*Lord bless us as a church as we commit ourselves to live according to your Word and your will. Lord sustain us in our prayer and fasting and answer our prayers and reward us for our fasting. Lord refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts that we*

*need to go and evangelize and reach new people, and make new disciples and train more workers to plant new Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us, and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all in Jesus' name, Amen.*

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