

Meeting with God - *“deliver us from evil”*

March 15, 2018

Matthew 6:9-13 NASB

9 "Pray, then, in this way..."

Follow this pattern whenever you go to God in prayer. One of the ways the Holy Spirit helps us to pray is through the model Jesus gave us and through Scriptures such as the Psalms.

Romans 8:26 NASB

26 In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words;

9 "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven..."

Pray with the confidence that God loves you as your Father. You can go to Him about anything, pouring your heart out to Him, withholding nothing from Him, and He will always welcome you, always love you, always care for you.

9 "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.'

Worship puts God in His rightful place in our heart and focus, and worship puts us, along with our desires, cares and problems, in our rightful place.

10 'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.'

Prayer is not to have our will accomplished. Prayer is surrendering absolutely and unconditionally to God accomplishing His will in us, even as it is in heaven.

11 'Give us this day our daily bread.'

Prayer exercises our faith in God alone to be our Provider and our Provision, in every area of life, both spiritual and temporal. We don't trust in man.

Prayer is spiritual warfare against some of our soul's greatest enemies: anxiety, worry and fear.

12 'and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.'

Whenever we come into God's presence through prayer, His holiness and purity will convict our hearts of our sinfulness, prompting godly sorrow and repentance.

Receiving from God forgiveness of sins is conditional upon us forgiving those who sin against us.

13 'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.]'

Matthew 6:13 NASB

13 'AND DO NOT LEAD US INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.'

- *Prayer is asking our sovereign Father to so order our steps, circumstances, and life events, that we would not be overwhelmed by evil or fall to temptation and sin.*
- *We know that our loving Father will chasten (discipline) His children to:*
 - *Purify us from sin*
 - *Develop our faith and character*
 - *Test our love*

Proverbs 30:7-9 ESV

7 **Two things I ask of you; deny them not to me before I die:**

8 **Remove far from me falsehood and lying; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me,**

9 **lest I be full and deny you and say, "Who is the LORD?" or lest I be poor and steal and profane the name of my God.**

Job 1:6-12 ESV

6 **Now there was a day when the sons of God [angels] came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.**

7 **The LORD said to Satan, "From where have you come?" Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it."**

- *"Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour." 1 Peter 5:8 ESV*

8 **And the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil?"**

- *How our heavenly Father rejoices over the godliness in our lives!*

9 **Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "Does Job fear God for no reason?**

10 **Have you not put a hedge around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.**

- *Satan is very vigilant to see not only the events and circumstances of our lives but also how God is working in our lives.*
- *Satan knows our strengths and weaknesses.*

11 **But stretch out your hand and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face."**

- *"...for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God." Revelation 12:10 ESV*
- *Satan is very diligent and active, always working to make his accusations against you come to pass.*

12 **And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your hand. Only against him do not stretch out your hand." So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.**

- *Our sovereign Father oversees, filters and limits the trials, satanic attacks, and events of our lives.*

1 Corinthians 10:12-13 NASB

12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.

13 No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

- *Our sovereign Father is faithful to oversee, filter and limit the trials and temptations in our lives so that they are never more than we can endure.*

Matthew 6:13 NASB

13 'AND DO NOT LEAD US INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.'

- *Protecting His children from all evil is the heart's desire of our heavenly Father.*
- *Our Father exposes us to temptation, sin, evil and destruction only as is:*
 - *necessary for our growth, testing and eternal good.*
 - *necessary in His plans and purposes.*

Psalm 91:1-16 ESV

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

3 For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.

4 He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

5 You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,

6 nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

7 A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

8 You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.

9 Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place-- the Most High, who is my refuge--

10 no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.

11 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

12 On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

13 You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

14 "Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name.

15 When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.

16 With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."