

# Matthew 6:7-15

## “The Lord’s Prayer, Part 1”

### I. Structure of the section 6:1–18

When you “do righteousness” before God, consider your motives: (v. 1)

- A Sacrificing for the poor: almsgiving (acts of mercy) vv. 2-4
- B Seeking God’s grace: prayer vv. 5-6
- A<sup>1</sup> Sacrificing for the kingdom: fasting vv. 16-18

### Extended exposition of prayer vv. 7-15

- A The proper attitude toward God vv. 7, 8
  - B After this manner pray v. 9a
    - C Our Father, who art in heaven v. 9b
      - D Hollowed (separated) be thy name v. 9c
        - E Thy kingdom come v. 10a
          - F Thy will be done on earth v. 10b
            - G Give us today our daily bread v. 11
              - F<sup>1</sup> Forgive us our trespasses v. 12
                - E<sup>1</sup> Do not subject us to temptation v. 13a
                  - D<sup>1</sup> Deliver (separate) us from evil v. 13b
                    - C<sup>1</sup> For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever v. 13c
                      - B<sup>1</sup> Amen v. 13d
- A<sup>1</sup> The proper attitude toward our fellow man vv. 14, 15

### II. The center of the Lord’s Prayer – God’s provision (shift to first person plural)

Prayer for our daily sustenance from God

*See Prov 30:8 “feed me with food sufficient for my needs.”*

The petition for sustenance follows appeals for the establishment of God’s kingdom (vv. 9, 10). *See vv. 31-34 – “seek ye first, the kingdom of God . . .”*

Matthew emphasizes Jesus’ concern for the provision of his people

*See 6:25-26 and 31-34; 14:15-21; 15:32-38*

### III. The Eucharistic angle

The manna in the desert is called to mind – Ex 16:4-5, 16-26

Gathered daily – for the need of the day (*cf.* Pr 30:8)

Given to teach dependence upon God (*cf.* Ps 104:14-15)

Given to teach expectation of future provision Ex 16:19, 22-26

The Eucharist is an earnest of the blessings to come 26:26-29 (*cf.* I Cor 11:23-26)

We are given a taste of the eschatological benefit in the present!