

Matthew 6:7-15

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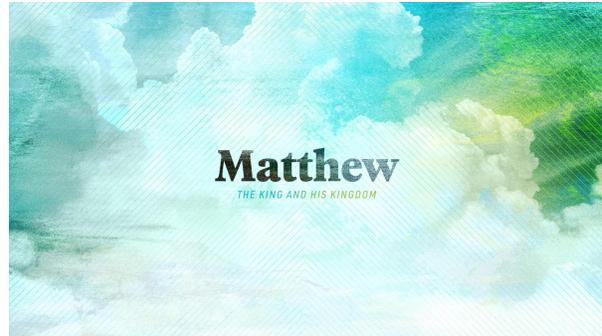
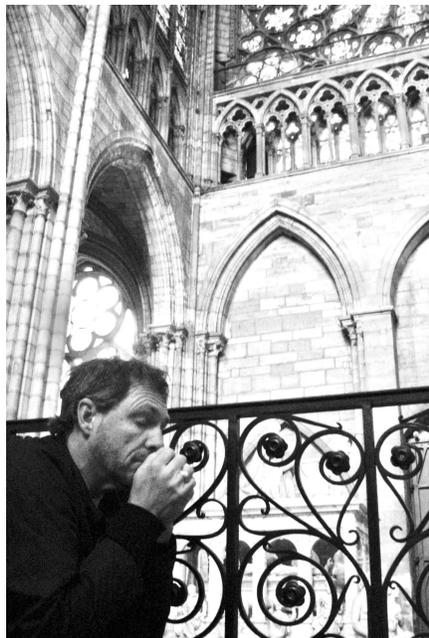
SERMON NOTES

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And do not lead us into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever.
Amen.



Matthew

The King and His Kingdom

Teach Us to Pray

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“Prayer is beyond any question the highest activity of the human soul. Man is at his greatest and highest when, upon his knees, he comes face-to-face with God.”

- D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *Studies in the Sermon on the Mount*





Our Father who art in heaven

“If you want to judge how well a person understands Christianity, find out how much he makes of the thought of being God’s child, and having God as his Father. If this is not the thought that prompts and controls his worship and prayers and his whole outlook on life, it means that he does not understand Christianity very well at all.”

- J.I. Packer, *Knowing God*

Hallowed be Thy name

“It is always wise, before we pray, to spend time deliberately recalling who He is. Only then shall we come to our loving Father in heaven with appropriate humility, devotion and confidence.”

- John Stott, *The Message of the Sermon on the Mount*

Thy kingdom come

Thy will be done

“All true prayer must be offered in full submission to God. After we have made our requests known to Him, our language should be, ‘Thy will be done.’ I would a thousand times rather that God’s will should be done than my own. I cannot see into the future as God can; therefore, it is a good deal better to let Him choose for me than to choose for myself.”

- D.L. Moody

For the present:

Give us this day our daily bread.

“Your Father knows what you need before you ask Him. He is neither ignorant, so that we need to instruct Him, nor hesitant, so that we need to persuade Him. He is our Father — a Father who loves His children and knows all about their needs.”

- John Stott, *The Message of the Sermon on the Mount*

For the past:

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

“A Christian will find it cheaper to pardon than to resent. Forgiveness saves the expense of anger, the cost of hatred, and the waste of spirit.”

- Hannah More

For the future:

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

“To clasp the hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world.”

- Karl Barth

Forever:

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen!

“We are seeing the necessary balance of two purposes of petitionary prayer — to put the world right (‘Thy kingdom come’) and to align our hearts with God (‘Thy will be done’).”

- Timothy Keller, *Prayer: Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God*