

# Matthew 6:7-15

## “The Lord’s Prayer, Part 3”

### I. 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 Hallowed (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 focus on our needs – first person plural pronoun (See Mt 4:4)

Prayer for God’s forgiveness of past sins

“Debts” here is a metaphor for “offenses” generally (*cf.* vv. 14-15)

Consider the Aramaic word *hoba*.

Since this is a prayer directed to God, purely monetary debts are ruled out.

The conditional “as” – not regarding what we deserve, but our capacity to receive.

See Mt 18:23-35 – Only hypocrisy asks for what it is not willing to grant.

Prayer for God’s protection from future sin

Recognizing the near occasion of sin, we ask for protection from it.

This is a corollary of the previous petition. See Jn 8:11.

A final testing is in view here (*cf.* Mt 26:41)

Testing in itself is good (God often tests his people: Gen 22:1; Dt 8:2; Mt 4:1)

See Jas 1:2-4, 12; II Pet 2:9

God has promised to limit temptations – I Cor 10:12, 13

Prayer for holiness (mirrors the holiness of God’s name in v. 9)

“Deliver us from the evil one.”

The devil is the source of temptation (*cf.* 4:1; 13:19, 38), but indirectly.

See Heb 2:14-15.

This prayer is for deliverance from those who would bring temptation our way.

We are to pray that we will be separated from evil; that we will be holy.