



Maskless Prayer

MT. 6:9-15

"Pray then like this: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.'"
 (Matthew 6:9-13, ESV)

Review the Sermon

Why is it impossible to reflect the desires of this prayer while, at the same time, being motivated to get what you want?

Why is the order of this prayer (God-centered requests first) vital to our spiritual health?

Jesus reminded us that we are speaking to "our Father in heaven". Why is it important to keep the balance between closeness with our Father and reverence for his transcendence as God?

Assess your Life

Assess your prayer life. Are you more focused your own personal needs? Or do you spend significant time talking to God about his glory, his authority, and his purposes?

If your prayers reflect your deepest desires, would you be more concerned over God's purposes in the world, or your own interests and dreams?



Apply the Truth

How would greater desire for God's mission (his name, kingdom, and will) in the world change the way you pray over your own needs?

How could prayer change the way you experience God's forgiveness and transform your own ability to forgive others who hurt you?

What can be done to raise awareness to specific areas of temptation and your need for God's preservation from evil?

Commit this Week

Will you commit to developing a maskless prayer life with God in which you come to him just as you are and learn to desire what glorifies him most?

"For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." (Matthew 6:14-15, ESV)