

Week of Nov 22, 2020

Superpower of Prayer pt. 5

Scripture: Matthew 6.9-15



Pray 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*

1. Word-by-word breakdown:

- *But* - puts contrast between the concept of succumbing to temptation and experiencing deliverance from the evil one.
- *Deliver* - *Rhyomai* - Deliverance from a real, present, powerful threat, e.g. Israel's deliverance from Egypt, Babylon, or Assyria.

2. The evil one: Who is Satan?

- God and man's greatest enemy.
- Satan's story - Isaiah 14; Ezekiel 28

3. What does Satan do?

- Attacks God by attacking mankind
- Satan **hates mankind** but his hatred is much different than ours. His hatred looks like:
 - Meeting a need (outside of God's will)
 - Giving us control (self-sufficiency)
 - Encouraging us (twisting the truth of who we are in Christ)

4. What is Satan's weakness?

- Satan cannot stand in the presence of Almighty God or the bearers of His image.
 - James 4.7 - Submit to God; resist the Devil

Conversation Starters:

1. The main point is that we choose God-given victory or absolute defeat. What form has that choice taken in your own life? Before your salvation? After salvation?
2. Have you experienced Satan's hatred?
3. Submission to God - closeness with Him, clean hands, and a pure heart - empower us to resist Satan and send him fleeing. In what ways are you successfully submitting and in what ways are you failing to submit?