

Matthew / Tax Collector > PERSUASIVE ESSAY > GOSPEL = GOOD NEWS  
APOSTLE & EYEWITNESS – Ch. 1 > Begins Bold Claims re: What SAW

...Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Matthew 1.1

“you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

Matthew 1.21

1.23 IMMANUEL – GOD is with us! How? Jesus with us > Jesus is GOD!

Gospel Tightly-Structured account of Jesus MINISTRY and MESSAGE

Built around 5 Thematic Sermons – culled “Greatest Hits” of Jesus’ Sermons

Nature, Mission, Purpose, Growth, Conflict, Endurance of KINGDOM of God

First Sermon / on MOUNT > WHO is Jesus and HOW to Follow Him?

1<sup>ST</sup> Step of Discipleship > Following Jesus TURN your World UPSIDE DOWN

World admires POWER, Self-IMPORTANCE, PERSONAL ADVANCEMENT

BLESSED Ones in Kingdom Jesus > SOCIALLY Unimpressive Characteristics

Poor in Spirit / Mourning / Meekness / Hungry for Righteousness / Pure in Heart

Jesus DARED tell Jewish listeners Everything U Thought U Knew WRONG

“you have it heard said” >> BUT Rabbi So & So got it WRONG

Jesus BOLDLY Declares > TRUTH ‘what I say to you’!

God is Not FARAWAY, Disinterested Deity, Name you Cannot MENTION

HEAVENLY Father – Knows & Cares for All Needs – even Hairs on HEAD!

To HIM You are of MORE Worth >

than SPARROWS who God FEEDS / Beautiful Fields God CLOTHES

## PRAYER IS THE MEANS TO KEEP IT GOING DAY BY DAY

50 years of trying...! > PRAYER is MOST DIFFICULT Activity of Xtian Life

Martin Lloyd-Jones: "Everything we do in the Christian life is easier than prayer ...God knows it is easier to preach...than...pray. Prayer is undoubtedly the ultimate test, because a man can speak to others with greater ease than he can speak to God. a (person) discovers the real condition of (their) spiritual life when (they are) alone with God."

### 1. Approach to God

a. Relationship > Prayer - TALKING TO SOMEONE YOU KNOW

Cannot TALK INTIMATELY TO SOMEONE YOU DON'T KNOW

v. 9 "This, then, is how you should pray: Our Father in heaven,

Bilquis Sheik – Wealthy Pakistani woman – Abandoned by husband  
Sought Peace > read her Koran > Koran speaks highly of Jesus > Read New Test.  
Took Child to Catholic Hosp – Dr. / Sister asked why she had NT > Seeking God

"I don't know how to call God" > Sister: "Call him FATHER!"

Book > "I DARED TO CALL HIM FATHER" Bilquis Sheik > Muslim friends

No such INTIMACY w ALLAH in Muslim Faith

Nobody in OT called God Father > JESUS teaches to Call Abba / Daddy

OT Saints – Saved – Faith in Promises > We know More About God

Father – Son – Holy Spirit – Jesus calls us Friends – We call Father Daddy

Jesus teaching on PRAYER – Prompted by EXAMPLE – we WANT that Too!

Disciples SAW that Depth of Love between God Father / God the Son > Abba

Luke 11.1,2 One day Jesus was praying...When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name...

NATURAL – Little Child knows WHO is Father > CAN COME & ASK  
Father who LOVES US > You can Talk to Him ABOUT ANYTHING!

OUR Father > GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

CONFESSION

COMMUNITY

OUR Father > I believe, MY God – God of OTHER Believers too >> OUR  
FAMILY Prayer > PLURAL --- Fellowship, Unity, Love, Forgiveness, Family  
ONE Church – ALL True Believers > we never come to GARDEN ALONE!

Blair Prayers go to OREGON, KZ, HAWAII, CALIFORNIA > Family Members  
Believers Prayers > Across City, Country, Cosmos > Family EVERYWHERE

Blair Prayers INTENSIFY when Blair PROBLEM

Believers Prayers URGENCY > Church Family – Persecuted, Poor, Problems

vs. 7-8 And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

YOUR NOT TELLING HIM ANYTHING HE DOESN'T KNOW

DON'T HAVE TO STRUGGLE TO GET HIS ATTENTION - i.e. "Babble"

Ephesians 3.14,15 For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.

b. Regularity v. 11 "daily" > Give us today our daily bread.

Psalms 5.3 "In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly."

IF Infrequent RELATIONSHIP - ALWAYS GO BACK TO BEGINNING

Paul to Thessalonians “pray without ceasing” / “don’t stop praying”

Always in PRESENCE of God – IMMANUEL is With YOU!

Isaiah 55.6,7 Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

LIKE PUSHING A STALLED CAR - EASIER TO KEEP IT GOING

WE COME DAY BY DAY BECAUSE HE IS OUR FATHER

Younger Parents Came HOME & SEE 3 SONS - LIKE TO HAVE A HUG

"I gave you a hug yesterday" THAT WAS YESTERDAY, I WANT ANOTHER

## 2. Adoration of God

LORD'S PRAYER - 2 sets of 3 petitions / About God, About Us

WE APPROACH GOD HIMSELF - MOST URGENT THING IS HIS GLORY

COUNTER-ACTS SELF CENTEREDNESS v. 5 "to be seen by men"

MOST PRAYERS OFFERED MISS THE MARK - NOT TO TRUE GOD

A BILLION People PRAY toward Mecca 5 TIMES EACH DAY

Millions Bow, Burn Incense, Cry before STATUES AND SHRINES

MILLIONS TO ANCESTORS AND IDOLS

Might be Very SINCERE - YET SINCERELY WRONG

### a. Glorious Name

v. 9 This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name

FATHER who FILLS THE HEAVENS has a NAME

NOT Big Guy or Man UPSTAIRS or the Big BOSS > taking Name in VAIN

1<sup>st</sup> C Jews Extreme Verbal Gymnastics to NOT Use God's name – YAHWEH  
Matthew's Gospel to 1<sup>st</sup> C Jews reflects Sensitivity > Kingdom of HEAVEN

## JEWS REFERED TO GOD AS "THE NAME"

NAME = All that is true of God - All He is in and of Himself

"Hallowed Name" >>> Special, Above All, Unique, Holy, Exalted, No Other

OT NAMES - "I AM" - eternally self-existent, Sovereign

"the Lord who Provides" "the Lord who Heals"

"the Lord our Banner" "the Lord our Peace"

"the Lord our Shepherd" "the Lord our Righteousness"

"the Lord is Present" "the Lord of the Covenant"

## GOD IN ALL HIS ATTRIBUTES, MAJESTY, AND GLORY

ANSWER to SELF-WORTH Problems - MORE THEOLOGY, not Psychology

THINK on GOD – Spring Flowers, Summer Fruit, Strong Wind, Solar System,  
Unseen World - Microscope & Telescope -- Bottom of Ocean --- Limits of Space

DEEP AND BURNING DESIRE FOR THE HONOR AND GLORY OF GOD

“IN JESUS NAME” // According to God's Will / Advancing God's Glory

Daniel 9 > Intercedes for His Kinsmen: “Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments ... We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy. Lord, listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, hear and act! For your sake, my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name.”

b. Growing Kingdom v. 10 your kingdom come, your will be done,

## JESUS CAME TO ESTABLISH HIS KINGDOM

4.23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease

## WE ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM NOW

5.3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

WHAT hinders HIS NAME being HALLOWED?? – Kingdom COMING?

2 Cor 4.4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

God Not KNOWN, FEARED, LOVED, OBEYED

v. 10 your kingdom come, your will be done > Prayer WILL BE Answered

Every Knee will Bow – Every Tongue will Confess KING JESUS

PRAY - FULLNESS OF YOUR RULE > In Wrath remember MERCY

Reading Mark Twain again – Huckleberry Finn asked if Going to Heaven?

Asked what DO There? Lay on Clouds and Play HARPS

Huck Asked – “Is Tom going there?” / Probably Not / Doesn’t Sound Interesting!

NOT just CLOUDS and Harps > SYMPHONY of ALL Creation of GOD

Everything GOOD is from GOD – All ENJOYED faint Reflection of Eternal Joy

All Beauty of FALLEN World – Poor Reflection of NEW Heaven & Earth

Colossians 1.13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,

c. Gracious Will

RESULT OF THE COMING OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD??

THE WILL OF GOD WILL BE DONE

v. 10b on earth as it is in heaven > FULLNESS OF THE KINGDOM

Psalm 72 > the SON – The Great KING is PRAISED

May he rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. May the desert tribes bow before him and his enemies lick the dust...May all kings bow down to him and all nations serve him.

Isaiah 11.9 for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

IS THE WILL OF GOD CENTRAL IN YOUR LIFE??

LITTLE BOY AT FRIENDS HOUSE FOR DINNER

food served - waits for prayer - family just starts eating

BOY "Don't you pray before you eat?" FAMILY No we don't have time

OH I SEE, YOU EAT JUST LIKE MY DOG DOES.

Romans 12.2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

PRAYER CALLS US TO WORSHIP and PRAISE our TRIUNE GOD

Father - God's Name / Son - God's Kingdom / Spirit - God's Will

### 3. Asking God to meet our Needs

a. Material - vs. 11 Give us today our daily bread.

Martin Luther "Bread was a symbol of everything necessary for the preservation of this life: food, health, good weather, house, home, family, good government and peace"

NO FOOD – Nothing Else will Happen > We are Mortal, Depend Fully on God

Don't PRESUME that since Something is on your Schedule, you will DO IT

We write our Schedules in SAND – God writes his Schedule in STONE

DO NOT LOVE THINGS vs. 19-24

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal... You cannot serve both God and money.”

DO NOT WORRY ABOUT THINGS vs. 25-34

“I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear... your heavenly Father knows that you need them.”

GROUND - KNOWING GOD AS Heavenly Father - LOVE & TRUST

Philippians 4.6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

b. Spiritual

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

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



FORGIVENESS WITH GOD BASED ON GRACE ALONE - NOT EARNED

"AN UNFORGIVING HEART IS NOT IN A CONDITION  
THAT CAN ACCEPT FORGIVENESS"

Servant Forgiven Huge Amount REFUSES to Forgive Debt Chump Change

King Asks: 18.33 Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?'

WRONG IDEA – OFFENDER Must Apologize before you have to FORGIVE  
You MUST Forgive because GOD Tells you TO!

Heavenly Father – Tells you FORGIVE, for YOUR OWN GOOD!

Jesus DIED for ENEMIES – Extended FORGIVENESS before they had FAITH

Commonly Hear > FORGIVE and FORGET >> If Really Hurts, HARD to DO!

For Me > Forgive because I CANNOT FORGET!

FORGIVENESS is LIFE-STYLE, Constant Activity, Daily Process of PRAYER

If REMEMBER then RETURN to the CROSS > Drop BURDEN there AGAIN!

c. Moral v. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'

How can we ENDURE the PRESSURES of EVIL in our WORLD Today?

DEVIL cannot MAKE you SIN – Friends, Boss, Computer cannot Make U Sin

If you have a PORNOGRAPHY Problem – It's because You Turned it ON!

REASON you Turned it On was because you WANTED To

Glad to hear "God loves you and has Wonderful Plan for your Life"

But when Discover God's plan Suffering, Struggle, Unfulfilled Desires

Your Self-Centered & Proud Heart has a BETTER Plan for your Life

Immediate Gratification, All Glory & Praise to You – Your Will and Wishes!

We would like to believe that if we serve God everything will go well. You will be blessed and so will everyone around you. Even if you have to go through difficulties, your trials will only be temporary and issue in new and exciting opportunities to share the gospel. You may get sick, but God will heal you and make it all better...Scripture shows us a different view of reality...loyal servants can be found himself right down at the bottom of the heap...not because of moral failure...but because of their faithful obedience to God. Iain Duguid

I cannot PROMISE You that your STAND for GOD will be SAFE

More CHRISTIANS MARTYRED in our Day than any Time in HISTORY

People of FAITH are FEARLESS before Man because they FEAR God ALONE

Temptations MANY – Tempter MERCILESS --- but Our GOD is MIGHTY

1 Corinthians 10.13 No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

NOT Only does Jesus teach us to PRAY to Resist Sin > He REDEEMS Sinners

Not NEED to PRAY this Prayer > NO SIN to be Forgiven > Resisted TEMPTER

JESUS Withstood EVERY Temptation, RESISTED every TRAP of SIN

JESUS chose to Plunge into SINS HORRIBLE PENALTY for US

Jesus – SINLESS, RIGHTEOUS – Dies for UNRIGHTEOUS, SINNERS

NOW Alive – HERE in Power and Presence of His Spirit

WALKS with Us – Never Fail us or Forsake Us

## TRINITARIAN ASKING -

Father - Provider / Son - Pardon / Spirit - Power

Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. Psalm 73.25,26

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Matthew 6.9-15: “This, then, is how you should pray:

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, 10 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

11 Give us today our daily bread.

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

13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.’

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.