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Bible Study Notes

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Prayer is set on the premise of every disciple's desire to learn how to pray. The Petition of the first disciples who would learn how to pray began with their desire to be effectual and fervent whenever they prayed. They had been exposed to prayer practices through the witness of John and his disciples. They knew that to whatever degree the disciples of John were praying was to the extent that John had taught them. To be taught and to learn relies on one's submission to teaching coupled with their devotedness to applying what they have been taught. Without such devotion, one might become a long-term learner without ever coming to the knowledge of the Truth. **2 Timothy 3:7** speaks to the fruit of such a mindset in the words, *“Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.”*

The whole-hearted desire of every believer should be no less than to be effective every time they pray. **James 5:16** assures us, *“The effectual and fervent prayer of the righteous one possesses the power to accomplish much.”*

As we conclude our collective pursuit of Bible Study for this year, we must reconsider and resolve our devotion to applying those principles disclosed through Jesus' Teachings on Prayer.

- ✓ The disciples' pursuit of learning to pray is met by Jesus teaching them to Pursue the Presence of God as Father. (Matthew 6:9)

“Pray, then, in this way: “Our Father” “who is in heaven Hallowed be Your name.”

- Jesus teaches His disciples to pursue the **Omni-Relational Identity** of God as the Father of Creation (*humanity*) and Redemption (*the redeemed*.) *“Our Father.”*
- Jesus teaches His disciples to pursue the Omni-Relational Identity of God as Father with a conscious view of His **Omnipresent Oversight** from His Eternal Residence in Heaven. *“Who is in heaven”*
- Jesus teaches His disciples to pursue God as Father whose Omnipresent Oversight from His Eternal Residence is worthy of universal Reverence. *“Hallowed be Your Name.”*

His Name discloses His Immutable and Eternal Identity, Nature, Character, Intentions, Will, Wisdom, and Purpose as no less than Holistically RIGHT. Holy is Your Name establishes the principle of our Dependence on the Sovereignty of God.

- ✓ The disciples' pursuit of learning to pray is also met with Jesus teaching them to Prioritize their Petitions by their recognition of His Omnipotent Authority. (Matthew 6:10)

“Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.”

“**Kingdom**” refers to the Sovereign Reign and Rule of God the Father. Its use by Jesus is also intended to disclose God the Father as “Sovereign King.” His Sovereign Activities disclosed on earth as King is directed by His Intentions and upheld by His Holy Name. **The Sovereignty of God is shaped by His Holiness.** There is no conflict nor compromise between the Name, Nature, Character, Intentions, Will, Wisdom, and Purpose of God as Father and King.

Herein lies the "**Mother of ALL Petitions**," disclosing the consolation and inspiration for every other Petition that believers present to the Father when they pray.

The Mother of all Petitions is for the Reign and Rule of God as Father and King to inhabit, dominate, and direct the universe of our lives throughout this earthly realm.

NOTE: The spirit realm is included in the earthly realm because of where it is to be manifested.

- Every Petition we present to God is Defined by the Sovereign Reign and Rule of His Kingdom.
- Every Petition we present to God is Directed by the Scope of His Will
- Every Petition we present to God is Destined by what has been Settled by the Authority of His Word in Heaven to be manifested throughout this earthly realm.

Previous sessions have afforded us opportunities to assess the source of our confidence in petitioning God when we pray. We've asked, “What makes us confident that the Lord will hear and answer our petitions when we pray?”

According to the teachings of Jesus, it is being sure of His Identity and the Honor of His Immutable Intentions. It is knowing God has no intentions but GOOD concerning us, even when we have bad encounters along the journey.

Bad encounters that lead to bad experiences cannot and will not alter what God has destined for our lives. **Such Truth** should solidify our intentions to devote unceasing Dependence on God before petitioning Him in Prayer.

TRUTH: Dependence is the Platform for Petitioning God in Prayer.

The Sanctification of Prayer *(by the order of God's Kingdom)* requires our Dependence on God to inspire our confidence to petition Him for all our needs.

~ Matthew 6:11 ~

Give us this day our daily bread.

~ Luke 12:29-31 ~

And do not seek what you will eat and what you will drink, and do not keep worrying. For all these things the nations of the world eagerly seek, but your Father knows that you need these things. But seek His Kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

Dependence is the believer's deliverer from worrying.

Every need that one has that constitutes a justifiable cause for worry derives from an endeavor to satisfy their desire(s) independent of the Provisions of God.

Do YOU view Faith and Dependence as having the same definition? If NOT, please explain the difference between the two.

How do YOU define Faith by its role in petitioning God when YOU pray?

How do YOU define Dependence by its role in petitioning God when YOU pray?
