

# Sermon Outline

**HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME, YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN | Geoff Lin**

Bible Reading: Psalm 96 (p.856); Philippians 2:5-11 (p.1672); Matthew 26:36-46 (p.1417)

## "The Lord's Prayer"

1. Our Father in heaven
2. *Hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven*
3. Give us today our daily bread
4. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us
5. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil
6. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever: Amen

**The big idea:** we pray for our Father's concerns before we pray for our situation

## 1. Because God's name is powerful and worthy of praise

Q. *What's in a name?*

i. In the ancient world, to invoke someone's name was to summon their power

1 Samuel 17:45 David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

ii. God's name is \_\_\_\_\_

Exodus 3:13 Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"<sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

Acts 4:11 Jesus is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone."<sup>12</sup> Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

Genesis 11:4 Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth."

iii. Before God's name can be hallowed, it must be heard

Ps 96:1 Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.<sup>2</sup> Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.<sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

Q. Whom might you tell of His marvelous deeds?

## 2. Because God's king is worthy of our allegiance

Q. *What are the 2 necessary requirements for a kingdom?*

Q. Why would you choose to serve this king?

Philippians 2:5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:<sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;<sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death — even death on a cross!<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,<sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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Q. What does THIS king want you to do in His service?

## 3. Because God's will is perfectly done by God's Son

Q. *How do I discern God's will?*

Matthew 26:39 Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

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ii.

The Lord needs to break down our tendency to cry out in prayer "Your will be done", and then to get up and still try to impose our will on our circumstances (C J Miller, *The Heart of a Servant Leader* (2004))

**For discussion:** What do you find hard about praying this line of the Lord's prayer? What would help?

Further Reading: B Rosner, *The Lord's Prayer: Antidote to Expressive Individualism*, [www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/prayer-antidote/](http://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/prayer-antidote/)