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Our Father In Heaven - Matthew 6:9-13

Description – Join us today as we begin to look at prayer from Matthew 6 in the Lord's Prayer.

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Matthew 6:9-13

⁹ "Therefore, you should pray like this: Our Father in heaven, your name be honored as holy. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us today our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And do not bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

We're going to take apart the Lord's prayer and walk through it. The question is: is this an exact prayer to pray, or do we model prayer off of it?

The direction we pray - is to our Father.

Right out of the gate... "Our Father..." -

Where does God first reveal himself as "Father" - Exodus 4:22

Exodus 4:22-23

²² And you will say to Pharaoh: This is what the LORD says: **Israel is my firstborn son.** ²³ I told you: Let my son go so that he may worship me, but you refused to let him go. Look, I am about to kill your firstborn son!"

Jesus is teaching us that God is not some distant far off god from other religions, who are not even gods to begin with.

For the Jewish culture, they were always thinking corporate & collective, hence the "our" Father.

The destination of our prayer - "...in Heaven"

The Jewish culture considered Heaven to be 3 levels or categories.

1. The first heaven - the earth, the ground and land where we are.
2. The second heaven - the atmosphere, the stars, the sky, the visible universe.
3. The third heaven - the spiritual realm, the throneroom of the Lord, with the Angels, etc.

Paul talks about being called up to the 3rd Heaven in 2 Corinthians 12:2

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² I know a man in Christ who was caught up to the third heaven fourteen years ago. Whether he was in the body or out of the body, I don't know; God knows.

God comes and dwells with His people.

The separation of our prayers - "Your name be honored as Holy"

The word Holy means set apart or separate. The 4th Commandment is: **"Do not misuse (take in vain) the name of the Lord your God, because the Lord will not leave anyone unpunished who misuses his name." Ex. 20:7.**

Some have reduced this command to swearing. Don't say, GD or use Jesus's name in a derogatory way. That's true but it's way deeper than that.

God's name is profaned when those who claim his name, defame his name. When we who call ourselves children of God don't live how God directs us to live.

The saddest thing in the church today is a 30 or 40 year old man or woman who is still praying like a small child, a baby.

When you open your mouth in prayer, God puts His ear to your heart.