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A New Life in Jesus (The Principles of Salvation)
Ezekiel 36:26

Introduction:
A. The passage before us contains a profound truth of the O. T. and one of the richest truths in the N.T.
B. Hearts are wrong, foul, and diseased.
C. Men have false ideas, corrupt desires and affections and, evil imaginations.
D. The grace promised her has been given in all ages to those who truly repented and sought it.
E. Here we are able to see more clearly the eternal significance of this grace.
F. Let us consider carefully the lesson before us.

I. Consider Carefully the Condition of the Human Heart.
A. It is hard. It does not respond to the call of God.
B. It is cold. It does not respond to the influence of God.
C. It is dead. Eph 2:1 dead in trespasses and sin.
D. It is unnatural. It has no feelings of love or compassion. Here is the seat of disease and here, then, the cure must begin.

II. Consider Carefully the Cure For the Human Heart.
A. Sin is a heart disease and salvation is the heart cure.
B. Jesus taught that His blood was shed for the remission of sin. Matt 26:28
C. If we confess our sins he will forgive our sins. I John 1:9
D. He that hears and believes will be saved.

III. Consider Carefully the Change In the Human Heart.
A. God gives a new heart. Ye must be born again. John 3:3
   1. There is no cure for the old heart.
B. It is a heart of flesh (Human).
   (1) Tender
   (2) Sympathetic readily answers the call of God.
   (3) Living
C. It is a clean heart.
   (1) Indwelt by the Holy Spirit.
   (2) Joy of communion is real Gal 5:22
D. It is a sustained heart. I will never leave nor forsake you.

Conclusion:
A. Take advantage of God’s offer.
B. Seek Him and you will find Him.
C. Confess your sin and He will forgive.

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"LET US PRAY"
Luke 11:1
Part 1

INTRO. - Scriptures vv.1-13
One of the greatest of all the privileges of God's child is the privilege of Prayer. It is an effective tool of the "righteous man". James 5:16-18, readily available to all. One does not have to be a specially called "Prophet" or preacher to be able to utilize it. A study of this important Truth and Privilege is calculated to be of benefit...

I. WHAT PRAYER IS NOT

A. It is not Bribing God: "You do this for me, and I will do thus - and- so"
B. It is not a painless cure-all involving no commitment or effort on our part.
C. It is not an unlimited indulgence for fleshly desires and lusts, James 4:3
D. It is not meaningless repetition of stereo-typed words or phrases see Matt 6: 5-8

II. WHAT PRAYER IS

A. Asking
   1. Asking in faith, "believing,
      Matt 21:22
2. Unbelief, lack of faith, hinders prayer and service, Matt 17:14-21
3. The Source of Faith, Rom. 10:17
4. Ask in submission to God’s will.

We need to make God’s will our will: then, we can be assured of receiving our petitions, John 15:7, 16; this is a source of confidence, I John 5:14, 15. See Paul’s own prayer, II Cor. 12:7-9

B. Seeking
1. This implies action, as Elijah on Mt. Carmel, I Kings 18:33, 34.
2. This affirms persistence, Luke 18:1-7; Gen 32:24-31

C. Knocking
1. This denotes what man is unable to do for himself, in his own strength, see Rom. 8:26
2. This is our final step of faith: to commit our all into the hand of God and to leave it all up to Him, Esther 4:16, 17

III. ASSURANCE AND BLESSING OF PRAYER
Luke 11:10
A. The one Asking, receives.
B. The one Seeking, finds
C. The one knocking, to him it shall be opened.
D. Holy boldness, to come before God as a son to a loving Father, Heb. 4:15

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Part 2

INTRO. -- Scriptures vv. 1-13
This lesson deals with the importance of Prayer, in all ages. It places emphasis upon our need to know how to pray, and the response to the disciples’ request of Jesus to teach them how to pray...

I. THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER

A. OT Saints and Prophets practiced it...
1. Abel: implied in his sacrifice, Gen 4:4
2. Noah: thanksgiving in deliverance after the flood, Gen 8:20
3. Abraham: often; especially in his intercession of behalf of Sodom, Gen 18:23-33
4. Moses: especially for rebellious Israel, in their sin. Exodus 32:30-35
5. David: for guidance, deliverance, and especially forgiveness, Psalm 51
6. Elijah: power from God, I Kings 18:36, 37
7. Isaiah: for consecration, dedication to the will of God, Isaiah 6:5-8
B. John the Baptist taught his disciples to pray, text. Note Jesus’ opinion of him, Matt 11:11
C. Jesus showed by His own example the importance of prayer...
2. Before engaging in any great undertaking, as John 11:41
3. Lengthy, all-night Luke 6:12
4. On behalf of his own John 17, especially v.9
5. In time of great crisis, as in Gethsemane, Matt. 26:36-44

D. NT writers emphasized it...
1. Paul: 1 Thess. 5:17
2. James, see 5:16
3. John see I John 5:14-16

II. "LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY."

A. This implies that man by nature does not know how to pray, Rom. 3:11; 8:26.
B. To Teach...
1. Means more than merely to impart knowledge.
2. To cause to learn; to put into practice that which is taught.

III. "AFTER THIS MANNER...PRAY" Matthew 6:9-13

A. Acknowledging God as Father, and admission and acceptance of His claims on our life, v.9
B. Submission to God’s will v.10
C. Dependence upon the Father, in all walks of life: acknowledging His ownership and our stewardship of all things, v.11
D. A spirit of forgiveness, v.12 See also vv. 14, 15; 5:23, 24; Eph. 4:32; and Luke 11:4
E. Deliverance from temptation, v. 13a. See also I Cor. 11:31
F. Our hope, v.13b
G. This is not a formula to be recited in lieu of real prayer, but a Model of the essential elements of prayer.

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Part 3

This affirms our obligation to pray: we "ought always to pray." God never has given an impossible or a superfluous command. What He expects of us is not unreasonable. This lesson deals primarily with why we ought to pray. We Ought to Pray, Because...

I. GOD COMMANDS IT.

A. The Old Testament enjoins it, Isa. 55:6b
B. Examples...
   1. Noah, Gen 8:20 thanks for deliverance.
   2. Abraham, Gen 19:23-33
   3. Moses, Exodus 32:30-32
   4. David, Psalm 51 confession.
C. The New Testament commands it...
   1. The Epistles: "Pray without ceasing," constant attitude of prayer, I Thess. 5:17
   D. Because He commands it, we "ought" to pray, if for no other reason than this is "right"

II. IT IS A SIN NOT TO PRAY

A. Not to Pray is a sin against God, because He has commanded that we pray.
B. Not to Pray is a sin against God's people, as well as against Him, I Sam 12:23

III. PRAYER ACKNOWLEDGES OUR DEPENDENCE ON GOD.

A. It acknowledges man's weakness, his utter dependence upon God, John 15:5
B. It fosters humility, and eliminates pride.
C. It recognizes God's greatness and His gracious Providence, James 1:17

IV. THE POWER OF PRAYER

A. Power over nature, see James 5:17, 18
B. Power over demon spirits, Mark 9:25-29
C. Power over sin, Heb 4:16; I John 4:4
D. "Ask what ye will..." John 15:7

V. THE CONFIDENT ASSURANCE OF PRAYER

A. Boldness, to keep on coming to Him: "free and fearless confidence," because He is our sympathetic and merciful High Priest, Heb. 4:16
B. The assurance of forgiven sin, I John 1:9
C. His guardian peace, in response to prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, Phil 4:6,7

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Part 4

This is Jesus' reminder that we "ought always to pray." This affirms our obligation to be always in an attitude or condition of prayer. We need to understand that it is not necessary to kneel. Or to stand immobile with closed eyes and folded hands in order to pray. This lesson examines the question, "Do We Always Pray?"

I. NOT ALL CHRISTIANS PRAY

A. Can one be a Christian and not pray? Yes, see James 1:2; 4:2.
B. We have this Treasure in earthen vessels, see II Cor. 4:7. We live in the flesh, and the flesh is enmity against God, Gal 5:17
C. The Christian may fail to utilize this gracious privilege: but this makes his life that much more difficult, as he fails to pray.
II. WE OFTEN DO NOT THINK TO PRAY

A. The Christian is never independent of God, in any phase of his life, John 15:5; Acts 17:28
B. We often try to supply our needs in our own strength: but God wants us first to pray.


A. One reason we do not pray: we simply do not believe God can and will answer.
B. We tend to believe that God can do some things, but not all things: that He is not mindful of all the phases of our life, but see Phil. 4:6; Matt. 6:32

IV. WE BECOME TOO BUSY WITH OTHER THINGS

A. A servant committed with a trust, but became too busy with other things to keep it, I Kings 20:40
B. The cares of this age often choke the growth of the Word, Matt. 13:22
C. Prayer need not be lengthy to be effective: thus, we do have time to pray...
   1. Elijah, I Kings 18:36-38
   2. Hezekiah, II Kings 20:2, 3.
   3. Jesus, at Lazarus' grave, John 11:41-43
D. We are often too busy to live for God, but we are never too busy to get sick, and to die.
E. "Children interfere..." but children should be reared in praying homes.

V. PRAYING ALWAYS, Ephesians 6:18

A. In every circumstance of life.
B. For every need.
C. "Morning, noon, night," Psalm 5:3; I Tim. 5:5

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Part 5

INTRO:---The Poet wrote: The Lord move in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform..." This is true in the matter of Prayer, and how God answers when we pray. The answer may not always come in the way we look for or want it. But God Does Answer Prayer...

I. BY CHANGING THOSE WHO PRAY
Earnest Pray changes those who really pray.
Prayer can be described in five aspects. Prayer may have one or more, or all of these elements...

A. Adoration: expression of love for God.
B. Confession: of personal guilt...
   1. We all are subject to sin, I John 1:8
   2. David's magnificent prayer, Psalm 51
C. Submission: "Thy will be done," Matt. 6:10; Jesus' example, Matthew 26:39; Hebrews 10:7
D. Petition: definite requests...
   1. "Ask...seek...knock" Luke 11:9, 10
   2. Why we "have not," James 4:2
E. Thanksgiving: cf. Phil 4:6; many Psalms

II. BY DIRECTING THE MIND TO SOURCES OF HELP

A. As Moses, at the Burning Bush, Exodus 4:10-17
B. Prayer should not be a monologue, with the suppliant doing all the talking and not waiting upon God to answer, see Psalm 46:10. He will not answer in an audible voice, but will direct the mind.

III. BY CHANGING THE ORDER OF NATURE.

A. As in Joshua's time, Josh. 10:12-14
B. As Hezekiah's case, II Kings 20:1-11

IV. BY CHANGING THE HEARTS OF MEN.

A. No matter how great the sinner, god can change him, and make of him a new creation, II Cor. 5:17
B. Saul, the "chief" of sinners, became Paul the foremost champion of Christianity, I Tim. 1:15  
C. Prayer for salvation of others, Rom. 9:3; 10:1

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Part 6

INTRO.---This lesson is concerned with prayers answered and unanswered. The purpose of prayer is to get an answer from God. It may seem as if God does not answer some of our prayers. But He does answer all of them, in one way or another.

I. HOW GOD ANSWERS PRAYER.

A. Some, He says, "YES" immediately, as in the case of Elijah, I Kings 18:36-38  
B. Some, He says "WAIT" as in the case of Abraham and Sarah, who waited over 25 years for Isaac.  
C. Some, He says, "NO" as in the case of Paul, who prayed for removal of a "thorn in the flesh," see II Cor. 12:7-9

II. PRAYER ACCEPTABLE TO GOD.

A. Prayer from a broken and contrite heart...  
   1. David's penitent prayer, Psalm 51:17  
   2. The penitent publican, Luke 18:13, 14  
B. The "effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man," James 5:16-18  
C. The specific burdened prayer of a church that is united in purpose, Matt. 18:19, 20; Acts 12: 5-7  
D. The prayer of an obedient child of God, whose life honors and keeps His Word, John 15:7  
E. Intercessory prayer, see Exodus 32: 7-12, 30-33  
G. The Key: Prayer that is offered in Jesus' Name, John 14:13, 14

III. PRAYER UNACCEPTABLE TO GOD

A. Prayer offered from a heart of unconfessed, unrepentant iniquity, Psalm 66:18  
B. Of a proud, haughty spirit, Luke 18:10-12  
C. Selfish prayer, for things to fulfill the lust of the flesh, James 4:3  
D. From an unforgiving spirit, Matt. 6:14, 15; and 5:23, 24  
E. Prayer for those who have gone beyond God's mercies, Jer. 7:16; I John 5:16  
F. Prayer too late, as Luke 16:24-31

IV. WHY GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

A. For His own glory  
B. For our good, Luke 11:13; Matt. 6:32

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Part 7

INTRO.---Scriptures Matt. 6: 5-13  
Key in this study is v.6, our prayer - "closet". This is a storehouse, where we may go to obtain God's blessings, those things within His will. We are prone to generalize: God designates specifics. His Word tells us of some things we can ask for, and be assured we will receive.

I. SOME THINGS NOT IN OUR "CLOSET."

A. Things to squander on our own selfish lusts, James 4:3; cf. I John 2:15-17  
C. Anything contrary to the Word and Will of God.

II. GOD'S PERMISSIVE WILL

A. His Direct Will: what He has commanded.  
B. He may permit things that He does not direct, to teach us, as in I Sam. 8:4-9
III. THINGS IN OUR STOREHOUSE.

A. Submission to the will of God, Matt. 6:10
B. Temporal blessings, Matt. 6:11; Prov. 30:8
C. Forgiveness of sin, Matt. 6:12; Luke 11:4; and I John 1:9
D. Deliverance from evil, Matt. 6:13
E. Enemies, those who oppress and persecute us, Matt. 5:44; Luke 6:27; rom. 12:19-21
F. Mercy and grace to help, in time of need, at His Throne, Heb 4:16
G. Wisdom, James 1:5
H. Salvation of the lost, Rom 10:1
I. Spiritual growth of God's children, maturity, Phil. 1:9-11; Col. 1:9-11
J. Peace of mind, Phil 4:6,7
K. Workers in the Harvest, Matt. 9:38
L. Utterance with boldness, for God's ministers, Eph. 6:19
M. On behalf of the sick, James 5:14
N. An erring brother, I John 5:16
O. Restoration of the joy of salvation, when one has sinned and been forgiven, Psalm 51:12

IV. HOW TO ASK.

A. In faith, James 1:6-8...
   1. Assured of the certainty of God's fidelity and trusting that He will do what He has said in His Word, Matt. 21:21,22
   2. With boldness, Heb. 4:16
   3. Ground of our confidence, I John 5:14,15
   4. Not wavering, at variance with one's self, torn by inner conflicts of doubt. This comes when we go by our emotions, how we feel, rather than by what God says.

B. Importunately, Luke 11:5-10; Jesus prayed the same prayer at least 3 times in Gethsemane, using the same words, Matt 26:44
C. Submissively, "As thou wilt..." Matt 26:39
D. With a view to glorifying God, not satisfying nor aggrandizing self, John 17:1-5

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Part 8

Intro.---The main thought of this Lesson is, WHEN PRAYER IS NECESSARY. We should "pray without ceasing," see I Thess. 5:17, and "evening and morning, and at noon" Psalm 55:17. However, the thought is not so much the time of day as it is the circumstances of life making it necessary to pray. PRAYER IS NECESSARY...

I. WHEN SEEKING GOD'S WILL
A. We are finite; we do not know the future, nor what is best for us. We must have One to show us the way Who does.
B. Ask in prayer to know His will, as did Paul, Acts 9:6. God gives wisdom to those who ask for it, James 1:5
C. Prayer to know His will must come from heart willing to do it, John 7:17

II. ON BEHALF OF OTHERS.
A. "Am I my brother's keeper?" Gen 4:9; the implied answer being "Yes." Not as a busy-body, but with genuine concern, I Peter 4:15

III. EXPRESSING GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS.
A. For giving physical life, in all its complexities, Psalm 139:14.
B. For providing life's necessities.
C. Most of all, for the blessings which accompany salvation, Psalm 116:17; II Cor. 9:15.

IV. WHEN WE SIN
A. David, in the matter of Bathsheba, II Sam. 12; Psalm 51... 1. God sent conviction to his heart.
   2. David repented, called upon God in prayer, seeking forgiveness.
   3. God heard, answered, forgave, restored; as He does today, I John 1:7-9
B. Peter, who cursed, denied. Matt. 26:69-75
   1. His base denial of Jesus.
   2. His bitter repentance.

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3. God forgave, used him to bring the Pentecost Sermon; work miracles; write 2 N.T. Epistles.

V. WHEN IN DANGER, DISTRESS.
   A. King Hezekiah, facing the mighty enemies that threatened his city, II Kings 19:15-19.
   B. Peter, sinking in the sea, Matt. 14:22-32
   C. Paul, during the fierce storm, Acts 27:23, 24

VI. WHEN SORROW, GRIEF COME.
   A. His faithfulness to hear, Psalm 18:1-6
   B. Sufficient grace to help, Heb. 4:16
   C. Mary and Martha, at Lazarus' death John 11
   D. With groaning's unutterable, Romans 8:26

VII. IN FAITH, FOR THE SOUL'S SALVATION
   A. His promise to save, Rom 10:9-13...
      1. Call on Him, from a repentant heart.
      2. Call in faith, believing, receiving.
   B. The certainty of His promise to bless.

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Part 9

INTRO.—The main thought of this Lesson is in Verse 2 - "When ye pray...say...Thy will be done..." This is the secret of effective prayer, that gets an answer. It is the hardest of all prayers to pray.

I. "THY WILL..."
   A. God's will should be our greatest desire. It is best for our life. We cannot see the future to know what is best, but God does. We need to "turn the reins" to God, and let His will be done in our life.
   B. Jesus taught to pray so: then He set the example, John 4:34; 5:40; Matt. 26:39
   C. Examples of His will...
      1. Salvation for the lost sinner, John 6:40
      2. Victorious life, Gal 1:4; I John 5:4
      3. "Good things" in life, Matt. 7:11; Ps. 84:11
      4. That we be as shining lamps in the lampstand in this world darkness, Matt. 5:14-16.
      5. That we accumulate heavenly, not earthly, treasures, Matt. 6: 19,20
      6. That we manifest love one to another, as He loved, John 13:34; Rom 12:10.
      7. That we assemble in church, regularly, in all worship service, Heb 10:25
      8. That we give self completely to Him, as living sacrifices, Rom. 12:1, 2

II. PRAYING FOR HIS WILL
   A. To so pray means we accept as the rule of life the Will of God, as revealed in His Word.
   B. Seek and do those things which are according to His revealed Will.
   C. How God helps, Rom. 8:26-28...
      1. Know what to pray for: "We know not what to pray for as we ought..."
      2. The Spirit helps, makes intercession, "according to the will of God..."
      3. The assurance: "We know... all things work together for good..."

III. GOD'S WILL BECOMES OURS.
   A. First: we must turn from self-will and self-trust --"When ye pray...say...Thy will be done..."
   B. All God's promises are claimed alike...
      1. Repentance toward God, a change of our life direction.
      2. Faith: "the Just shall live by faith."
   C. God's will is ours to claim. We find His will in the Word...
      2. Burdened, fearful? John 14:27;
      3. Overwhelmed by life? Cf. II Cor. 12:9
4. The First Step in Prayer...

Acknowledge our utter dependence upon God; His will in our daily lives.

THE MODEL PRAYER - 1
Matthew 6: 9-13

1. "After This Manner ..." or Thus ...

To be a Model; not be used as a liturgy. This is not the "Lord's Prayer:" John 17 is. There is no evidence Jesus designed this or intended it to be used as a formula or a liturgical ritual. There is nothing wrong with teaching children to memorize and repeat this.

2. "Our Father ..."

(1) "Which art in Heaven ..." the Living God. He lives today; He is not dead. or out-of-date.
(2) In one sense, the creative, God is the Father of all. He made humanity. Acts 17:28: "For in him we live. and move. and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring."
(3) In the spiritual sense, He is not the Father of all. The "Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of man" is a vicious, Satanic falsehood. John 8:44: 'Ye are of your father the devil. and the lusts of your father ye will do''
(4) He is the Father of Believers. by the New Birth. Gal. 3:26: "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus."

3. "Hallowed Be Thy Name ..."

Reverence, holy, set apart; not common, profane. This teaches respect for God. His Name, holy things, His Church, Day, etc.

THE MODEL PRAYER - 2
Matthew 6: 9-13

1. "Thy Kingdom Come ..."

(1) There is a sense in which all are in the "kingdom of God," in that God is the Ultimate Sovereign, the Supreme Ruler of all, cf. Dan. 4.
(2) There is the Spiritual Kingdom of Jesus, which is not of this world, John 18:36: "Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence." It may be entered only by means of the New Birth, John 3:3: "Jesus ... said ... Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God"
(3) The Coming Kingdom of Jesus on earth, when He returns to make all the world's kingdoms His own, Dan.2:44; Rev. 11:15; 19:11-16; He returns to Earth, His feet shall stand upon Mt.Olivet, Zech.14:4; He shall judge the nations, Matt.25:31- 46; He shall rule over the earth from David's throne, Luke 1: 32,33; the Devil is bound for 1000 years, Rev.20:1-3; universal peace, righteousness, and knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth, Isa. 2,11,65

2. "Thy Will Be Done..."

(1) As in Heaven - perfect obedience, genuine praise.
(2) So on Earth - this should be
our aim. What if it were so? Personally: our own will crucified, submitted to Him, His will to reign completely. Church: the laws of the Kingdom carried out, the Commission realized. Nationally: righteous laws, justice, peace.

(3) Is God's will being done in YOUR life?

THE MODEL PRAYER - 3  
Matthew 6: 9-13

1. "Give Us ... "

   (1) Our utter dependence upon God. Acts 17: 28: "In him we live, and move and have our being ... " John 15:5: " ... Without me ye can do nothing.

   (2) The Greatest Gift, II Cor. 9:15: "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." II Cor. 8:9: "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."

2. "This Day ... "

   (1) Christian life and service, not a one-shot. once- for-all affair, but it is to be a daily thing. The victories and blessings of yesterday are in the past. and cannot suffice for today's needs.

   (2) We have daily needs ...  
      a. Dedication. Luke 9:23: "And he said to the mall. If any man will come after me. let him deny himself. and take up his cross daily, and follow me." I Cor. 15:31  
      b. Cleansing. pictured in OT sacrifices; and in NT example. I John 1: 7: "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

   c. Asking. Luke 11:3: "Give us day by day our daily bread." Psalm 55:17: "Evening. and morning, and noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice."

3."Our Daily Bread, . , "

   (1)God provides for our material needs. Mt.6:31-33; Matt. 10:29, 30; Luke 12: 6,7  
   (2) God provides for our spiritual needs. Phil.4:19: "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

THE MODEL PRAYER - 4  
Matthew 6:9-13

1. "Forgive Us ... "

   (1) We have wronged God, Rom. 3: 23: "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." God seeks us, to tell us of our wrong and to lead us to acknowledge it.

   (2) He forgives us by His grace. Eph.l:7: "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace ... "

   (3) Daily cleansing, from our sins, even after we are saved. I John 1:7: "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

   (4) On the basis of His blood. I Peter 1: 18, 19: "For as much as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers: but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot ... "

2. "As We Forgive ... "

   (1) We are to forgive other-, even as God for Christ' sake hath forgiven us, Eph.4:31-32: "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with a 11 mal ice: and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ' s sake hath forgiven you.' Col. 3:12-14

   (2) How many times?  
Matt.18:21,22: "Lord, how oft shall my
brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven."

(3) Our forgiveness is based upon the way we forgive others, Matt.6:14,15; 5:21-24.

THE MODEL PRAYER - 5
Matthew 6:9-13

1. "Lead Us Not Into Temptation ... "

(1) God tempts no one, to do evil, James 1: 13: "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: (14) but every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed." (2) Tempt here is trial or test, James 1:2,3: "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience." He does test, but not tempt to do evil. Gen.22:1:2: "And it came to pass ... that God did tempt Abraham. and said unto him, Abraham: and he said. Behold. here I am. And he said. Take now thy son. thine only son Isaac. whom thou lovest. and get thee into the land of Moriah: and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of." (3) God may permit Satan to "sift" us as wheat. as He did Peter, Luke 22: 31: "And the Lord said, Simon. Simon. behold. Satan hath desired to have vou. that he may sift vou as wheat: (32) but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not ... " (4) The thought here is the same expressed in Luke 22:40 "Do not allow us to be led into temptation to sin ... "

2. "Deliver Us from Evil •.. "

(1) It can be the "evil one," Satan. I Peter 5:8: "Be sober, be vigilant: because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (2) It can be the "evil thing." (3) Delivered by ... a. Resist. I Peter 5:9: "Whom resist stedfast in the faith ... " James 4: 7: "Resist the devil,. and he will flee from you ... " b. Pray. Matt.26:41: "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh if: weak. c. Trust. rely upon Him, I John 4:4: "Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world ... "

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