



The Life of Jesus (30)

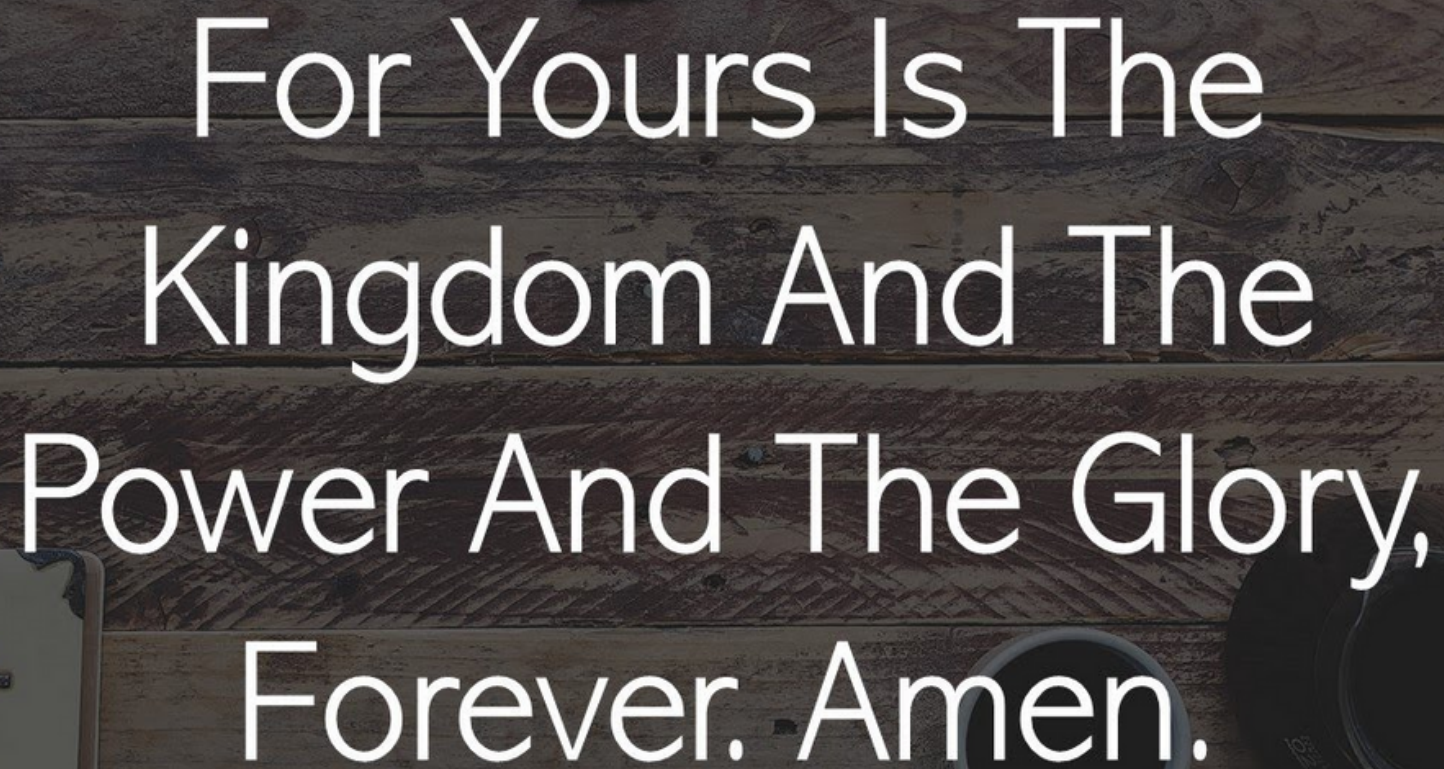
The Lord's Prayer (8)



Matthew 6:9-13, NKJV

#1 Yours Is...

In the Lord's prayer, we began our prayer in praise to God, acknowledging him as Father and honoring his holy name. And now, we return to praise to acclaim the authority, power and glory of God.

A photograph of a wooden surface with a Bible, a glass, and a mug. The Bible is on the left, the glass is in the center, and the mug is on the right. The text is overlaid on a dark rectangular area in the center of the image.

For Yours Is The
Kingdom And The
Power And The Glory,
Forever. Amen.

The Lord's prayer ends with the proclamation that all the kingdoms, power, and glory belong to God forever.

#2 David's Prayer

We found a similar profession in the Old Testament.

“Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all” (1Ch 29:11)

This is what David prayed after the people of Israel brought their offerings for the construction of the temple.

David realized that everything was under God's sovereignty. He knew that it was made possible only from God's power that Israel became great among the nations. So David didn't hesitate to give all glory and honor to God.

This is what we should also realize as God's people. We should know that everything is under God's sovereign authority even when it seems that it's not.

#3 The Importance of Worship

The conclusion of the Lord's prayer teaches us to praise God by acknowledging that His kingdom, power, and glory are eternal.

God said that the purpose of him making his people was for them to praise him.

“The people I formed for myself that **they may proclaim my praise**” (Is 43:21)

God calls us to praise Him. That's not really because he needs praise, but because **we need to praise him**. It reminds us of God's greatness and of his glory. While praising God, we experience his presence, and **it makes us love him and take after him more**.

#4 For Yours...

In the closing part of the Lord's prayer, we are praising God, professing that God exclusively possesses three things—kingdom, power, and glory.

When we pray, “**Yours is the kingdom forever**” we are acknowledging the fact that God is King of kings and that we are under his sovereignty.

When we pray, “**Yours is the power forever,**” we are acknowledging that God is almighty and that there's nothing impossible for him.

Here in the world, we see many kinds of power but none of them are eternal. True power only belongs to God.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, **who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.**” (Rev 1:8)

When we're tempted to rely on worldly things more than on God, we should be reminded of the fact that **only God is almighty and only he has the power to save us.** While everything passes away, God remains the same forever.

#5 Eternal Perspective

Until Jesus comes back, it might seem that sovereignty, power, and glory belong to this world, but when he returns, everything will be clearly revealed and all things that belong to this world will come to an end.

Kingdoms of the world will collapse, but **God's kingdom** will be established forever. The authorities and power of the world will be gone, but **God's almighty power** and authority will be perfectly revealed on earth. On that day, the glory that belongs to this world will just disappear without a trace, and we will see **the eternal glory of God** being lifted up all around the world.

Those who truly believe this put their hope not in worldly things but in God. We live as travelers in this world, looking forward to the day when the perfect kingdom of God comes down to earth from heaven.

#6 Eternal Perspective

This prayer helps us to fix our eyes on eternal things. It gives us hope for the future based on God's promises and it allows us to live our present lives with hope.

“We fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on **what is unseen**, since what is seen is temporary, but **what is unseen is eternal.**” (2 Co 4:18)

True Christians are those who fix their spiritual eyes on things that are unseen. They are not moved by earthly things.

Kingdoms, power and glory that belong to this world will be like chaff that the wind blows away. These can't be our true hope.

Therefore, we should try to focus on the **perfect eternal hope** that will never fade away according to God's promises and sovereignty. Then, we will be able to keep moving toward God's kingdom, relying on his almighty power, praising him and giving him our best glory.

Memory Verses

“... For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen” (Mt 6:13, NKJV) (1)

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.” (Rev 1:8) (1)

“We fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.” (2 Co 4:18) (2)

Memory Verses

1) Out of many prayer requests in the Lord's prayer, which prayer do you think you need to pray most now? Why?

2) Why do you think it is essential for Christians to have an eternal perspective? Do you believe that all authorities, power, and glory ultimately belong to God? How does it change your mindset and perspective?