

Sunday September 29th 2013
Lord Teach Us To Pray
Part Thirteen

1). Mt 6:9 ¶ *"In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done On 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 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.*

a). In our study of what we call 'the Lord's prayer' we have come to see that its focus is future, looking to that future time when God's plans and purposes will be completed with respect to both Israel and the Church. We have seen the importance of receiving 'our daily bread', which we now know to be the pure, unleavened bread of the Word of God with respect to this and we have seen the importance of our faithfulness with respect to the operation of the power of God in our lives that we should not be overcome by the wicked one - Eph 6:10 ¶ *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*

b). And within this overall structure we have seen the process to spiritual maturity that will eventually lead to the salvation of the soul – so great a salvation that it may only be accomplished through the power of God in our lives, working in us to bring about the metamorphosis, working in us to bring victory in the spiritual warfare, that we might overcome the world, the flesh and the devil.

c). Then as our prayer draws to a close we move to the future conclusion of the matter at hand with respect to those who will be Christ's Bride – We come to His glory.

2). From before the ages God had ordained that there would be a province in His universe that would be ruled over from the heavens for 1000 years by His Son and His Bride.

a). During that time, the age to come, Our Lord will sit on His Father's throne in the New Jerusalem and with His Bride rule over the Gentile nations from the heavens – He will also sit on His father David's throne in the earthly

Jerusalem and, with the nation of Israel, will administer and bless those same Gentile nations.

b). Ultimately, at the conclusion of the Millennial Kingdom, there will be a new heavens and new earth in which righteousness will dwell and this will then become the location from which God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, along with eternally saved members from the human race will rule and administer God's Universal Kingdom – Isa 65:17 ¶ *"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.*

2Pe 3:13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Re 21:1 ¶ Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.

c). Despite this eternal dimension though God's focus throughout the scriptures remains on the 7th Day, the Millennial Kingdom of Christ, and it is upon this Day when Christ and His coheirs replace Satan and his angels in the heavens and Israel replaces Gentile world power on the earth that we are also to keep our eyes constantly fixed – it is for this Day that Mankind has been created and for this Day that we have been eternally saved and the subject of our prayer - Col 3:2 *Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.*

d). This is then God's Kingdom, the Kingdom which is to come when God's will, will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

e). And as we have seen in previous weeks, through both the types and the antitypes, it is by God's power received through His unleavened Word alone, that we might be brought to the place where we will participate with Him in His Kingdom rule.

f). Our participation with Him in rulership is conditional upon our faithfulness and the works of gold, silver and precious stones that emanate from that faithfulness - Ro 2:3 *And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God? 4 Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? 5 But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of*

the righteous judgment of God, 6 who "will render to each one according to his deeds": 7 eternal[age lasting] life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; 8 but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness--indignation and wrath, 9 tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek; 10 but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 11 For there is no partiality with God.

g). *Jas 2:20 But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? 22 Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? 23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God. 24 You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.*

h). Both our verses from Romans and from James deal with the salvation of the soul – In Romans we see the distinction made between the faithful and the unfaithful of the eternally saved and James demonstrates the necessity of good works coming from our faith – and we will remember that it is the Holy Spirit through James who tells us in the previous Chapter - *Jas 1:21 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.*

With additional commentary given to us on the implanted Word in – *2Ti 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

i). This I think is all very clear for us – As we put the leaven out of our house and eat the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth so the scriptures bring about the metamorphosis thereby equipping us for every good work – *Eph 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.*

3). *Ge 1:27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.*

a). Mankind we will remember is a unique creation as nowhere in the scriptures do we see another creature, either animal or angelic, created in the image and likeness of God. Man's uniqueness is also seen in the fact that he

was made from the dust of ground, the very fabric of the newly restored earth over which he was to rule.

b). Now being in the image and likeness of God Man is a 3 part being, spirit, soul and body and was created with a covering of glory – and it was in exactly this condition with spiritual life, an uncorrupted soul and a body covered in glory that the Man and the Woman were to receive their regal robes and enter into rulership in the 7th Day.

c). As we know of course the Woman was deceived by the serpent resulting in both her and her husband now being in a fallen state having entered into sin - Ge 3:6 ¶ *So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.*

d). Before the Man and the Woman entered into sin they are described like this in - Ge 2:25 *And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.*

e). And as we will remember the Hebrew word translated ‘naked’ in this verse is an entirely different word from that translated ‘naked’ in Genesis 3:7.

f). The word translated ‘naked’ in Genesis 2:25 does not mean to be totally naked, but rather to have a covering that we could equate with wearing an undergarment without having yet put on an outer garment.

g). After they have entered into sin however we see in Genesis 3:7 that they are now totally naked – they clearly had a covering and now didn’t so that which was lost was their covering of glory. Their attempt to cover themselves with fig leaves was an attempt to replace the lost glory by their own efforts – something that they could never do as the glory is God’s and God’s alone to give - 1Pe 4:11 *If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

h). It is God who then provides the covering for their nakedness, but that which He provides is no longer the glory - Ge 3:21 ¶ *Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.*

i). The tunics of skin speak of death and shed blood, that which is essential to begin the process to complete redemption of spirit, soul and body. We will remember that Adam was made from the dust of the ground, the dust of the newly restored earth and just as the restoration of the previously

ruined earth required 6 days of work followed by a 7th day of rest, so the restoration of ruined Man and the cursed material creation would also require 6 days of work followed by a 7th Day of Rest, but these would now be days of 1000 years rather than 24 hours - 2Pe 3:8 ¶ *But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years* [referring to the 6 days], *and a thousand years as one day* [referring to the 7th day].

j). And just as in the original restoration at the end of the 6th day the Man and the Woman had an unfallen spirit, soul and body covered with glory in order to enter the 7th Day so at the end of the present restoration, following the elapse of 6000 years the Man, Jesus Christ, will stand with His Bride who will now have a fully redeemed spirit, soul and body with a covering of glory ready to enter into the Millennial Kingdom - 2Th 2:13 ¶ *But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, 14 to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

k). The covering of glory is inextricably connected with rulership in the Kingdom and through the foundational type given in Genesis God has been true to His Word and has declared the end from the beginning.

4). Mt 16:25 *"For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. 26 "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? 27 "For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works. 28 "Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."*

a). The glory is also associated with reward and with judgment with respect to this rulership and from the verses here in Matthew we can see that the just recompense of reward and the works that are judged in accordance with this have to do with the saving or the loss of the soul/life with respect to the 7th Day.

b). Mt 17:1 ¶ *Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; 2 and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. 3 And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.*

c). And just so we don't miss the connection Matthew Chapter 17 begins with 'Now after six days....', which would place us in the 7th Day – we see a 'high mountain' picturing the Kingdom and Jesus transfigured before them into His Kingdom glory – here is a prophetic glimpse into the coming of the Son of Man that the Lord spoke of recorded in the previous Chapter.

d). And contained in this picture at the beginning of Chapter 17 we see Moses and Elijah as well as Peter, James and John – within the typology Moses, having died, would picture those who have died in Christ who will be resurrected to His Judgment Seat; Elijah of course did not die and would therefore picture those who will be raptured to the Judgment Seat.

e). Given the nature of the picture and its prophetic content we would realize that Moses and Elijah would have spiritual bodies whereas Peter, James and John would have regular bodies of flesh and blood and bone. In this the 3 disciples provide a type for the nation of Israel who will enter the Kingdom on the earth in bodies of flesh and bone and blood.

f). What we will realize then is that the spiritual body and the covering of glory are connected to the heavenly realm of the Kingdom only.

g). And both John and Peter make reference to this event with respect to the certainty of Christ's coming Kingdom - Joh 1:14 *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*

2Pe 1:16 ¶ *For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.*

5). 1Co 15:42 *So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. 43 It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. 44 It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.....48 As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly. 49 And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man. 50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. 51 ¶ Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed - 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.*

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

a). There is then a natural body and there is a spiritual body – the natural body is associated with corruption and the spiritual body with immortality. Now we must be careful here with the word ‘immortality’ – Man has always been an immortal being, so immortality in the sense of living forever is not the issue here – Rather we are dealing with a body that in the natural decays, dies and returns to dust and so immortality here speaks of a body that does not decay, does not die and does not return to dust. All those raised and raptured to Christ’s Judgment Seat will have such a body – a spiritual body – a body that receives its animation from the Spirit, no longer from the blood.

b). Amazing though this is this is not the redemption of the body as all the eternally saved from this dispensation will appear together at the Judgment Seat, the faithful and the unfaithful, those who will be rewarded and those who will suffer loss and all will have a spiritual body, but not all will have a redeemed soul and redeemed body.

c). Let’s remember that our appearance at Christ’s Judgment Seat has absolutely nothing to do with Judgment with respect to the salvation we already possess - our eternal salvation is eternally secure and never comes into judgment. However our faithfulness with respect to the salvation of our soul is another matter entirely and it is our works emanating from our faithfulness, or our lack of it that are to be judged – Job 34:11 *For He repays man according to his work, And makes man to find a reward according to his way.*

1Co 3:11 ¶ For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. 14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

Re 22:12 "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.

d). On the basis of this judgment those who receive their reward will be adopted as firstborn sons and will receive their inheritance, but those who suffer loss will not - Pr 3:35 *The wise shall inherit glory, But shame shall be the legacy of fools.*

Heb 1:14 *Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?*

e). And the scriptures teach us quite clearly that the redemption of the body and adoption as a firstborn son go hand in hand together –
Ro 8:23 *Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.*

f). From our foundational type in Genesis we know that the Man and the Woman had a covering of glory only in their unfallen state and only in this condition could they enter into rulership, once sin entered into the equation the glory was gone and so was rulership. Therefore we can know with certainty that those of the eternally saved who receive the salvation of their soul – 1Pe 1:9 *receiving the end of your faith--the salvation of your souls.* Who have faithfully removed the leaven from their house are those whose bodies will also be redeemed by receiving that which was lost in the Garden – the covering of glory as a precursor to rulership.

g). In that Day those who have received the salvation of their soul will no longer have a sin nature and will no longer need to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread and in this totally redeemed condition, completely apart from sin, covered with the glory, they will be ready to put on the regal robes of rulership in order to enter into the 7th Day as a firstborn son of God, a joint heir with the King of kings and the Lord of lords, to reign with Him for a 1000 years - Joh 17:22 *"And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one:*

Ps 62:5 *My soul, wait silently for God alone, For my expectation is from Him.
6 He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be moved.
7 In God is my salvation and my glory; The rock of my strength, And my refuge, is in God.*

2Th 2:13 ¶ *But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, 14 to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle.*

Col 3:3 *For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.*

h). How extraordinarily blessed we are - Col 1:24 *I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church, 25 of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God, 26 the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. 27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. 28 Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. 29 To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.*

6). We will bring this to conclusion next time, if the Lord is willing.