

PRAYING THE LORD'S WAY

Intro. Mention of Lord's prayer evokes reaction & images

1. Xn comm said "Neither Jewish nor Xn. Most any kind of theist could pray it, the Xn with more comprehensn. True in sense of Jn 16:24.

2. Disp-"You mean disciples' prayer". Not for this age. True in Jn 17 and 16:24.

3. Ritualist-Recite it. True. Lk 11:1 asked for form. Didache said they prayed several x day.

4. Pfncipal purpose pattern. Look at pattern carefully maybe even recite, but not limited to it. Learn from it its chief function. Like passing out o&d exam. What learn?

I. Proper Address, 9. Our heavenly Father

A. This excludes. Addressing saints, angels, force, even general idea of God.

B. This requires a relationship. Gal. 3:26. Jn 1:12

C. Most of all this brings assurance. That He hears and will give (Lk 11:11-13). Gives the best (HS) but bec heavenly father gives wisest bec omni and lovng Address brings assurance.

II. Proper acknowledgments, 9c-10 Affects attitude

A. His holiness. Name stands for person, character, conduct (how He'll answer). Acknowledge that He should be held sacred. Affects attitude toward asking.

B. His glory. Kgdom come. Looks to earthly kgdom since that's what Jews expected. What means to pray this? Time of peace, ease, plenty. Yes, but time when JC is glorified as never before. Rev 11:17; Rev 19:2. Babylon destroyed by coming of kgdom. Most Xns don't want this to happen. Lord's coming interferes with plans.

C. His Will. What He wishes done in earth and in petitions I ask. These acknowledgments will produce a certain attitude in prayer of submission before petition.

iii. Proper Asking, 11-13.

A. Ask concn bread, 11. Daily means needful (otherwise repeditous). Basics not luxuries. Contentment is reached by moderating wants, not multiplying possessions. Address brings assurance; acknowledgmt brings attitude; asking brings awareness. Bread makes us aware of our dependence for basics and daily. Note too Our thruout prayer. In the very praying of it we are forced to think of others. When asking about daily needs think of those who have more needs than we do about bread.

B. Ask concn forgiveness, 12. Full family fellowship. We have forgiven others (acr) then ask God to forgive us. ~~Mark 11:25~~ Matt. 5:22; 18:21-22. Must be in fellowship with others in order to enjoy fellowship with God. Not agreement but no bitterness. ~~Mark 11:25~~ Lack of fellowship is a debt; forgive is the only way to discharge the debt.

C. Ask concn temptation. Jas 1:13. God controls all situations ATR says this is a permissive impv. Do not permit us to be brot into temptatn. Realize danger of situations so ask God to control. Rom 13:14. Deliver from evil one if get into situation where test comes. Evil and evil one both. Asking should bring awareness of dependence, debts, danger.

Concl. Ascription of praise, 13. Explanation or reemphasis of point most difficult to apply-- 14-15. Let this affect your prayer life. Is God's glory and will top priority? Are your petitions concerned with dependence, relatin with others, walk with Lord in victory over tests? However, even if know all this, praying requires doing. Do you pray? Couples together, families, alone.