

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Matthew 6:11–15: The Lord's Prayer: Our Petitions

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Understanding the Text

1. In Matthew 6:11, Jesus commands us to pray for our "daily bread." What is the fundamental difference between how the unbelieving world views physical provision and how the Christian views it?
2. The sermon emphasized that bread represents our daily *needs*, not our daily *greeds*. How do we reconcile the command to pray for our daily provision with the biblical commands to work for it (referencing 2 Thess. 3:10 and Psalm 90)?
3. Jesus uses the commercial term "debts" in Matthew 6:12 rather than just "sins". How does Colossians 2:13–14 help us understand the infinite magnitude of this debt, and how does the Gospel assure us that we can approach God as a forgiving Father rather than a strict Judge?
4. Matthew 6:14–15 attaches a severe warning to our prayer for forgiveness. Using a proper Law/Gospel distinction, how does the sermon explain the relationship between our salvation and our forgiveness of others? (Is our forgiveness of others the *root* of our salvation, or the *fruit* of it?)
5. According to James 1:13, God does not tempt anyone with evil. What are we actually acknowledging about ourselves, and what are we asking God to do, when we pray, "Do not lead us into temptation"? How does 1 Corinthians 10:13 provide comfort in this petition?

Personal Reflection & Application

1. Where in your life are you most prone to maintaining the "illusion of self-sufficiency" rather than trusting God for your daily needs?
2. Thomas Cranmer was known for his grace-saturated heart, proving he understood the magnitude of his forgiven debt. Are you currently harboring bitterness or holding onto a grudge against anyone? How does remembering the cross challenge your reluctance to forgive?
3. John Owen famously said, "Be killing sin, or it will be killing you." Praying for deliverance from evil requires that we also flee from temptation. What "supply lines" of the enemy do you need to actively cut off in your life right now?
4. We learned that God is the sovereign filter of our trials, always providing a "way of escape" (1 Cor. 10:13). Can you recall a recent time when God faithfully provided a way out of temptation? Did you take it, and how does this change the way you pray when you feel weak?