

# Living is Believing

## An Exposition of the Lord's Prayer

### Part Four: Exposition

Emptying:

Meek, Mourn, poor

## Parallels in the Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5-7

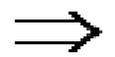
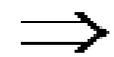
	<b>Beatitudes</b>	<b>Body 5:11 – 7:11</b>	<b>Conclusion 7:12-28</b>	<b>Lord's Prayer</b>
<b>Authority</b>	5:1-2		7:28	6:9  Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
<b>Emptying</b>  <i>Poor Mourn Meek</i>	5:3-5	6:16 – 7:11		6:10  Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
<b>Filling</b>  <i>Hunger and thirst for righteousness</i>	5:6	6:5-15		6:11-12a  Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts,
<b>Giving</b>  <i>merciful pure peacemakers</i>	5:7-9	5:21 – 6:4		Matthew 6:12b  as we also have forgiven our debtors.
<b>Warning</b>  <i>Persecuted for righteousness</i>	5:10	5:11-20	7:12-27	Matthew 6:13  And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

the Sermon's structure:

**I. Introduction**  
5:1-10  
Jesus' Authority Presented  
5:1-2  
Beatitudes  
5:3-10  
5:3 poor in spirit  
5:4 mourn  
5:5 meek  
  
5:6 hunger & thirst for  
righteousness  
5:7 merciful  
5:8 pure  
5:9 peacemaker  
5:10 persecuted for  
righteousness' sake

**II. Body**  
5:11 - 7:11  
Exposition of Beatitudes in  
reverse order  
  
7:7-11 ask, seek, knock  
7:1-6 not judging others  
6:16-34 trusting God to provide  
(fasting)  
**6:5-15 praying.**  
5:38-6:4 loving, giving  
(almsgiving)  
5:27-37 pure eyes, hands, & lips  
5:21-26 overcoming anger  
5:11-20 manner of persecution  
and its results; righteousness  
of the persecuted

**III. Conclusion**  
7:12-29  
  
7:12 summary of ethics  
7:13-14 2 gates, 2 ways  
7:15-23 2 fruit trees  
  
7:24-27 2 builders  
  
Jesus' Authority  
Recognized 7:28-29



Before one asks for  
something, one feels the need.

For God to fill us we must be  
empty.

# Meekness

## Matthew 6:10

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

## Matthew 5:5

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

## Matthew 6:16-34

16 And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 17 But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, 18 that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 19 Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 22 The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, 23 but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! 24 No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

# Meekness continued

## Matthew 6:10

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

## Matthew 5:5

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

## Matthew 6:16-34

25 Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? 28 And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. 34 Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

# To Mourn

## **Matthew 6:10**

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

## **Matthew 5:4**

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

## **Matthew 7:1-6**

Judge not, that you be not judged. 2 For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. 3 Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? 4 Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? 5 You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye. 6 "Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.

# Poor in spirit

## **Matthew 6:10**

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

## **Matthew 5:3**

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

## **Matthew 7:7-11**

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. 9 Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? 11 If you then, who are 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!

Recognize one's emptiness, ask to be filled (by the right source), take responsibility to give what one asks for and expect to be tested for sincerity while at the same time recognizing one's emptiness and asking to be filled etc.

This is possible only by directing one's attention to God from beginning to end. He is the "Beginning and the End", the "Alpha and Omega".

Through his teaching we learn we *are* empty and through his teaching we *are* filled, and through his teaching we *are* given what we need to *be/become* and *do* to/for others what we ask for ourselves and what God is and does for us.

**See You all next week for our final and wrap up session!**