

## HIS PRAYER HAS BEEN ANSWERED

*Mat 6:9 In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.*

*Mat 6:10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.*

*Mat 6:11 Give us this day our daily bread.*

*Mat 6:12 And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.*

*Mat 6:13 And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

This is the most famous prayer of Jesus. It is repeated by Christians throughout the world. Although it is a very beautiful prayer, many do not realize that this prayer has been answered. Once a prayer has been answered, it need not be prayed again! Jesus taught his disciples this prayer or more accurately this “manner of prayer” during His earthly ministry. This manner of praying belonged to a different dispensation. What dispensation were Jesus and the disciples in when this prayer was taught? It was the dispensation of the Law. Jesus ministry was to usher in a new dispensation. This dispensation is the age of grace where all is given and done by the Father for His children. This is a prayer for the kingdom of God **to come**. The kingdom of God is where God rules and is the chief focus. Under the dispensation of Law man is the chief focus. The Law is focused on man and His performance. The kingdom of God is focused on God and His performance. We no longer are to pray this “manner of prayer”. What manner of prayer? The manner of prayer which is asking for His kingdom **to come**. **His kingdom is here!** The kingdom of God is within you! Many do not realize this prayer of Jesus has been answered. His kingdom has come! His will is being done in the Earth by those believing. He has provided all our daily needs. God has all ready given to us ALL that pertains to LIFE and GODLINESS, through the knowledge of Jesus Christ. [2 Pet. 1:3] If you will gain the knowledge of what Jesus has purchased for you then you will realize all has been given and you can enjoy His fullness! All of your sins have been forgiven. [Eph. 1:7] We forgive EVEN AS WE HAVE BEEN forgiven. [Eph. 4:32] God has delivered us from the Evil One. [Col 1:13] He has been placed under the feet of the church. If you are the toe in the body

of Christ you are far above the Devil. Praying in the manner of the Old Testament will not produce results for you. We must pray in the manner of the New Testament. Old Testament manner of prayer is focused on "come". New Testament prayer is focused on "done".

I want to look at another aspect of this prayer. Jesus uses the word "Father". The kingdom of God is ruled by a Father. This was foreign to the disciples. He was known as GOD or JEHOVAH. Jesus introduces the new concept of a Father in heaven to the disciples. At the time of this prayer He was not yet their Father. However, after Jesus rose from the dead He said that he was going to His Father and **your Father**. The kingdom of God is ruled by your Father. This prayer has been answered by your Father. Your Father sits **in heaven**. There is none higher than your very own Father who loves you. Nothing or no one coming against you is higher than your Father. Stop and think about that for a moment. Your Father is **hallowed** [holy]. He has holy offspring. You were born again holy and in holiness. A renewed mind to this will produce holy living. It is your Father that provides for you your **daily needs [bread]**. No child with a loving Father has to keep asking for their food every day. A loving Father gives constant care and concern for His child. Your Father has provided all you need. Thank Him today for it. The Judge of the Universe which punishes sin is also your very own Father. He has chosen to punish His own Son in your place and **forgive your sins**. He has declared you innocent and right. You are forgiven and you know full well you do not deserve it. How can you withhold forgiveness from another or make them pay for their sin? It is our Father that **leads us away from temptation**. Every Father desires to keep their child from harm. Your Father will lead you away from temptation, not into it. It is fearful sometimes to see what the Devil is doing in the Earth, but we must keep in mind that our Father whipped the snot out of that fellow 2000 years ago by what Jesus did. He has **delivered us from the Evil One**. Your Father is sitting with watchful eye to enforce the Devil's defeat if you stand on the victory ground. The **kingdom** belongs to your Father and He has given it to you. All of it! You are His heir in Jesus Christ! Your Father has all the **power**. He has given it to you. You are His heir in Jesus Christ! Your Father has all the **glory**. He has given it to you. You are his heir in Jesus Christ! Now it is up to you to say **AMEN**- So Be It!!