

## Notes from On Earth As It Is In Heaven

*How the Lord's Prayer Teaches Us To Pray More Effectively*

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### *Prelude*

“Just as a baby cries for his or her parents, the new believer cannot help but cry out, “Abba, Father” (Gal. 4:6).”<sup>1</sup>

“If we want to keep maturing in the Christian life, we must be serious about developing our prayer life.”<sup>2</sup>

### *Measuring a Miracle*

“Prayer isn’t an option; it’s an obligation and an opportunity for us to glorify God’s name and receive his blessing. It’s also an opportunity to participate in miracles.”<sup>3</sup>

“To be gripped by the miraculous magnificence of prayer means to be humbled and broken, deeply grateful for the privilege of access into the presence of the Almighty.”<sup>4</sup>

“Jesus said, “This, then, is how you should pray” (Matt. 6:9). That sounds like a commandment, doesn’t it.”<sup>5</sup>

“Most congregations have probably never heard of *The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles*, also known as the *Didache* (“The Teaching”), perhaps the oldest non-canonical Christian book we have. The *Didache* makes it clear that the early church always used the Lord’s Prayer in its public worship services and did not permit unbelievers to join in the praying. The *Didache* also exhorts all believers to pray the Lord’s Prayer three times a day. Of course, the writer assumed that the words would come from the worshipers’ hearts and not just from their memories.”<sup>6</sup>

“The Lord’s Prayer contains six requests... Since the days of the church fathers, it’s been pointed out that the first three requests in this prayer focus on matters that especially concern God—the glory of his name, the coming of his kingdom, and the accomplishing of his will—while the last three requests deal with the needs of the one who is praying—the necessities of life, personal forgiveness of sin, and victory over trial and temptation. The prayer asks the Father to forgive the sins of the past, to provide what we need for the present day (both physical and spiritual), and to

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<sup>1</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 9.

<sup>2</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 9.

<sup>3</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 12.

<sup>4</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 15.

<sup>5</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 15-16.

<sup>6</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 16.

guide us in the future as we anticipate the coming of Christ's kingdom. Just about every prayer burden we might have, either for ourselves or for others, can fit into each of these six requests."<sup>7</sup>

"To begin with, the plural pronouns in the prayer (our, we, and us) indicate that the Lord's Prayer is a family prayer. We may pray in solitude, but we never really pray alone, for as the people of God we belong to each other and we affect each other."<sup>8</sup>

"The Lord's Prayer is not only a family prayer, it's a balanced prayer. In it you find requests that relate to the past...the present...and the future. Some requests relate to the program of God and others to the needs of God's people. Too often our prayers are focused primarily on what we need rather than on what God wants to give or do."<sup>9</sup>

"...the Lord's Prayer isn't long and imposing, but it is very precious. You can pray this prayer reverently in a minute or less; but like the incense altar, this prayer isn't measured by its extent but by its content and intent."<sup>10</sup>

"It's doubtful that Jesus gave us this prayer simply to recite, but rather to be used as a model or pattern, a "divine agenda," to guide us in our own praying so we don't ramble, waste words, and miss the requests that are really important."<sup>11</sup>

"In short, all of us as God's children need to allow the Holy Spirit to use this prayer in our lives so that we might please the Father, become more like the Son, and be used of the Holy Spirit to make a difference in this world."<sup>12</sup>

### *Relationship 1: "Our Father in Heaven"*

"The Lord's Prayer begins with *relationships*- our relationship to God ("Our Father") and our relationship to God's people ("Our Father") and our relationship to God's people ("Our Father")...Of course, God is spirit and therefore has no body (John 4:24), which means that the title *Father* has nothing to do with gender. We must not refer to God as it because God is a person."<sup>13</sup>

"God's relationship to Israel is occasionally compared to that of a father who loves and cares for his family. He called Israel his "firstborn son" (Exod. 4:22) and "the children of the LoRD" (Deut. 14:1; see Isa. 1:2; Jer. 31:9). He compared Israel's exodus from Egypt and their wilderness journey to a child being picked up and carried by his father (Deut. 1:31; Jer. 31:32; Hos. 11:1). "Is he not your Father, your Creator, who made you and formed you?" asked Moses (Deut. 32:6; see also Isa. 63:16; 64:8; Mal. 2:10)."<sup>14</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 16.

<sup>8</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 17.

<sup>9</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 18.

<sup>10</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 19.

<sup>11</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 19.

<sup>12</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 20.

<sup>13</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 24.

<sup>14</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 24.

“Most Israelites, however, probably didn't think of Jehovah as a father. Israel's solemn experience at Sinai (where even Moses was frightened; see Heb. 12:21), and God's disciplining of the nation during their wilderness journey, reminded the people that their God didn't tolerate unbelief and disobedience.”<sup>15</sup>

“The Lord finally had to send the Assyrians to destroy the northern kingdom of Israel. Then he sent the Babylonians to carry off the people of the southern kingdom of Judah to Babylon, where they were exiled for seventy years. Why? Because "the LORD disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in" (Prov. 3:12). "If I am a father, where is the honor due me?" God asked his people in Malachi 1:6, and he asks that same question of his church today.”<sup>16</sup>

“In the Gospels, Jesus Christ gives us a wonderful revelation of God as our Father, a God who is personal and loving. However, like the apostles, we don't always get the message. Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” Our Lord's reply was, “Don't you know me, Philippi, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father” (John 14:8-9). “If you knew me, you would know my Father also” (John 8:19). Nobody else could honestly make that statement.”<sup>17</sup>

“Look at Jesus welcoming the children and you see God with a Child in his arms.”<sup>18</sup>

“God has placed teachers and spiritual leaders in the churches as the servants of the heavenly Father and his people, and they must not usurp God's authority by controlling the lives of others believers (John 13:12-17; 1 Peter 5:1-7; 3 John 9-11). God's leaders must be servants but not celebrities, directors but not dictators. They must never accept the honor that belongs to God alone.”<sup>19</sup>

“In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus mentions the Father seventeen times, and ten of those references include the modifier *heaven* or *heavenly*.”<sup>20</sup>

“The phrase “our Father” speaks of God's nearness to us, while the phrase “in heaven” speaks of his distance and difference from us, and both truths are important in the Christian life and must be kept in balance.”<sup>21</sup>

“It's unfortunate that most people, including Christian people, rarely talk about heaven until a friend or family member experiences the worst before we feel free to talk about the best, and that isn't right. I've often reminded people that heaven is not only a destination, it's a motivation. When you and I are truly motivated by the promise of eternity with God in heaven, it makes a difference in our lives.”<sup>22</sup>

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<sup>16</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 25.

<sup>17</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 26.

<sup>18</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 26.

<sup>19</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 27.

<sup>20</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 28.

<sup>21</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 29.

<sup>22</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 31.

“Birth into the family of God has given us citizenship in the kingdom of God, but the fullness of that kingdom will not be experienced until Jesus returns.”<sup>23</sup>

*Relationship II: “Our Father in Heaven”*

“But being born into the *human* family doesn’t automatically make us members of God’s family, nor does it give us the privilege of prayer. It’s by being born again through faith in Jesus Christ the Savior that we become children of God.”<sup>24</sup>

“How do we know we are truly God’s children? “The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children” (Romans 8:16). When we read the Bible, when we share in congregational worship, when we meet another believer, when we do a good deed in the name of Jesus, the Spirit affirms within us that we belong to the family of God.”<sup>25</sup>

“The Lord’s Prayer doesn’t advocate selfish individualism. It doesn’t begin with the words “My Father”; it begins with “*Our Father*.” Our relationship to the Lord is our most important relationship in life. Because we’re in fellowship with the Father, we can enjoy fellowship with his children.”<sup>26</sup>

“If we follow our Lord’s directions and go into our room and shut the door to pray, there will probably be fewer distractions (Matt. 6:6); but physical separation must not become spiritual and emotional isolation from other people.”<sup>27</sup>

“All Christians are different, and yet we are all united in Christ. Regardless of race, color, gender, political or economic status, believers are “all one in Christ Jesus” (Gal. 3:26-29). Unity without diversity is uniformity, and diversity without unity is anarchy; but unity and diversity combined by the Holy Spirit in the church will produce a dynamic life of sacrifice and serve that can change the world. The words “Our Father” remind us not to pray selfishly for anything that would hurt or harm another believer or another church.”<sup>28</sup>

“We’re at war with others because we’re at war with ourselves, and we’re at war with ourselves because we’re at war with God.”<sup>29</sup>

“The Lord usually starts to answer prayer by working in the hearts of those who are praying.”<sup>30</sup>

“Christian love isn’t a passing emotion. It’s a compelling motivation, energized by the Holy Spirit and nurtured by prayer, the Scriptures, congregational worship, and sacrificial service.

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<sup>24</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 37.

<sup>25</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 38.

<sup>26</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 38.

<sup>27</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 39.

<sup>28</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 41.

<sup>29</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 42.

<sup>30</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 43.

Christian love means treating others the way the Father treats us; so when we pray “Our Father,” we’re including both God and others.”<sup>31</sup>

*Worship: “Hallowed Be Your Name”*

“The first requests in the Lord’s Prayer focus on God and not on the people who are praying. The glorifying of God’s name, the coming of God’s kingdom, and the accomplishing of God’s will on earth are the Lord’s “prayer priorities” that we must prioritize as well.”<sup>32</sup>

“The first request in the Lord’s Prayer makes it clear that prayer and worship go together. Too often we rush into God’s presence, pour out our requests, and then rush back to our daily responsibilities, never pausing to worship him or even to thank him.”<sup>33</sup>

“We know that times of true worship give us better perspectives on the matters that concern us. The things that bother us don’t seem quite as threatening when we quietly contemplate the greatness of our God and worship him.”<sup>34</sup>

“We are able to worship and pray because we know his name, but this is only the beginning.”<sup>35</sup>

“To hallow something means to set it apart as special, to dedicate it, to consecrate it to God for his special use. In the New Testament, it’s a translation of the Greek word *hagiazō*, which is used in John 10:36 and 17:19 with reference to Jesus being “set apart” for his ministry.”<sup>36</sup>

“God’s name is not only majestic, it is also glorious.”<sup>37</sup>

“While we live in this world, one of our responsibilities is to magnify the name of the Lord. If we truly reverence Jesus in our hearts (1 Peter 3:15), we will ask God to use us to magnify him before an unbelieving world.”<sup>38</sup>

“...the purpose of prayer is not just to have God supply our needs but for God to be glorified in the answers that he sends. We rob God of glory when we magnify ourselves and take the credit that rightly belongs to him.”<sup>39</sup>

“We rob God of glory when we profess one thing and practice another.”<sup>40</sup>

“Has the glory of God departed from some of our homes, churches, and parachurch ministries and we don’t realize it? Is there really “glory in the church” or just crowds of people seeking

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<sup>31</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 44.

<sup>32</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 47.

<sup>33</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 48.

<sup>34</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 49.

<sup>35</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 51.

<sup>36</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 52.

<sup>37</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 52.

<sup>38</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 54.

<sup>39</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 55.

<sup>40</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 55.

religious entertainment? Not to desire to glorify God is the beginning of sin and leads to a dark and foolish heart (Rom. 1:21). God in his longsuffering gave his people many years to awaken to their need and forsake their sins, but they refused to listen. Are we imitating their bad example?”<sup>41</sup>

“Magnifying the name of the Lord is one of the major themes of the prophet Malachi. The Jewish priests showed contempt for God's name by routinely going through the motions of ministry but keeping the best for themselves (Malachi 1).”<sup>42</sup>

“Are we today a part of God's faithful praying remnant, or are we among the bored believers who give God second best and can hardly wait for the church service to end so we can be early at the restaurant or the golf course?”<sup>43</sup>

“We cannot pray "hallowed be your name" unless the lives we live and the work we do depend on the power of Jesus's name.”<sup>44</sup>

“While rereading the book of Revelation, I was struck by the number of times John uses the word name—thirty-eight to be exact. John describes the contrasts and conflicts between heaven and earth, Jerusalem and Babylon, the bride of Christ and the harlot, Christ and the antichrist, the Lamb and the beast. The saints he describes are true to Christ's name and willing to endure hardship rather than deny his name (2:3, 13; 3:8). They revere his name in spite of the opposition of Satan and his demons (11:18). The beast slanders God's name (13:5-7) and insists that everybody obey him and wear his mark (13:11-17). The world worships and serves the anti-christ, but the saints worship and serve Christ and honor his name (15:3-4).”<sup>45</sup>

### *Citizenship “Your kingdom come”*

“When we pray “your kingdom come,” we affirm that God is King. “For the Lord Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth” (ps. 47:2). “The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice” (Ps. 87:1).”<sup>46</sup>

“We who have trusted Jesus Christ are not only citizens of god’s kingdom but also children of the King. “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven...Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God (Matt. 5:3, 9).”<sup>47</sup>

“Our prayers are not in vain, for God’s kingdom is going to come... The Father doesn’t just give us a kingdom ID card or a kingdom address. He gives us the kingdom!”<sup>48</sup>

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<sup>41</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 56.

<sup>42</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 56.

<sup>43</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 56.

<sup>44</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 58.

<sup>45</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 59.

<sup>46</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 62.

<sup>47</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 62.

<sup>48</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 63.

“Jesus displayed his kingship over wind and waves, schools of fish, physical diseases and deformities, and even demons. When he called men to follow him and serve God, they obeyed, even though they must have felt frightened and inadequate.”<sup>49</sup>

“Christians are a special people called to accomplish the special task of making Christ known throughout this dark and doomed world.”<sup>50</sup>

“Praying “your kingdom come” involves more than simply uttering three words. It demands the devotion and dedication of our entire being to Jesus as we eagerly anticipate seeing him!”<sup>51</sup>

“Since we are privileged to be citizens in God’s kingdom right now, we must abandon our own “kingdoms” and make God’s kingdom the only one we honor and serve. To limp between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of this world is to miss the best of both, according to Matthew 6:33.”<sup>52</sup>

““Your kingdom come” implies that God rules first of all in our lives and then through us in the lives of others as we pray for them and minister to them. We want God’s kingdom to rule in homes and families, in places of employment and ministry, in various government offices and agencies, and in places of authority and ministry around the world.”<sup>53</sup>

*Partnership: “Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven”*

“Prayer is a “partnership” between God and his church that enables him to accomplish his will on earth through the witness of his obedient people.”<sup>54</sup>

“The believers praying on earth must be available for God to use them to help answer their prayers if that is his will.”<sup>55</sup>

“The will of God is nourishment, not punishment.”<sup>56</sup>

“I’m not personally responsible that the whole earth obey the will of God, but I am responsible to pray this prayer and see to it that I obey his will joyfully from my heart (Eph. 6:6).”<sup>57</sup>

*Stewardship: “Give Us Today Our Daily Bread”*

“Bread represents all that we need to sustain life as we serve the Lord.”<sup>58</sup>

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<sup>49</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 64.

<sup>50</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 66.

<sup>51</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 68.

<sup>52</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 72.

<sup>53</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 73.

<sup>54</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 78.

<sup>55</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 78.

<sup>56</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 79.

<sup>57</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 89.

<sup>58</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 91.

“The word give in this request reminds us that we are stewards by God’s grace. “Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows” (James 1:17). We see God’s grace in what God gives us as well as in the way God gives it, and we must use these gifts for the good of others and the glory of God. That’s what stewardship is all about. The Lord is not obligated to give us anything, yet “in him we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28).”<sup>59</sup>

“If we remember that we are stewards because of the grace of God, it will motivate us to cook and eat sensibly and to waste nothing.”<sup>60</sup>

“Washing food and wasting money are sin in good standing among believers in the Western world and are rarely mentioned at public meetings or in private confession.”<sup>61</sup>

*Fellowship: “Forgive Us Our Debts, As We Also Have Forgiven Our Debtors”*

“When we carry grudges against others, we only hurt ourselves, and to continue in this misery instead of seeking God’s forgiveness is folly. Resentment has been described as the act of swallowing poison and hoping it will kill your enemy.”<sup>62</sup>

“In the Lord’s Prayer, Jesus describes our sins as a debt, and most of his listeners knew that the Aramaic word for sin also meant “debt.” In our own day, the word sin is barely in the vocabulary, and it is rarely associated with debt.”<sup>63</sup>

“A debt is a legal obligation, and every sinner is obligated to the Lord to obey his law and do his will.”<sup>64</sup>

“Our disobedience does not mean we’re no longer accepted by God; it does mean that we’re not acceptable to our Father. We haven’t lost our membership in the family, but we have damaged our fellowship with the Father and with other children of God.”<sup>65</sup>

*Discipleship I: “Lead Us Not Into Temptation”*

“The word translated “temptation” in Matthew 6:13 can also mean “trial” or “testing.”<sup>66</sup>

“God’s true children benefit from trials. They have their roots in God’s Word, and trials only deepen those roots.”<sup>67</sup>

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<sup>59</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 93.

<sup>60</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 93.

<sup>61</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 95.

<sup>62</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 104.

<sup>63</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 105.

<sup>64</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 105.

<sup>65</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 108.

<sup>66</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 118.

<sup>67</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 119.

“So when we pray “lead us not into temptation,” we’re saying to the Lord, “Give me the faith I need to accept this trial and use it for your glory. Deepen my roots, increase my faith, and help me turn this testing into triumph and not temptation.”<sup>68</sup>

*Discipleship II: “Deliver Us From The Evil One”*

“Jesus commands us to pray for deliverance, and he himself prayed for us that we would have victory.”<sup>69</sup>

“When we pray “Our Father,” we must believe what we are saying, that our Father does love us and will provide for us.”<sup>70</sup>

*Benediction: “For Yours Is The Kingdom And The Power And The Glory Forever. Amen”*

“Without it, our praying would begin with the Father and end with the devil...The benediction enables us to begin with the Lord, continue with the Lord, and end with the Lord.”<sup>71</sup>

“In the *Didache*, a second-century local church manual, it reads, “For thine is the power and the glory forever.” Other manuscripts of Matthew’s Gospel have different versions or no benediction at all.”<sup>72</sup>

“It’s generally agreed that the benediction is based on the words of David in 1 Chronicles 29 when he commissioned his son Solomon to build the temple.”<sup>73</sup>

“True worship involves praise wrapped in prayer. That’s the best way to keep our praying from being selfish.”<sup>74</sup>

“The Lord’s Prayer reveals to us what our God is like, and this should encourage us to pray. He is a Father who loves us and a King who reigns in heaven and works on earth. He provides our daily needs and forgives our sins.”<sup>75</sup>

“The phrase “yours is the kingdom” acknowledges that Lord is in control and we must yield to his will.”<sup>76</sup>

“Let’s be careful not to limit the demonstration of God’s power to physical healing or the provision of material needs, because we need his power for overcoming the enemy, building character, and using our gifts and abilities to accomplish his will on earth.”<sup>77</sup>

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<sup>68</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 122.

<sup>69</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 130.

<sup>70</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 131.

<sup>71</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 139.

<sup>72</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 139.

<sup>73</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 139.

<sup>74</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 140.

<sup>75</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 141.

<sup>76</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 141.

<sup>77</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 139.

“Even though we often pray about material and physical things that don’t last forever, we are still dealing with the things of eternity that do last forever.”<sup>78</sup>

“Consider the word forever. We will enjoy God’s house—heaven—forever (Ps. 23:6). God’s love endures forever (Psalm 136). He is faithful forever (Ps. 146:6). If we have been faithful, we will receive a crown that will last forever (1 Cor. 9:25). Through Jesus Christ, we have been “made perfect forever” (Heb. 10:14). God’s Word stands forever (1 Peter 1:25).”<sup>79</sup>

“Over the centuries, Christian congregations have prayed the Lord’s Prayer together and ended with a united “Amen.” The world itself comes from the Hebrew and means “to lean on something strong to steady yourself.”<sup>80</sup>

“The first occurrence of amen in the Bible is in Genesis 15:6: “Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.” Literally the verse says, “Abram said ‘Amen’ to the Lord.”<sup>81</sup>

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<sup>78</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 144.

<sup>79</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 145.

<sup>80</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 145.

<sup>81</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010), 147.