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I. INTRODUCTION

- a. In the midst of Jesus teaching on Hypocrisy, He gives instruction on how to pray.
- b. "In this manner, therefore, pray:"
- c. Any serious study on how to pray should therefore include and have at its center a study of the Lord's Prayer.
- d. Read Prayer.
- e. Take it verse by verse, phrase by phrase.

II. OUR FATHER

- a. Jesus did not say, Our Creator, Our God, Our Master, Our Judge, Our Ruler, Our Friend.
- b. Jesus said Our Father. Relationship, God desires a relationship with His children.
 - i. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. 11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not. 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: John 1:10 -12 (KJV)
 - ii. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. 15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: Romans 8:14-16 (KJV)
- c. Is Everyone a Child of God?
 - i. John 6:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and

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abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

III. WHICH ART IN HEAVEN

- **a.** God created this world, but He is not Of this world. There is an unseen world.
- **b.** Paul tells us he was taken up into what he called the 3rd Heaven.
 - i. 1st Heaven we see by day
 - ii. 2nd Heaven we see by night
 - iii. 3rd Heaven we see by faith
 - 1. "There's a land that is fairer than day, and by faith we can see it afar, for the Father waits over the way, to prepare us a dwelling place there."
- **c.** Reminded that this earth is passing away and the lusts thereof, but he that does the will of God abideth forever.

IV. HALLOWED BE THY NAME

- **a.** 1ST of 7 requests in the Lord's Prayer.
 - i. 1st Three have to do with God
 - ii. Last 4 have to with man.
- **b.** Worship is part of Prayer. Prayer begins with worship and adoration of God's name.
- c. Origin of our name.
 - *i.* We are named by our parents.
 - ii. Often named after an ancestor.
- **d.** Who named God?
- e. "I AM"

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V. THY KINGDOM COME

- a. God has a Kingdom.
- b. Absolute Ruler of His Kingdom
- c. Commanded to seek the Kingdom
 - i. Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
- d. How do we become a part of God's Kingdom?
 - *i.* By the New Birth:
 - 1. John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.
- e. God's Kingdom does not exist fully in the present on this earth.
 - *i.* We are praying and seeking and working for God's Kingdom to come on this earth.

VI. THY WILL BE DONE, ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

- a. God has a Kingdom, God has a will.
- b. We pray and desire and work and seek for God's will to be done on this earth just as it is in Heaven
 - *i.* God's will is done perfectly in Heaven we pray for it to be done perfectly on earth.

VII. GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD.

- a. 1ST 3 requests are about God "THY" Petitions
- b. Last 4 requests are "US" petitions
- c. 1st is for our physical needs
 - i. 19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Phil 4:19 (NKJV)

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- d. We should prepare and provide and plan for the meeting of our needs, but not worry about our needs.
 - i. 25 The ants are a people not strong, Yet they prepare their food in the summer; Prov 30:25 (NKJV)
 - ii. 6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Phil 4:6-7 (NKJV)

VIII. FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS

- a. Last 3 "us" requests are for our Spiritual needs
- b. Sin, It is real and we are sinners
- c. Prayer for forgiveness.
 - i. 1 John 1:9, God promises forgiveness, "If we confess our sins,
 He is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from
 all unrighteousness.
- d. Condition for forgiveness
 - i. As we forgive those who trespass against us
 - *ii.* Only part of the Lord's Prayer that Jesus gives a fuller explanation of after he gives the Prayer.

IX. <u>LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION</u>

- a. Five facts about temptation
 - i. God allows His children to be tempted
 - 1. God does not tempt us
 - 2. ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. ¹⁴ But each one is tempted when

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he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. James 1:13-14 (NKJV)

3. We are praying not to be led into a place where we will be prone to sin, because as a child of God, we know what sin will do to us, those around us, and our Heavenly Father.

ii. God's children can fall

1. An unguarded strength is a double weakness. See scripture below; 1 Cor 10:12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall...

iii. God expects His children to overcome temptation

1. ²⁴ Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, ²⁵ To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen. Jude 1:24-25 (NKJV)

iv. The Lord's prayer can help you overcome temptation

1. ⁴¹ "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Matt 26:41 (NKJV)

v. There is a life of victory

1. ¹² Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it. 1 Cor 10:12-13 (NKJV)

X. DELIVER US FROM THE EVIL ONE

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- a. 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. 1 Peter 5:8-9 (NKJV)
- b. 7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. James 4:7 (NKJV)

XI. THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY FOREVER AMEN

- a. Kingdom (Authority)
- b. Power (Ability)
- c. Glory (Awesomeness)
- d. Forever (Always)
- e. Amen