

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Praying God's Will Matthew 6:11-15

Let's make it real & say it together...

- **"Our Father in heaven"**

That sounds even **better in heaven** than it does here

- And it's **the power of heaven** here

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What did you come **to give** today?

- Have you come to give God **Worship & Praise...**
- **Thanks, Service & Prayer?**
- Have you come to **give Him** your **absolute reliance & dependance** upon Him...
- Your commitment to **do His will?**
- We just declared that in **Vs. 10**

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As we continue, He wants us to **give what He gives**

Vs. 11 – **"Give us today our daily bread."**

Asking God to give what we need is not selfish

- **Matthew 7:11 & James 1:17**
"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!"
"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights"
- **Giving to others** what they need is like Him

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"Give us today our daily bread."

- Manna wasn't the only **daily** provision (**Matthew 6:33-34**)
(Yesterday is over, & tomorrow isn't here yet)
- **Heartbeat, Breath, Faith, Hope, Love, Grace, Mercy...**
- We get **everything** from Him, (**I Cor. 4:7**)

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"Give us today our daily bread."

- Not only for ourselves (**Acts 2:44-45 & Phil. 2:4**)
- Yes, food & provision. (**I Kings 17 & II Kings 4**)
- Flour & Oil

More importantly – **The Bread of Life**

- **John 6:23-69** (selected)

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Vs. 12 – **"And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."**

- We ask **from You** what **we gave others** in Your name
Matthew 7:2 – (You'll get what you give)
- We prayed **"Our Father"** with Jesus
- We cannot be **unlike Him with Him**

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Vs. 13 – **"And lead us not into temptation,"**

- In addition to what preceded, please always **lead us, Lord**
- **"Lead us"** contains **the purpose of movement** toward **"set at one again"**
- Move us **toward oneness** with You

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"And lead us **not into temptation**"

- **Away** from, **opposite** to
- Temptation = **Solicitation, Provocation** (**James 1:13**)
- Jesus conquered temptation (by the devil, not God)...
- **For us (Hebrews 2:18)** God tested, Satan **tempted**

What temptation?

- **Unforgiveness** seems to be the Big one (**Vs. 12, 14&15**)

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"But **deliver us from the evil one.**"

- As with birth – the mother **from** the trials of labor
(Not the child from captivity)

What does he traffic in?

- **Unforgiveness.** He can't give forgiveness
- He **hates** forgiveness & wants to **steal, kill & destroy** it
- Especially **among us.** Why?

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Vs. 14-15... "IF"

Forgiveness is **OF God...**

- It **delivers** people **from sin**, and...
- It **empowers us to free others from sin**

Unforgiveness **excludes** people **from God**

- It **robs us** of His freedom, and of **offering** His freedom
- It **robs God** of us, and Christ of **the reward of His sacrifice**

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Vs. 14 Is the reality that is "**Us**" **including Jesus**

- God's **perfect cure** for sin
- "**When** they sin against you"
- **They will**

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Vs. 15 Is us **holding others captive** in their sin

- God cannot be **unjust**
- He cannot allow **the sin of unforgiveness** in His kingdom

What is THE Big Thing Jesus does?

- He forgives sin **at His own expense**
- He makes it available ahead of time (**Rom. 5:8**)

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Interesting timing in our series...

- Today, **Communion**
- Next week, **Passion Week begins**