

Prayer Diagram VII Forgive us our sins II notes

Matthew 6:9-13

--This is a humiliating prayer, and humility is what we need.

--We are being shaped, we are being changed, we are having God's agenda become our agenda; God's teachings become our way of thinking.

--"Hallowed be Thy name" – do we take away any of His glory when we don't do that? Is glory dependent on our acknowledgment of it?

--"Thy kingdom come" – So if we don't pray it seek it, will it stop is from coming?

--"Thy will be done" – If we dig in our heels and refuse God's will, will that stop Him?

--"Give us this day our daily bread" – if we don't ask will He withhold it?

--"Forgive us our sins" – if we don't pray it won't happen?

--We have a tendency to get confused—it's the constant state of sheep, so our Good Shepherd has to constantly lead us and watch over us.

--One of the main ways He watches over us is through prayer—He's leading us and teaching us through prayer

—We wake up in a new world every day and forget and become confused about who is supposed to be glorified

—We forget and become confused about the priority of His coming kingdom

—We forget and become confused about who's will is superior

—We forget and become confused about who meets all our needs—Our bellies are full and we think we don't need a shepherd anymore.

—We forget and become confused our sin and God's forgiveness—We clean our lives up and think we don't live off of forgiveness every day.

--Sin is the **greatest danger** that we face because it brings eternal destruction, thus, **the greatest need** we have is forgiveness. God offers that!

--In fact, He more than offers it: **Psalm 86:5**

--Forgiveness is having your debts to Almighty God canceled

--Debt is slavery—**John 8:34**

-- Our debts are unpayable; even an eternity in Hell will not pay them off.

--Every time we sin, we accumulate more debt **Romans 2:5** --God is willing to forgive our debts against Him.

--Forgiveness means to take away sin or remove it and laying it on Jesus and then punishing Him for it: **Isaiah 53:6**

--Forgiveness is covering sin: **Psalm 85:2**

--Forgiveness is removing the record of our sin from the record: **Isaiah 43:25**

--Only God can forgive sins because only the creditor can forgive the Debtor.

--No one can forgive the sins against you except you yourself

--We are going to be talking about our forgiveness of others in coming weeks and you don't want to miss that.

--God is not obligated to forgive

--He has chosen to forgive us. We, on the other hand, have no choice but to forgive those who sin against us.

--Ultimately, only God can forgive sin, nobody else!—But that is exactly what He has done:

Colossians 2:13-14 He nailed it all to the cross.

--Do you remember that they nailed an indictment against Jesus to the cross above His head?

“**This is Jesus of Nazareth. King of the Jews.**”

--But they had not right to say what He was hanging there for, but God did and He nailed our sins there.

--No one could do that for us, only God: **Hebrews 10:12; 14** He has done it all, for all time, for all sin, once for all, and sat down since His work of forgiveness was complete.

--The Judge Himself has declared us not guilty; therefor, our position with God cannot change or be altered.

--So, why do we have to keep asking forgiveness? Sin no longer effects our standing with God but it does affect our relationship.

--God is not about Judicial proceedings as much as He's about relationships and fellowship.

--Jesus says that when we accept Him that: **John 14:23** --its about relationship and fellowship way before it is about justice and right and wrong.

--When we sin, we don't damage our standing with God because our standing is in Christ but we grieve God who forgave us so that we could be His.

--If all that was at stake was our standing with God, then there would be no need to ask for forgiveness,

--Again, our standing with God is a means to an end for Him, relevant only because it keeps Him from the possibility of relationship with us.

--The Heart of God is a relationship with us that is not hampered by our rebellion.

--God hates sin because it is robbing Him of what He wants the most.