

# *Praying for You*

Sermon on the Mount Series – Part 13

Scripture text – Matthew 6:9-15

## Introduction

- FBC is a theologically conservative church. This means:
  1. The Bible is the \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Jesus Christ is the only \_\_\_\_\_ of salvation.
  3. A person must be \_\_\_\_\_ or born again. The proof of this is living a life of \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ.
- Christ even tells us \_\_\_\_\_ to pray. This reminds us that our relationship with Christ is not a relationship of \_\_\_\_\_; instead, he sets the \_\_\_\_\_ of the relationship.

## Petition #4: Give Us Our Daily Bread

- This is a request for what is necessary to \_\_\_\_\_ life.
- It is \_\_\_\_\_ of us not to pray for our necessities.
- AB Simpson: God requires this for the purpose of fostering a \_\_\_\_\_ relationship. Once we become presumptuous about daily necessities, we start to \_\_\_\_\_ from God.

## Petition #5: Forgive Us Our Debts

- This petition has long been a source of consternation:
  1. It appears to contradict the doctrine that all our sins are forgiven at the time we \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.
  2. It also appears to contradict the doctrine of salvation by \_\_\_\_\_.
- However, theologians distinguish between \_\_\_\_\_ forgiveness & \_\_\_\_\_ forgiveness. This petition deals with the latter.
- As to the 2<sup>nd</sup> concern, Jesus really does \_\_\_\_\_ our forgiving others with God forgiving us.
- The reason is: \_\_\_\_\_ people \_\_\_\_\_ others.

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- The 4 promises of forgiveness:
  1. I won't \_\_\_\_\_ on the incident.
  2. I won't use the incident to \_\_\_\_\_ you.

3. I won't \_\_\_\_\_ about the incident.
4. I will maintain a \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ attitude toward you with the hope of reconciliation.

### Petition #6: Lead Us Not into Temptation

- God doesn't tempt us, but he does \_\_\_\_\_ us. The difference is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Satan knows exactly where each of us is \_\_\_\_\_.
- The petition is not so much that we \_\_\_\_\_ temptation, but that it not \_\_\_\_\_ us and cause harm to our relationship with God.

### Conclusion & Application

- The 3 petitions are very \_\_\_\_\_. There's a sense in which this is all we need to pray for ourselves.
- Like the Medieval church of the 15<sup>th</sup> century, we may need a \_\_\_\_\_ reformation.
- A good way to begin is by daily pondering & praying the \_\_\_\_\_.

### Discussion Questions

1. Which of the 3 petitions spoke the loudest to me?
2. How will my prayer life change as a result of Jesus' teaching about prayer?

### Who's Who in Today's Message

- AB Simpson (1843-1919) – a Canadian theologian who founded the Christian & Missionary Alliance (CMA). The CMA is the denomination sponsoring Chaplain Ron Smith's new church in inner-city Omaha.
- Luther, Zwingli & Calvin – the three persons God used most powerfully to bring about the Protestant Reformation of the 1500's. A reformation was necessary because the medieval church was out-of-touch, corrupt and doctrinally misguided.