How to Make The Lord's Prayer personal

> 1) Don't pray to draw attention to yourself > 2) Pray privately > 3) Don't babble on "Because your Father" knows what you need ... " This is a statement of God's omniscience "Pray LIKE this".... Not pray THIS Lord's Prayer is not a divinely mandated Christian mantra It is a pattern or a template for proper prayer



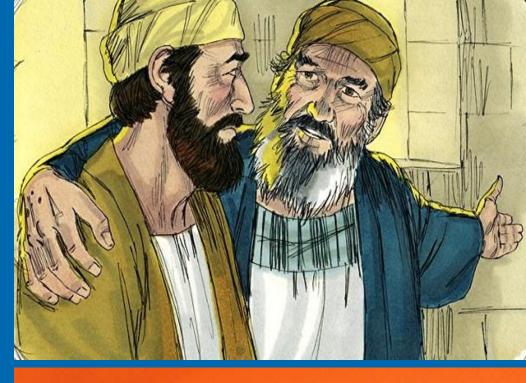
OUR FATHER ABRAHAM

- "Our Father"... NOT Our God or Our Lord
- Father is meant in the concept of sonship
 - Yeshua's spiritual and physical identity is The Son in relation to The Father
- The Father is Yehoveh
- Christ says we pray to The Father
- Father, Jesus, and Holy Spirit are spoken of in the Bible separately as identifiable entities who are aligned in a hierarchy

The Father is at the top of the hierarchy

CONCEPT OF FATHER AND SON

- Terms like Father and Son must not be taken too far
- Must be understood within their ancient Hebrew cultural & historical context
- When a son is given "agent" status speaking to him is as if speaking to the father
- John 14:6 10
- The Father is NOT the Son
- The Son has not replaced the Father





kaddisk why

- 2 lines of the Jewish Kaddish prayer are very similar to the Lord's Prayer regarding hallowing God's name and His Kingdom coming
- Theological debate over whether the nature of the Lord's Prayer is future or is present oriented
- Both meanings can be true, only at different points in Redemption history
- May Your Kingdom come" refers to both the present and future because that is the nature of the Kingdom of Heaven

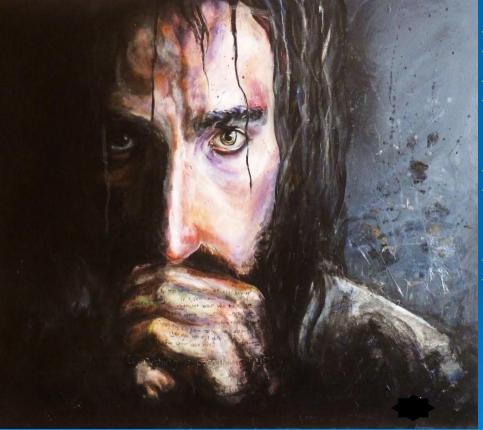
THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

- The Kingdom has a beginning point; it is when John the Baptist brings his message
- ➤ Matt. 11:11 13
- ≻ Luke 17: 20 21
- Parable of the Mustard Seed Matt. 13: 31 – 32
- The Kingdom begins imperceptibly, but in time will grow large and eventually will envelop the world





PRAYING IN GOD'S WILL



- Kaddosh = holy = sanctified = set apart
- How can we know we are praying in God's will?
 Luke 22:39 44
- The evening before His execution
- "Cup" means what is destined to happen
- Yeshua's flesh and spirit were in conflict; torture and death were not something He sought
 His prayers were so intense, He sweat blood

ACCEPTING GOD'S WILL WHEN IT'S NOT WHAT YOU WANT

- When we pray but aren't relieved from an awful predicament, can we accept that it is God's will and glorify Him?
- Outcomes aren't always "best for you" in the long or short term
- It is the attitude in which we pray that may matter the most

Give us this day our daily bread.....

Artos = lechem = bread, but also is an expression that means food in general

> This simply is a prayer for the provision of food

It might include basic human needs as well

Yeshua was concerned for the physical needs of people as well as their spiritual needs

He miraculously fed thousands, and healed thousands

- Vs. 12 instructs us to pray for forgiveness of our sins against God
- This was not a new principle in the Jewish religion
- Ecclesiasticus 28 was written 1 to 2 centuries before Christ, instructs to pray for forgiveness and to have mercy
- KJV Matt. 6:12 Forgive us our <u>debts</u>
- KJV Luke 11:4 Forgive us our <u>sins</u>

PRAY FOR FORGIVENESS OF SINS



Hebrews saw sin as a debt owed to God > Deut. 15:2 The 50 year cycle of Jubilee (*Sh'mittah*) > P'shat = a God appointed time of release of debts among the people > Remez = a future time when God remits our debts to Him and

declares Paid in Full!

THE CONNECTION BETWEEN SIN AND DEBT





- So do Believers still need to ask for forgiveness?
- The Lord's Prayer says we do
- No place in Scripture are we told to cease praying for forgiveness
- Matt. 18:21 35 Parable of the Wicked Servant
- Where we fit into God's eternal Kingdom will have much to do with how much mercy we show to others