

Women's Thursday Bible Class - Larger Catechism - 2021
#11 lesson

Prayer

Use of prayer as a means of grace

Q. And A. 178-187 what have we covered?

Q. and A. #188 - parts of the Lord's Prayer

Luke 11:1-13

Next week we will read Mat. 6:5-15

Q. and A. #189 - **Preface-** "our Father which art in heaven,"

Like an invocation

Teaches us to draw near to God

*with confidence Rom. 8:15, interest means have share in

*with reverence Ps. 46:10 and Isa. 64:1,8

*with child-like dispositions, heavenly affections, informed understanding of who God is Col. 3:1-3, Acts 12:5,12

- to pray with and for others (our Father)

What is meant by the "due apprehension" clause?

What is obvious (take away) but often neglected truth gleaned from the pronoun Our?

Now going to flesh out this very **condensed, compressed model** Jesus gives us

Of 6 petitions, the first 3 concern _____.

The next 3, _____.

Sadly, we reverse this and put human needs first, rather than God's interests.

Q. And A. #190- **first petition - "Hallowed be Thy Name"**

Petition- asking request

Hallowed - is now almost obsolete word.

Means- 'treated and regarded as set apart, different, holy'

What are we saying? and how do we?

What commandment of the 10 is this closely associated with?

Remember what a name in the Bible meant - (how God is made known, all that God has revealed himself to be)

On the side, the many and varied names given to God in Scripture reveal and enlarge our understanding of his character

So acknowledging ... (by nature we don't)

We pray-

- That by his grace we enabled, inclined to do so- Ps. 67:2-5; 83:18
- In his titles, attributes, ordinances, word, works- Ps. 86:10-11,15;
- Glorify Him in our thoughts, words, deeds -Ps. 19:14 and
- Remove what is dishonorable - II Kings 19:15-16, Ps. 74:18,22-23
- Ps. 83: 1-5, 16,18 God's enemies

When we... "we pray that God by his holy and wise providence would order all events in such a way that his own glory will be shown." Vos

- Direct and dispose all things to his glory

Read Ps. 9:9-11

Sermon by Pastor Jim Gables (Pam Sapp's dad) - insights :

This first petition wears the crown; all others are subordinate to it.

Come to God on his terms. Not using the Name of God to advance self interests for ourselves (contrast to what This means)

How might we openly fail, ignorantly or thoughtlessly, even subtly fail to hallow God's name?

Issues relating to man-centered evangelism, the church culture today replacing expository preaching with pleasing entertainment, idolatry

Begins with sanctifying the Lord in our heart

What positively promotes God's Name and glory? WHEN WE.....

1. Heb. 11:6. He is
2. Pursue true knowledge of God
3. Live lives obedient to God
4. Worship God in the trials and afflictions of life - illustrated in Job

Sing "We will glorify the King of Kings" - hymnal

We will glorify the King of kings , we will glorify the Lamb ,we will glorify the Lord of Lords , who is the great I AM. / Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty , we will bow before his throne, we will worship him in righteousness, we will worship him alone./ he is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth, He is Lord of all who live, He is Lord above the universe, All praise to Him we give. / hallelujah to the King of kings, hallelujah to the Lamb, hallelujah to the Lord of Lords ,who is the great I AM.

Depending on time, we will start

Q. and A. # 191 - Second petition " Thy Kingdom Come"

God's Name is glorified through the advance of Christ's Kingdom

*rival kingdom of sin and Satan may be destroyed - I Jn. 3:8, II Thess. 2:8

*gospel spread throughout the earth- Ps. 67:1-7

*Jews saved- Rom. 11

*full inclusion of Gentiles brought in-

*that the Church- revive the church!

- furnished with officers needed
- Raise up laborers for the mission field
- Purged from corruption- Malachi 1:11, Zeph. 3:9- the church needs watchmen
- [Countenanced and supported by the civil magistrate (EXPLANATION)-Vos]
- Ordinances of the church dispensed properly
- Conversion of sinners - do we believe that the salvation of people depends on our earnest prayer????
- Building up saints
- Christ rule in our hearts here **kingdom of grace - Eph. 3:14-20**
- Hasten his second coming(consummation of **kingdom of glory**, II Peter 3:11-13. Rev. 22:20
- God pleased to so exercise **his kingdom of power** throughout the world

Distinctions and definition of what meant by kingdom

- rule, reign, domain
- Eternal Ps. 145:13a
- Rival Eph. 2:2
- Big picture CREATION, CORRUPTION. REDEMPTION, AND RESTORATION
- What is the nature of this kingdom? How does one enter it? John 3:3,5 ; Rev. 11:18 ; Mat. 3:2 compare with Mat. 4:17 ;Mark 1:4-5 ; Mat. 18:3; Mat. 19:23-25; Luke 17:20-21; Rom. 14:17; Mat. 6:25, John 17:34; Mat. 25:34; 13:43 ; I Cor. 15:24-26 , 6:9

It is therefore appropriate to say that God's kingdom is eternal.

It also can be spoken of as past. It came with Christ 's first coming.

It is present - came, coming Col. 1:13-14

It is yet future - will be consummated at Christ's second coming.

Many other verses having to do with gaining clearer understanding of the kingdom of God or kingdom of heaven - mean the same thing

Next time we meet ,will be **Dec. 2!** We will tackle Q. and A. 192 -194 and then finish through Q. and A. 196 our last meeting **on Dec. 9.** We may adjust as we move through and possibly take more time with some petitions.

Please be thinking about your own prayer life as you study. Ask the Lord to reveal by His Spirit how you can begin to practice and implement Jesus' model.