

UPPER ROOM SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Living the Life of the Beloved/Belonging: Matthew 5-7

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Lesson 15 – (June 24, 2018) Matthew 6:11-

Lessons from Last Week:

- a. The Lord's Prayer reinforces that we are God's "beloved."
- b. God, as "Our Father," provides, protects, loves, and leads us.
- c. Reverencing God is to trust in His will, even when you can't see it working.

¹¹ Give us today our daily bread.

- a. God gives "daily bread" to believers and unbelievers alike, without our prayers.
- b. You are praying that He would lead you to be thankful, as opposed to greedy, for His meeting your necessities of life.
- c. Luther includes safety and security; good business dealings; etc. in his explanation of this petition.
 - a. "Bread" in the Scriptures
 - i. Bread which feeds the body.
 1. ***Exodus 16:31.*** *The people of Israel called the bread manna. It was white like coriander seed and tasted like wafers made with honey.*
 2. ***Matthew 14:17.*** *"We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.*
 - ii. Bread which feeds the soul/spirit.
 1. ***John 6:35.*** *Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.*
 2. ***Matthew 26:26.*** *While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."*

¹² And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

- a. "debt" (opheilama) – failures of duty toward God; each other:
 - a. Failing to love as God has loved us
 - b. Failing to respect or give honor where it is due
- b. "as" – "while we are at the same time"
- c. "forgive" – unbind or freed from being tied to
- d. You are praying for the strength of faith to forgive others gracefully.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation,

- a. God is not in the business of tempting His beloved; however, He allows it!
 - a. ***James 1:13-15.*** *When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; ¹⁴ but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.*

- b. **“sin” (amartia)** – falling short of the target
- b. You are praying for God’s protection against putting yourself in the position of being tempted, and acquiring the discernment to , the devil’s temptations of:
 - a. Spiritual deception through false beliefs (schema)
 - b. Seductive lifestyles and habits
 - c. Toxic guilt and shame
 - d. Selfish pride
 - e. Hopelessness and despair
- c. **The Beloved Life Principle #32:** There is a difference between being tempted and being _____. The purpose of a test is to grow more genuine and strong in your faith.
 - a. **1 Peter 1:6-7.** *In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.*

but deliver us from the evil one.

- a. God has promised to deliver you from Satan, the evil one.
- b. You are praying for God’s deliverance from all evil in the world.

¹⁴ For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

- a. **“if you forgive other people when they sin” – (“paraptoma”) – “slipping across the line”** – when others impulsively or temporarily lose control of what they say or do to you; unintentional offense; offense in the heat of the moment.
- b. **“if you forgive...do not forgive...your Father will...”** – Just as the flow of God’s grace from Him to you, ought to flow from you to others...so forgiveness is an outgrowth of that grace!
- c. **The Beloved Life Principle #33:** God’s forgiveness of you is an event; your forgiveness of others may be a _____ over time. This can be accomplished by:
 - a. Inviting the other person to tell you his/her reasons for the slip up.
 - b. Being open to understanding or giving positive benefit of the doubt.
 - c. Refusing to brood or constantly replay the offense over and over.
 - d. Praying for the other person and treat him/her with kindness in your thoughts, words, and deeds.
 - e. Reminding yourself: *“And I forgave him/her.”*
 - f. Establishing a “Redemption Plan” for trust to be restored incrementally