

Heaven

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Our Father **which art in heaven,** Hallowed be thy name. 10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

- Today as a church we grieve the loss of our sister. As we have loss her and also hurt for her family we must know that the Lord Jesus understands and hurts with us

Isaiah 53:3 He is despised and rejected of men; A **man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief:**

And we hid as it were *our* faces from him; He was despised, and we esteemed him not.

- As believers we trust that God knows what is best for us

Romans 8:28 And we know that **all things work together for good to them** that love God, to

them who are the called according to *his* purpose. ²⁹ For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be conformed to the image of his Son*, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

- As believers we accept what the Word of God says by faith. We do not have to understand
- As we get older it is not over it is really just about to start
- Imagine with me being in the Garden of Eden. All perfectly made, no sin, no strain, no inferiority complexes, transparency without being embarrassed.
- Imagine have a completely open relationship with God where you talked face to face
- Imagine all your needs met, productive, satisfying work, and life with real meaning because that is what you were created for
- That is not imagination really, That is what He had for us and has for us again
- Learn some lessons from the model prayer with me today

1. Heaven is where God is **6:9** After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father **which art in heaven,** Hallowed be thy name.

a. The Old Testament saints knew heaven as His habitation **Deuteronomy 26:15** Look down from **thy holy habitation, from heaven,** and bless thy people Israel, and the land which thou hast given us, as thou swarest unto our fathers, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

b. The chief joy of the believer on getting to heaven is God Himself **Psalm 73:25** **Whom have I in heaven but thee?** *And there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.*

i. We love each other and the great pleasures but most of all the heart of the believer hungers for the God of Heaven

ii. He, God, is the secret of our joy, our happiness.

iii. He is the giver of all the gifts that we have received **James 1:17** Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of

lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

- iv. That means everything good thing you enjoy on this planet comes from Him
- c. The real heart desire of a Christian is to know the Lord Jesus Christ intimately [Philippians 3:8](#) Yea doubtless, and I count all things *but* loss for **the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord:** for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them *but* dung, that I may win Christ, [9](#) And **be found in him,** not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: [10](#) **That I may know him,** and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; [11](#) If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.
- i. We want to know Him because He rescued us, saved us from our sins

- ii. He saved us from ourselves
- iii. He has brought the only real happiness into our lives
- d. We love Jesus more than we love anyone else
Matthew 10:37 He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.
- e. We are hungry to be in the presence of God
Psalm 42:1 As the hart panteth after the water brooks
So panteth my soul after thee, O God. **2** My **soul thirsteth for God,** for the living God: When shall I come and appear before God?
- f. There are great pleasures in His presence **Psalm 16:11**
Thou wilt shew me the path of life: In thy presence *is*
fulness of joy; At thy right hand *there are*
pleasures for evermore.
- g. Our death is precious in His sight because we are being freed from a corrupt earth, sin, pain, death, the grave and being far from His personal presence **Psalm 116:15**
Precious in the sight of the Lord *Is* the death of his saints.

h. Take comfort that the death of a born again person is just moving from one place to the other. It is just going through the door **II Corinthians 5:6** *Therefore we are always **confident,** knowing that, whilst we are at home **in the body, we are absent from the Lord:** ⁷ (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)* ⁸ We are **confident,** *I say,* and willing rather to be **absent from the body,** and to be **present with the Lord.**

2. Heaven is where God's will is done **10** *Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, **as it is in heaven.***

a. Earth has been full of men rebelling against God and going their own way **Isaiah 53:6** *All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned every one to his own way; And the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

- b. God never wanted men to die. We were created to live.'
- c. God allowed man to choose-the tree of life or the tree of the knowledge of good and evil
 - i. Adam and Eve could believe God and what He said
 - ii. Or they could believe Satan who told them that God was being deceptive
 - iii. They chose to do their own thing, make their own decisions, and ignore what God had said
- d. Death entered because of sin and rebellion

Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

- e. In Heaven as God does His will He has chosen things that are beyond awesome for us
 - i. He has prepared more for us than we could ever understand **Ephesians 3:19** And to know the love of Christ, which **passeth knowledge**, that ye might be **filled with all the fulness of God**. **20** Now unto him that is able to do **exceeding abundantly above all that**

we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

ii. He wants to be with us **John 14:1** Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. **2** In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also. **4** And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

iii. He has prepared pleasures for us **Psalm 16:11** Thou wilt shew me the path of life: In thy presence *is fulness of joy;* At thy right hand *there are pleasures for evermore.*

iv. He will make a new Heaven and a new Earth for us. We will enjoy His creation and all that He has done for us while in His presence

v. We will be like Him **I John 3:1** Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should **be called the sons of God:**

therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. ² Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, **we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.** ³

And every man that hath this hope in him **purifieth himself,** even as he is pure.

f. He gets rid of so many things [Revelation 21:4](#) And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be **no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying,** neither shall there be any more **pain:** for the former things are passed away. ⁵ And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, **I make all things** new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

g. On earth God has allowed us to make bad decisions. God has allowed the earth to suffer as a result of our sins. In Heaven His will will be done!

h. Obeying God and being in His presence is extremely inviting to Paul [Philippians 1:21](#) For to me to live *is* Christ, and to **die is gain.** [22](#) But if I live in the flesh, this *is* the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not. [23](#) For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a **desire to depart,** and to **be with Christ;** which is **far better:**

3. Heaven belongs to God [13](#) And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For **thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.** Amen.

a. We were created for His pleasure [Revelation 4:11](#) Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast **created all things,** and **for thy pleasure they are and were created.** [Colossians 1:16](#) For by him were **all things created,** that are in heaven,

and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: **all things were created by him, and for him:**

- b. He purchased us [I Corinthians 6:20](#) For **ye are bought with a price:** therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.
- c. Everything is about Him.
 - i. He is our life, our everything
 - ii. He is the source of our joy and happiness
- d. Anytime you are trying to find happiness it is because you do not understand where it is found
- e. You try to have fun, live, get what can only be found in Him and what He has for you
- f. In this prayer we are recognizing that it really is all Him [13](#) **And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.**
Amen.

g. The beauty of the [Song of Solomon 2:16](#) explains that to us **My beloved is mine, and I am his:** He feedeth among the lilies.

- God created you for life.
- He hates our horrible enemy death
- He has defeated death and Hell
- He has victory over them and that victory is ours

[Revelation 1:18](#) **I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.**

- He has prepared a place for you if you are His and if you are not today you can be