
Sermon Notes

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First Congregational Church of Pomfret

Pray Like This:
Submitting to the Father's Authority
1 Chronicles 29:10-13

Alignment

- ❖ When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we align ourselves with things God promises us in His Word
 - God's name **WILL** be hallowed
 - God's kingdom **WILL** come
 - God's will **WILL** be done
 - God **WILL** supply all we need to sustain our lives physically
 - God **WILL** forgive our sins if we ask
 - God **WILL NOT** lead us into sin
- ❖ The Lord's Prayer is a prayer of humility, a prayer of humble dependence on the LORD

- ❖ This humble dependence is most evident in the prayer's concluding words: *For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*
 - a powerful confession of our rock-solid confidence and faith in the One who has overcome the world
 - because of what Jesus has accomplished, we know that Satan is a defeated foe

Doxology

- ❖ The doxology at the end of the Lord's Prayer was probably added by the early church
 - these words are a final expression of praise to God and a testimony of His triumph
 - doxology = an act of praise to God for His glory
 - this doxology comes from 1 Chronicles 29:11
- ❖ Although these words are not part of Matthew's Gospel, it is not wrong to recite the Lord's Prayer with this concluding doxology and benefit from a tradition that the church has practiced since its earliest days
 - an appropriate response to the saving purposes of God
 - the Lord's Prayer expresses the glory of God AND the gospel of grace
 - how could we not respond to all these truths with praise and worship?

Kingdom... Power... Glory

- ❖ *For Yours is the kingdom....* reaches back to the beginning of the prayer where we pray *Your kingdom come*
 - praying for God's kingdom work on earth today
 - praying for the coming of God's kingdom in its final form when Jesus returns to reign
- ❖ *Yours is the power*
 - to supply what we need: daily bread, forgiveness of sins, and deliverance from evil
 - to be King, Savior, Provider, Deliverer
- ❖ *Yours is the glory*
 - God is our Father in heaven
 - God is worshiped in heaven
 - God's name is glorified on earth

Personal Reflection

1. The Lord's Prayer is a prayer of humble dependence on the LORD. Pray thoughtfully and carefully through each portion of the prayer thinking of the way each line or petition expresses your humility and dependence on God.
2. Set aside a time during which you can be still and alone with God. Using the Lord's Prayer as an outline, let each part of the prayer serve as a springboard as it leads you into a deep, rich time of praise and worship to God for all the blessings and benefits God communicates to you through these words:
 - Our Father
 - who is in heaven
 - hallowed be Your name.
 - Your kingdom come,
 - Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
 - Give us each day our daily bread
 - Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
 - And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil (or, the evil one).
 - For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen!