

## **I. Review SOTM**

A. Beatitudes - Jesus starts this Sermon by exhorting us to cultivate eight heart conditions that He carries. These are given as the purpose and context of the rest of the sermon. (Ex. 34:6-8; Mat. 11:29; 1 Cor. 2:6-16)

1. Poor In Spirit
2. Mourning for the Kingdom
3. Meekness
4. Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness
5. Merciful
6. Pure in Heart
7. Peacemakers
8. Enduring Persecution

B. “Encountering God” is when the Holy Spirit reveals truth about God to your spirit. In turn this truth must be understood or comprehended by you through the work of the Holy Spirit to the level that it moves and transforms your heart in love. 16:14-15, 17:20-26; 1 Cor. 2:9-14)

*If you position your heart God will release His presence – Mike*

## **II. The Lord’s Prayer**

A. The most well known passage in the entire bible. Overfamiliarity has caused us to lose site of the glories of this prayer. Each phrase could be a book in itself of the beauty and leadership of our Lord, and in its entirety is a roadmap from God Himself of how to position ourselves in prayer to encounter Him.

B. I like to break each phrase down one of two categories or postures.

1. Beholding Phrases – In these phrases Jesus is showing or revealing to us an aspect of Gods beauty that He wants us to focus upon and by the Holy Spirit give us more understanding unto love and fascination. (Jhn 17:24-26)
2. Declarative Intercession Phrases – In these phrases Jesus is showing us what He wants us to ask through intercession for Him to do in us and through us. (Jhn. 14:13-14)

Matt. 6:9-13 has a series of 6 imperatives. The Imperative mood suggests a command or directive, a declaration of truth or fact. In a real sense the best way to translate each imperative is to use the word “let” with the impression that you desire it to come about or happen as it is spoken. – Al Deboar

### C. Breakdown of the Lords Prayer

1. **Our Father in Heaven – Beholding Phrase** - The first thing that Jesus starts with is for us to meditate or focus upon the truth's and identity's of God as our father, and transcendent creator. He is intimate, caring, and personal, at the same time He is transcendent, supremely powerful, and ordains and rules creation.
  - a. The primary identity of God that Judaism focus's upon is His identity as transcendent creator. They worshiped from the place of trembling before the power and holiness of their G-d. Jesus tells the Jews of His day that He wants them to behold and know God as their personal Father. All of His actions flow from a Father's heart which longs for personal relationship and intimacy. He provides, protects, directs, and disciplines us with deep tenderness, and Fatherly affection. He is "our" father and we are to be tempered by the truth that we are a family in Him to Him, and for Him.
  - b. "In heaven" speaks of His identity as transcendent creator. He is the all powerful, all knowing, majestic and eternal king of the universe. This identity is upheld by the consistent use of the word "Holy" that is used to describe Him. The word Holy means totally set apart and other than. The identity of Gods transcendent beauty is where the theme of the fear or reverence of God comes into right understanding.

*"Jesus set the context of intimacy with God within His sovereignty and majesty. Some only see His heavenly glory, but do not see His nature as a Father with deep love. They depersonalize God, presenting Him as majestic, but distant, cold hearted, and even harsh. We will see much more of the truth of His fatherhood as we see glimpses of His transcendence. Others only see Him as a tender Father, without seeing His heavenly glory. They see a Father who is kind and personal but without trembling before His transcendence. They portray God as a familiar and fun-loving buddy. It is based on bad and shallow theology and little personal experience of God." – Mike Bickle*

2. **Hallowed be Your name – Declarative Intercession Phrase** – The name of God refers to His nature, character, and person. The word "hallowed"

means to render or acknowledge in order that proper respect and honor are given. Therefore God's name is hallowed when we respond and relate to His nature rightly.

- a. Jesus wants us press in as a lifestyle that God would increase our understanding of His name so that He would rightly receive the highest place in our heart and life so that our response and worship would be according to His majesty, beauty, and greatness.

**3. Let your Kingdom Come** – Declarative Intercession Phrase – Jesus made it clear in multiple instances that He wanted to bring a clear and powerful witness of the coming Kingdom of God during His life on the earth. Then He commissioned and gave power to His church to carry on that bold and powerful witness until He returned. (Mat. 24:14; Acts. 1:8)

- a. There is a growing and branch of eschatology that is emerging in our day called amillennialism. The basic idea of this doctrine is that the hope of the kingdom of God being established in the earth does not have the physical return and reign of Jesus at its center but rather the church through Jesus at its center. We believe this is a great error and is in direct contradiction to the entire biblical narrative of restoration and hope placed solely upon the Messiah. (Titus 2:11-15; Entire Book of Revelation)
- b. This declarative petition speaks of being kingdom minded and in our lifestyles and attitudes and seeing those values instituted within our spheres of because we want to give witness and build hope and longing for the return of Jesus to set up His kingdom in fullness

**4. Let your Will be Done On Earth as it is in Heaven** – Declarative Intercession Phrase – This petition reflects the understanding that God's will is carried out in heaven perfectly and without resistance, so too here on earth we want to see His will carried out perfectly and without resistance both in our own personal lives and in the earth in general. Our Father has a flawless and perfect will for us that He has ordained from eternity past. His will is always glorious, eternally minded, and reflective of His nature and character. (Lk. 22:42)

- a. Misunderstanding 1 (Replication) – There is a lot of popular teaching today that uses this verse to promote the theme of

replication. In other words Jesus is instructing us that God wants the way things are in heaven to be the way things are on earth. It is mostly used in the context of healing and deliverance. There is no sickness in heaven and so there should be no sickness on earth. There is no pain in heaven so there should be no pain on earth.

This a highly attractive teaching and stirs up a great amount of faith and zeal to see various aspects of the ways of heaven to be instituted here on earth. The problem is that its simply not biblical in its fullness. For example, there are no trails in heaven, but the scriptures tell us that Gods will for us is that we go through trials in this age in order to build our faith and love for Him. There is no persecution in heaven but Jesus told us to embrace persecution and told us we were blessed by Him to do so. There is no death in heaven but it was Gods will for Jesus to die so that we might live. There is no antichrist in heaven but it is Gods will at the end of the age to bring forth the antichrist here on the earth as a cyclist to bring forth a pure and spotless bride. (Phil. 1:29; Heb. 12:10-11; James 1:2-3; Rev. 17:17)

- b. Misunderstanding 2 (I want His will for me, so it will go well for me) – It is a very common thought today that if we are doing Gods will that there will be a great measure of ease, comfort, and/or success that accompanies it. It is all to common to use this metric when analyzing His will for your ministry assignment, business ventures, relocations, and relationships. People often say we they knew they were not in Gods will because of the difficulty or lack of success that they faced. Once again this very common thought is simply not biblical. Biblically, there are many difficulties we face are because we are in and doing Gods will. (Job; Life of Jesus (Isa. 53; Life of Paul (Acts. 9:15-16, 20:22-24)

- D. His will is glorious and wonderful and liberating. It is His will that we would heal the sick, set captives free, bind up the brokenhearted and bring good news to the lost. When we pray His will be done we are praying this. At the same time it is His will is to shake the us and the nations in order that what cannot be shaken remains. We pray His will be done. It is His will to pour out justice and righteous wrath against sin and darkness in flaming fire, inflicting His vengeance upon the ungodly. We pray His will be done. It is His will to use whatever means necessary to bring us to the deepest level of love and bring the greatest amount of Glory to Jesus through our lives as possible. We pray His will be done.

