

## Notes from The Lord's Prayer

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### *Introduction*

"In the Lord's Prayer God's will and man's need are perfectly united"<sup>1</sup>

"The clause, "as in heaven so on earth," qualifies each of the three petitions of the first part of the prayer."<sup>2</sup>

### *Chapter I: Hallowed Be Thy Name*

"Lest familiarity destroy it, he follows the loving designation, "Father," with an expression of awe, Hallowed!" With a loving boldness, quite foreign to an age of fear, the worshiping spirit embraces God and exclaims, "Father," while there follows an expression of the most wholesome sort of reverence, "Hallowed be thy name!"<sup>3</sup>

"The hallowing of God's name has a vital relation to our daily living. As society becomes more and more civilized there is an increasing necessity for emphasis upon right motives."<sup>4</sup>

### *Chapter II: Thy Kingdom Come*

"Jesus began his ministry with the announcement that the kingdom of heaven was at hand...Few terms were more frequently upon his lips. The establishment of the kingdom on earth was his chief concern. It is simply the rule or reign of God. Where God's laws are obeyed, there His kingdom is."<sup>5</sup>

### *Chapter III: Thy Will Be Done*

"Our obedience lets God do what His love is forever eager to do."<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> R.H. Miller, *The Lord's Prayer* (Elgin, IL: Brethren Publishing House, 1929), 13.

<sup>2</sup> R.H. Miller, *The Lord's Prayer* (Elgin, IL: Brethren Publishing House, 1929), 14.

<sup>3</sup> R.H. Miller, *The Lord's Prayer* (Elgin, IL: Brethren Publishing House, 1929), 21.

<sup>4</sup> R.H. Miller, *The Lord's Prayer* (Elgin, IL: Brethren Publishing House, 1929), 25.

<sup>5</sup> R.H. Miller, *The Lord's Prayer* (Elgin, IL: Brethren Publishing House, 1929), 31.

<sup>6</sup> R.H. Miller, *The Lord's Prayer* (Elgin, IL: Brethren Publishing House, 1929), 45.

“There are two kinds of submission to the will of God. One is passive, the other active...passive submission is an unmanly way to meet any situation...Endurance becomes incidental to heroic action!”<sup>7</sup>

*Chapter IV: Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread*

“It is only after we have made the hallowing of God’s name, the coming of His kingdom and the doing of His will, our chief concerns that we may present Him our personal needs. Bread and kindred items become His concern for that life which is consecrated to His cause.”<sup>8</sup>

*Chapter V: Forgive Us Our Debts As We Forgive Our Debtors*

“Whether the body is active or inactive, all sin is a debt.”<sup>9</sup>

“...he who sees his own sin, and is truly penitent for it, has no heart to abuse a fellow-sinner in an unforgiving spirit.”<sup>10</sup>

*Chapter VI: Lead Us...Deliver Us*

“Temptation is a furnace in which character is forged.”<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> R.H. Miller, *The Lord’s Prayer* (Elgin, IL: Brethren Publishing House, 1929), 50.51.

<sup>8</sup> R.H. Miller, *The Lord’s Prayer* (Elgin, IL: Brethren Publishing House, 1929), 55.

<sup>9</sup> R.H. Miller, *The Lord’s Prayer* (Elgin, IL: Brethren Publishing House, 1929), 63.

<sup>10</sup> R.H. Miller, *The Lord’s Prayer* (Elgin, IL: Brethren Publishing House, 1929), 68.

<sup>11</sup> R.H. Miller, *The Lord’s Prayer* (Elgin, IL: Brethren Publishing House, 1929), 73.