

---

## Sermon Text Discussion Notes 01/06/2019

Matthew 6:11-13 – “The Lord’s Prayer, Part 2” by Taylor Sutton

### Overview

---

This is the second sermon in the series on the Lord’s Prayer. These messages are intended to equip us to pray better and to motivate us to pray more. The Lord’s prayer addresses God, then offers six requests, which fall into two groups of three. This week we consider the second set of three requests. Practical takeaways from these requests can be summarized as follows:

- 1.) When you pray, ask God to sustain you (Matthew 6:11)
- 2.) When you pray, ask God to forgive you (Matthew 6:12)
- 3.) When you pray, ask God to change you (Matthew 6:13)

### Quotations

---

“This generosity of God is necessary no less for the rich than for the poor; for with full cellars and storehouses, men would faint with thirst and hunger unless they enjoyed their bread through his grace...Also, what is in our hand is not even ours except in so far as he bestows each little portion upon us hour by hour, and allows us to use it.” John Calvin (In reference to Matt. 6:11)

### Understanding & Application

---

- 1) Taylor brought to light the biological reality that we cannot survive without the provision of food, water, and moderate temperatures. How often have you thought about the frailty of our bodies and our reliance on God for daily sustenance? What are some of the reasons why Jesus would instruct us to pray for this?
- 2) Taylor shared the recent World Bank estimate that globally around \$3.4 billion people struggle to meet their basic needs. This request for “our daily bread” ought to drive us to pray for such people, in particular those who are our brothers and sisters in Christ, our family. Consider making these needs a part of your prayer time.
- 3) Through these passages, Jesus is encouraging us to bring our needs to God. Taylor discussed how often we carry around our sadness, worry, shame, and guilt and expect things to get better on their own. He shared the need for us to “interrupt ourselves with prayer.” What are the burdens, habits, and thought patterns in your life where you need to be interrupted and give them to the Lord?
- 4) Verse 13 addresses our need to be free from sin and the concept of sanctification (the gradual process by which our resistance to Christ’s rule is weakened, and our glad submission to him is increased). Take a moment to reflect on the process of sanctification in your life since you started following Jesus. What are some changes others might see in you? Celebrate these victories and the encouragement that this process of making us more like Jesus is not over.
- 5) Over the past two weeks, we’ve gone through what has been called “the prayer of all prayers.” We’ve been given practical takeaways and encouraged to use the structure of the address and six requests as headings to our own prayers. If you haven’t already, consider trying this in prayer with your small group, friends, family and/or personally and see how meditating on the Lord’s prayer can sharpen and enrich your prayer life.