

“OUR HEAVENLY FATHER”
MATTHEW 6:1-15

INTRO: **FATHER’S DAY** is a very special time for those of us who have had **GODLY FATHERS** in our lives. It is a time for us to thank and praise God for giving us fathers who respect and serve Him as well to challenge us all as fathers to maintain the type of fatherhood that is **GOD HONORING**. I have been preaching **FATHER’S DAY** sermons for over 50 years always exhorting us as fathers to be the dads God wants us to be. But today the Lord has led me in a different direction in that we are going to take a look at **OUR HEAVENLY FATHER** as He is revealed in what we call **THE LORD’S PRAYER** in Matthew 6:1-15. Now, normally this text is studied from the perspective of Christ’s teaching on prayer. **BUT THE PASSAGE IS ALSO FILLED WITH A THOROUGHLY REVEALED THEOLOGY OF THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD** which creates a foundation for an appropriate study on **FATHER’S DAY**. So, let’s study the text, not as normal for learning how to pray, but to learn more about **OUR FATHER GOD** so that we can more **EXALT, SERVE AND WORSHIP HIM** on this **FATHER’S DAY 2025**.

OBSERVATION: It is interesting to note that the word **FATHER** is mentioned 6 times in the text...a great indication of the real theme of the passage from Christ’s perspective.

I. OUR HEAVENLY FATHER IS PERSONAL – VS. 9a.

“OUR FATHER”

- A. This can be said as the result of trusting Christ as Savior – John 1:11,12
- B. This can be said by a relationship with God that is intimate.
-Romans 8:14-17

II. OUR HEAVENLY FATHER IS THE GLORY OF HEAVEN – VS. 9b.

“WHICH ART IN HEAVEN”

- A. Heaven is the Place of God’s Glorious Throne – Isaiah 61:1a.
- B. Heaven is the Place of God’s Ultimate Glory – Isaiah 61:1b-3.

III. OUR HEAVENLY FATHER HAS A HALLOWED NAME – VS. 9c

“HALLOWED BE THY NAME”

NOTE: God’s Name represents **ALL THAT HE IS**. His name being **HALLOWED** means that His name and person is **TOTALLY HOLY**. This means that **OUR HEAVENLY FATHER IS SET APART AS THE OBJECT OF SUPREME ABSOLUTE REVERENCE AND IS TOTALLY FREE FROM ALL DEFILEMENT AND POSSESSES ALL HOLY EXCELLENCE**.

- A. Our Proper Response is that of Praise, Worship and Service to Him
- B. Our Personal Response is that of Reflecting His Holiness – 1 Peter 1:15

IV. OUR HEAVENLY FATHER HAS A SURE KINGDOM – VS. 10a

“THY KINGDOM COME”

- A. God’s Kingdom is Already Planned, but is not yet here – John 18:36
- B. God’s Kingdom will Surely come – Zechariah 14:9; Isaiah 51:3

V. OUR HEAVENLY FATHER HAS A SOVEREIGN WILL – VS. 10b

“THY WILL BE DONE.”

- A. God’s Ultimate will on Earth and in Heaven is Already Established
- B. God’s Ultimate will on Earth and in Heaven shows His Authority

VI. OUR HEAVENLY FATHER PROVIDES OUR DAILY NEEDS – VS. 11

“GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD”

- A. This is a Prayer with a Definite Promise – Matthew 6:31,32
- B. This is a Prayer with a Definite Reality – Matthew 6:33

VII. OUR HEAVENLY FATHER IS READY TO FORGIVE – VS. 12

“FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS”

- A. God Forgives the Sin of Unbelief at the Point of Salvation – Romans 10:13
- B. God Forgives the Sin of Commission at the Point of Confession – 1 Jn 1:9

NOTE: ALL OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS IS BASED ON THE SHED BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST – 1 JOHN 1:7

VIII. OUR HEAVENLY FATHER DELIVERS US FROM SIN – VS. 13a.

“DELIVER US FROM EVIL”

- A. God will deliver us in the time of Personal Temptation to Sin
-1 Corinthians 10:13
- B. God will deliver us from the Evil One – Satan – James 4:7

IV. OUR HEAVENLY FATHER DESERVES OUR RECOGNITION OF HIS GREATNESS – VS. 13b.

- A. We must Never rob God of His Glory
- B. We must Always exalt God for His Goodness

LESSONS TO LEARN FROM GOD ON THIS FATHER’S DAY

- 1) As Earthly Fathers, let us learn from our Heavenly Father how to respond to our children in love, care, provision, etc.**
- 2) As God’s children, let’s renew our submission to, our praise of, and our service unto Our loving Heavenly Father.**