

An Honest Thought

The Lord's Prayer (Part II)

Lesson 14

The Third Petition

The third petition is "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

What do you think this petition means for your life in the following areas:

A. Your Career _____

B. Where you live or go _____

C. The way you behave _____

The Bible tells us there are some very specific things we can know about God's will.

Read John 6:40.

What is God's will? _____

Read I Timothy 2:24.

What is God's will? _____

Read I Thessalonians 4:3.

What is God's will? _____

This petition requests that God's will be done on earth as it is in "heaven."

Do the angels in heaven do God's will all of the time? _____

God's will is done perfectly in heaven. We ask that it be done perfectly here on earth, also.

When we pray the 3rd petition, we are asking God to take all aspects of our lives into his hands.

What do we know about what God's will is in the every day decisions of our lives?

The Fourth Petition

The fourth petition is "Give us this day our daily bread."

What is daily bread? _____

Why do we ask God for daily bread? Read Psalm 145:15, 16.

Who gives us what we have? _____

Read Matthew 5:45. Does God provide for everyone including non believers? ____

When we pray this petition, what are we asking for besides "daily bread"?

Often people will bring up the point that God did not make the machines that produce the things we need and use. They do not see how it is that we should give credit to God for these things and thank Him for them. Consider the following question.

Who makes the seed grow and gives us the skills we need to produce the things we need?

There are two purposes for praying this petition.

A. We are _____ for what God has given us.

B. To remind us that _____ has given these things to us.

Why should we pray a table prayer before meals? _____

When Moses led the Israelites into the desert, the Lord provided food for them. He wanted them to trust Him for their sustenance. Read Exodus 16:13-20 to find out what happened when some of the people wanted to be greedy and have more than they needed.

Was there enough manna for everyone? _____

What happened to the extra manna some people tried to save? _____

Should we ask for more than we need to see us through the day? _____

Read Proverbs 30:8,9.

For what are we to ask? _____

What is the danger of having too much? _____

What is the danger of having too little? _____

Now read Matthew 6:28-33. What are we not supposed to worry about?

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

According to this passage, what should we seek? _____

What will then come our way? _____

The Fifth Petition

The fifth petition is "AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES, AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US."

What do we acknowledge about ourselves when we pray this petition? _____

This petition can be translated two different ways.

A. "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."

B. "Forgive us our trespasses, for we forgive those who trespass against us."

There is a difference in meaning in the two translations.

The first means that we ask God to forgive us when and if we forgive _____

Read Matthew 18:23-35. What is the point of this parable? _____

Matthew 7:2 says "...with what measure you measure, it will be measured to you again."
"Measure" here means the standard you use. With this in mind, rewrite Matthew 7:2 in your own words.

The second translation of this petition suggested above means that Christians will _____ others because we are a forgiving people and a forgiven people.

Read Ephesians 4:32. What are we to do? _____

Why are we to do this? _____

When Jesus told Peter to forgive seventy times seven (or an unlimited number of times), He meant it and proved the nature of that kind of forgiveness when He was on the cross.

Look up Luke 23:34. For whom did Jesus ask forgiveness? _____

Does God remember our sin once it has been forgiven? (See Isaiah 43:25) _____

How do we know that we have been forgiven? _____
