

Summer Bible Study 2016 – Luther’s Small Catechism

LESSON 4 – July 17, 2016

PART 3 – The Lord’s Prayer

Luther carefully divided the Catechism into the Six Chief Parts of the Catechism for ease of teaching and understanding. Those six Chief Parts are: (Put these to memory)

1. The Ten Commandments
2. The Apostles' Creed
- 3. The Lord's Prayer**
4. The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
5. The Sacrament of Holy Communion
6. The Keys and Confession

What is Prayer? An _____ of _____, in which we _____ to _____, from the _____, anytime, _____.

John 4:21–24 –²¹ Jesus declared, “Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.”

Daniel 6:10 – ¹⁰ Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.

Psalms 29:2 – ² Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

Whose Prayer does God listen to? _____

Hebrews 11:6 – ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

I Peter 3:12 – For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

Isaiah 1:10; 15 - Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom; listen to the law of our God, you people of Gomorrah! ... When you spread out your hands in prayer, I will hide my eyes from you; even if you offer many prayers, I will not listen. Your hands are full of blood;

How is it possible that we are able to approach God’s in Prayer? _____

John 16:23 – Jesus says: In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.

What type of prayers do believers bring before God our Heavenly Father? _____

I Timothy 2:1 - I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone.

What prayer did the Lord Jesus specifically give to His people? _____

Matthew 6:9-13 – 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 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.

Luke 11:2-4 - When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴ Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation."

- Lord's Prayer

Our Father Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Doxology at the end of the Lord's Prayer was added later.

The Lord's Prayer has been divided into separate Petitions.

The Address:

Our Father Who art in heaven:

How should we approach our Heavenly Father? _____.

I John 3:1 – How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

The First Petition:

Hallowed be Thy name;

What does the word, "Hallowed" mean? _____.

Psalm 103:1 – Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Revelation 4:8 -Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under his wings. Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come."

The Second Petition:

Thy kingdom come;

What is meant by the "Kingdom of God"? _____.

John 18:36-37 - ³⁶ Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place." ³⁷ "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

Luke 17:20-21 – Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, ²¹ nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is within you.

The Third Petition:

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

What is God's Will include? _____.

I Timothy 2:3-7 – This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

Matthew 28:18-20 - ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

The Fourth Petition:

Give us this day our daily bread;

What is included in our daily bread? _____.

James 1:17 – Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

Psalm 145:15-16 - The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. ¹⁶ You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

I Peter 5:7 - Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

The Fifth Petition:

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;

How many of our sins are forgiven? _____.

John 1:29 – The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

I John 2:1-2 - My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

How many sins of our neighbor are we to forgive? _____.

Matthew 18:21-22 - ²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?” ²² Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. (The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant, For further study see the entire Parable in your Bible.)

The Sixth Petition:

And lead us not into temptation;

Does God tempt people to sin? _____.

James 1:13 – When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone;

Where does our sin begin? _____.

Matthew 15:19 - ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. ²⁰ These are what make a man ‘unclean’; but eating with unwashed hands does not make him ‘unclean.’”

Who tempts us to sin? _____.

James 1:14-15 – but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

Revelation 12:9 – The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

Proverbs 1:10 - My son, if sinners entice you, do not give in to them.

The Seventh Petition:

But deliver us from evil;

How much of God’s Creation suffers from evil? _____.

Romans 8:22 – We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

When evil affects either directly or indirectly, does God know? _____.

Matthew 10:29-31 - Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. ³⁰ And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Why does God allow evil into our lives? _____.

II Corinthians 1:8-11 - We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life. ⁹ Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. ¹⁰ He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, ¹¹ as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.

In the end, how will all things conclude? _____.

Romans 8:28 - And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

When will God completely deliver the believers from the evil in this world? _____.

II Timothy 4:17 - 18 - But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Doxology (Words of Praise):

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Doxology is not part of the original Lord's Prayer. The Doxology was added later. So do not get to upset if you come across some Christians who do not include the Doxology when they say the Lord's Prayer.

However, what significance does the Doxology bring or add to the Lord's Prayer?

I Timothy 1:15-17 - Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life. ¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Luther's Catechism then assures us that because God is all powerful and that because His Glory is forever and ever, that God is therefore able and willing to accept and answer our prayers for the sake of Jesus.

I John 5:14 - This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

John 14:13-14 - And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

Romans 8:32 - He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?