

Trinity Bible Church  
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 Lesson 37

## Dispensational Transitions

- I. From the Dispersion into Babylon to the close of the Old Testament
- II. Between the Testaments.
- III. The New Testament World.

10. The Sermon on the Mount.

Q. No Parading of Good Deeds. Matt 6:1-18

1. The Bottom Line. Matt 6:1
2. Example 1: Giving. Matt 6:2-4
3. Example 2: Prayer. Matt 6:5-15 (The Lord's Prayer)

Matt 6:9 = The Lord's Prayer-Sanctify the Father

L.T. = "Keep praying therefore in this manner, 'O Father of us, the *Father* in the heavens, let Your name be sanctified.

Summary:

1. Jesus speaks of "our" and not simply "My," so He is addressing Believers.
2. Our prayers should emulate the manner of this one, not the exact words.
3. If this were a formula, it would not work in English.
4. He calls believers to:
  - A. Recognize the Father as the source of life.
  - B. Acknowledge His transcendent nature.
  - C. Pray for others to set apart the Father in their life.
5. This means that whatever influence or authority given us should be used to promote these principles.

Principle #1: Focus on the unique nature of the Father.

Matt 6:10 = Submit to His Plan—Your Kingdom and Will be Done

L.T. = Let Your kingdom come. Let Your desire come into existence, as in heaven and upon earth.

Summary:

1. Believers are to invite those under their sphere of influence and authority to pray for the Father's kingdom to come.
2. Believers are to pray that God's desire be accomplished. Cf 1 Pet 2:4; 2 Pet 3:9
3. To fully know God's desire requires sacrifice. Rom 12:1-2
4. Fulfilling His desire in our lives is first a matter of the heart. Eph 6:5-6
5. God's desire is that we not waste time in this pursuit. Eph 5:15-21
6. Adjusting to His desires are essential to our prayers. 1 Jn 5:14
7. God's desire for us is to do right no matter the circumstances. 1 Pet 2:15
8. Believers are called to live His desires, no matter the earthly consequences. 1 Pet 4:1-2

Principle #2: Focus on the perfect desires of the Father. (PAPA)

Matt 6:11 = Ask for Provision for One Another

L.T. = Give us this day our daily bread.

Summary:

1. This prayer for daily sustenance is in the context of setting Him apart, pursuing His Kingdom and His desires.

2. This is an obvious reference to physical sustenance.
  3. The only figurative use of bread in the New Testament is of Christ's body. John 6:48-51
  4. Therefore this prayer is also a request for everyone to have a daily portion of the Living Bread. 1 Cor 10:16-17
  5. The Lord's Table is to corporately remind us. 1 Cor 11:23-24
- Principle #3: Ask for physical and spiritual sustenance.**

**Matt 6:12 = Prayer for Forgiveness**

L.T. = And take away our debts (from sin), in a similar manner as we ourselves also have forgiven those who owe a legal debt to us.

**Summary:**

1. This verse expresses true spiritual love for one another.
2. It doesn't just ask for God's mercy, but holds believers accountable to be fair and gracious in our personal lives.
3. Human "forgiveness" is to be patterned after divine "forgiveness."
4. A person who tries to work for their salvation faces an insurmountable debt to pay. Rom 4:4-5
5. In the spiritual realm, one debt is just as great as another. Luke 13:3-5
6. Our debt to the Father includes the penalty for sin, so we must ask Him to take it away. Matt 18:21-35
7. We "owe" the Lord to treat others like He has treated us and thus take the offer of forgiveness to everyone, even those who have wronged us. Rom 1:14-16
8. We owe the Holy Spirit, not our flesh. Rom 8:11-13
9. Ministry to other Believers requires a reciprocal relationship of forgiveness. Rom 15:27

**Principle #4: Ask for a gracious attitude.**

**Matt 6:13 = Prayer For Guidance**

L.T. = 'And may You not carry us into temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.'

**Summary:**

1. Whether a given circumstance is a test or temptation is often just a matter of perspective.
  - A. A temptation is an enticement to sin and/or evil.
  - B. A test is an enticement to good.
  - C. A temptation is always a test.
  - D. A test is always a temptation.
2. We are to pray that we do not succumb to temptation. Matt 26:40-41
3. There is no temptation that cannot be overcome. 1 Cor 10:13-14
4. The temptation to wealth is a root of all kinds of evil. 1 Tim 6:9-10
5. It is unwise to put God to the test through disobedience. Heb 3:8-9
6. Joy is the proper attitude to have when encountering various trials. James 1:2-4
7. We are invited to rejoice now over our future with God. 1 Pet 1:3-9
8. God permits testing so that we can learn to praise Him in the midst of any circumstance. 1 Pet 4:12-13
9. The Lord can rescue you from temptation. 2 Pet 2:7-9
10. God will keep His church from the greatest hour of testing that the earth will ever face. Rev 3:10-11

**Principle #5: Ask for victory in the battle.**