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AFTER THIS MANNER PRAY YE

Jesus taught the manner or fashion in which to pray in Matt 6:9-13, which we call the Lord's Prayer. He did not mean for us to repeat it verbatim in rote memorization but understand the manner or fashion in which to pray.

I always thought that when God sought for a man among them to stand in the gap and pray (Ezek 22:30) but finding none was because God could not find anyone to pray. He showed me that this is not always the case but that He could not find anyone to pray without having their own agenda in mind. What God needed was not to be found, and a whole town perished and all their agenda did not matter in that day.

We never think that God needs anything because HE IS GOD. If you want to see the need of God, take a moment in the anguish at the garden in Gethsemane when God was grieved to the bone over the cruelties that would soon pay Him in full for all the Good News preached, all the eyes that could now see, the deaf

ears unstopped, the lame running and the mentally disturbed cleaned and sitting with a right mind! He only asked for three close friends to sit with him and pray, but of course it had been a pretty hectic day, and they were just too tired. They had no insight of the gravity Jesus expressed to them earlier. They had no thought to His needs. Do we? Is your day too hectic for giving God honor or praise? I would hate to think I was one of those too sleepy or busy not to see that God had a need as He looked for one to stand in the gap or to be a voice in the wilderness waking people to the fact that Jesus is coming soon.

Have you ever just sat without an agenda or personal petition and ask God what He needed you to pray? Try it sometime and you may be amazed at what He gives you because it will invariably open up revelation and unlock mysteries in the process. But the bonus is that if you will pray what God's heart needs, all your needs will be met without your petition.

When you pray Jesus said to pray in this manner: Matt 6:9-13

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.

Amen.

This is not a random order. Jesus never did anything that had no purpose or meaning. His Words and actions were exact.

Notice the priority of prayer goes first to God and His Kingdom before anything else, which reminds me that we are to seek God and His righteousness and all these "things" shall be added unto us. We are to be pursuers of God and the "things" will pursue us. If we pursue finances it is a futile chase, but seeking

God first will cause the finances to pursue us. This does not apply only to finances but any "thing" we are pursuing in prayer. Stop chasing after things in prayer and chase after God with your whole heart, and the "things" will chase you down. God has always had a better plan if we could just trust Him with our lives. The Creator of Life knows its purpose and upkeep.

In this issue we will discover Jesus' instruction to pray and reap the benefits.

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HALLOWED BE THY NAME

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed by thy name.

In that prayer we seek God first and His righteousness and hallow His name as the name above all things having names. Jesus is telling us to take time to reverence God and find His heart.

Most of the church uses the buckshot prayer method which may start off something like this: "Oh God, please bless little Tommy and his parents going through such a hard time right now. Sally needs a job so she can keep her family going." etc. etc. We use God's name in prayer but do not hallow it or even worship Him until we see an answer. We cut to the chase and place an order however unselfish it may seem. We should be prayerful for the needs of others but take the time first to honor, reverence and hallow the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Psalms 107 tells of how man finds himself in a mess over and over, and the remedy to his turmoil is in the next line which says: "Ps 107:8 **Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children**

of men! In verses 10-14 they forget to honor God for all He does for them, so again they fall into despair and again the remedy to prosper them is given: **Ps 107:15 "Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!"** But do they learn? Reading verses 17-20 tell us they do not, but again God gives them the remedy: **Ps 107:21-22 "Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing."** Again verses 26-28 no one has yet learned that God is their key to life for He alone is the Life Giver, so He reminds them again: **Ps 107:31-32 "Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders."** The final words of wisdom are these: **Ps 107:43 *Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall***

understand the loving-kindness of the LORD. Read the whole chapter and see that God's children seek after their need only and have no clue to the "Need Meeter".

God is neither our catalog nor the final deathbed confession. God is a real being with greater capacity to love and be hurt than you or I could dare to imagine.

I want my heart to be after His and not just His goods. No one wants to be loved for what others can get out of them. We want to be loved for who we are and appreciated for what we can offer. If you are a giver you know that you want the gift to be as something you are giving from your heart and not something expected being extracted from you as if it were your only duty to serve their need. This is how many treat God.

Often our thankfulness and praise to God comes after the answer. My saying is this: *I am not praising God because I am blessed; I am blessed because I am praising God.*

When Denny and I were building our first home, it seemed as if everything that could go wrong did! I had

read the book *From Prison to Praise* and it changed my world. When each calamity came I stretched my arms to heaven and began to sing praises to God and it was corrected without my doing a thing. One man came to the door and began to explain why he could not hook up our phone because "somebody done hooked things up wrong". There were no cell phones like we have today, everyone had land lines. Denny was on call for the hosp. and had to have a phone. When he left, I just began to praise God for all His goodness and began to sing praises while I dusted the furniture. After about 10 minutes there was a knock at the door and the same man said, "Lady, if it takes all day, I'm not leaving til you have a phone!" Things like this became the norm, even the man who sold us the plans for the house did all our plumbing for free.

I did not praise God to get something, but I found that the pattern of my praise and honor to God brought more blessings than a prayer petition or wringing my hands and begging. Even some desires that were not necessary to life were given me and favor to boot.

God is not a treasure house...He *is* the Treasure.

THY KINGDOM COME

Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Next Jesus says we are to pray for God's Kingdom to flourish by His Will on this earth as it is in heaven. The church likes to say that God is in control, but who is holding the reigns? The church body micro-manages God's Will and our prayers reflect it. I

did not think of this, but God gave me the word "micromanage pray-ers", and here is its definition: *to attend to small details in managing to control the direction of prayer or the situation by paying extreme attention to the small details we see disregarding the fact that God knows and sees what we cannot.* The synonyms: interfere · intervene · control. Some call this inter-

cession, but true intercession seeks God's Will in all situations laying aside our own thoughts in the matter and pulling down false imaginations that exalt themselves against God's Will and intent. Intercessors are not directing God, but God's Spirit directs the intercessors.

The only way to know God's Will is under the new covenant ushered in through Jesus, since He is

the one who brought us the Kingdom of God by Grace. In the law of old, man saw his sin and in the new covenant Kingdom of Grace we got forgiveness from that sin. The Kingdom of God is within His people. It is alive on earth today in little pockets of light where those who love and honor God keep it alive and well! *Thy Kingdom come and Thy Will be done, Sweet Jesus!*

DAILY BREAD

Our daily bread is more than the sustenance of a baked loaf with flour and other ingredients. We are made of flesh and spirit both needing bread. Jesus said, ***"It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God,"*** Matt 4:4.

Another time Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said,

"Take, eat; this is my body," Matt 26:26. Yet another time Jesus said, ***"I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst,"*** John 6:35.

Bread is both our daily feeding the body and the spirit. Our daily bread is spending time with Jesus throughout the day. Our body requires more than one meal and our spirit requires more than one

devotional. No matter what we are doing we are in Christ Jesus and reflecting Him in all that we do. By asking God to give us our daily bread means that He is both the supplier to the body and revelation of the Word to our spirit.

Many Christians get fatter from eating bread while the spirit is much thinner receiving far less when the reverse would be healthier to both body and spirit.

We are what we eat. In this respect to be more spiritual is to feast in God's Word. You cannot overeat, but it is amazing how it will build your immunities to the attacks of Satan. A healthy spirit will drive the body and soul with it into the healthiest state of being.

My body could actually live for some time without bread, but without the Bread of Life I would wholly perish in no time!

FORGIVE OUR DEBTS...

Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors...

This is where we take the mote out of our eye before we can help remove the splinter in another. It is easy to see the fault in others and be blind to our own. This is also the time, after our own cleansing, to pray for others in whatever situation they find themselves. There are many afflictions of the righteous but God saves us out of them all, and the

effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much! The operative word is righteous, which means we are being forgiven by purging out our own sins first, and here is the order the Scriptures give in James 5:16 ***"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."***

If you think about it, to forgive one of their debts is to be debt free! This not only works in the spiritual but the natural as well.

Even Jesus talked about this in a parable in Matt 18 when the servant could not pay his debt and was forgiven, yet did not forgive the debt of others and was brought before the master who then treated him with the same measure.

Debts are dealt in measure for measure. The word for debt in the Lord's Prayer is the word: *opheilēma* meaning *something owed*, that is, (figuratively) a *due*; morally a *fault*: - debt.

Forgiveness is the key to becoming debt free both morally and financially. Without it we are in bondage of both. This does not mean we should not regard good stewardship, but couple it with forgiving others their debts that our debts are forgiven.

AND LEAD US NOT...

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil...

That is, bring us not into peirasmon, meaning sore trial. God is not the one who leads us into temptation for we read in James 1:13-14 ***"Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man***

is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed." Here is the Scripture that shows us where God leads and where we wonder on our own, if you pay close attention to the pronouns given: Ps 23:2-4

HE maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
HE leadeth me beside the still waters.
HE restoreth my soul:

HE leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death...

Eve walked toward evil and swallowed a curse. The process of temptation is often as follows:

1. A simple evil thought.
2. A strong imagination, or impression made on the

imagination, by the thing to which we are tempted.

3. Delight in viewing it.
4. Consent of the will to perform it.

Jesus is not the only one standing at the door knocking. The tempter is knocking also. We hold the latch to the door and will open to whom or what we will.

FOR THINE IS...

For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

This is the last part of the prayer that tells us why we are here and the purpose for what end we work. It is not all about me, myself, I, my, mine or even about you and yours. For THINE is...For Thine is what? Jesus ushered the Kingdom with the power and glory, but left it to us to carry the testimony, showing the power and glory of that Kingdom.

The whole work of God's Kingdom is in the word salvation/yashua/Jesus. It is not man's salvation alone. Here is an excerpt from my book *Mysteries Revealed*.

There is salvation in part and salvation as a whole. Salvation, pictured in the feasts in the Old Testament, proclaim what appeared in the New Testament with the person of God wrapped in flesh. The first time we hear of salvation is God's address in Gen 3:15 after the Adams partook of the serpent's temptation and became intellectuals deciding what was good or evil in their own eyes. In other words, they took their eyes off God to make their own decisions using God only as a safety net in dire circumstances. Yet, this was no surprise to God who had ordained before the world [1Co 2:7]...Since the

AMEN

Amen, though it comes at the end, is actually the beginning. We have seen the entire Lord's Prayer from the instruction Jesus gave with the last word being AMEN.

Amen is the "so be it" forever and ever. **So be it** means **to come forth** as spoken. It is calling the future into being before it comes. Amen has declared that all the Lord speaks will come to pass.

world began [Rom 16:25] ...predestined [Eph 1:9-11] man and earth.

What happened before the world that would trigger the response for our predestination? What was needed? SALVATION! It is hidden in plain sight within three Scriptures:

*Rev 7:10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, **Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.***

*Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, **Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.***

*Rev 19:1 And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, **Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:***

*To whom is salvation assigned in these Scriptures? It is not mankind, but to God and His Kingdom. **Salvation to God and the Lamb...to the Kingdom of God and the power of His Christ...***

Because we have not understood the value of an AMEN, we misuse it. When you know it is calling something forth, you certainly do not want to put an amen to give the enemy an advantage. Amen is used to progress the Kingdom of God not deplete it. For example if a pastor says that our youth are going to hell in a hand basket in this generation...AMEN? This will be followed by a flood of voices

unto the Lord our God. Salvation is a circle coming from heaven to save mankind and back again to save God.

The little we know is that Satan was an exalted entity who had been given much that could not be taken away. God never breaks His Word. Just as any king, once His signet was on it, it was sealed. The war of the two kingdoms play out on earth. There was a war in heaven first and Satan's first estate was lost, yet the possession of other kingdoms was evident. We know this from the way Satan tempted Jesus in the wilderness with acquiring those kingdoms in trade of His worship.

The example is in the book of Esther as we see a king who could not reverse a proclamation for his signet was upon it. So he equipped God's children with everything they needed to stomp their enemy.

The key to this war is found at the very beginning of all creation: **Gen 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.**

I have given the meaning of **hosts** in this verse innumerable times, but it is the discovery of our destination: hosts=צבא צבאה tsâbâ'

calling forth the destruction of our youth unawares. Hos 4:6 says it well: **"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge:"** What could be said is that in this evil generation we are calling for our children to walk in the integrity of God's Word...AMEN?

I remember when my daughter played touch football in college. Her nickname was "Wrongway O'Connor" be-

cause she always seemed to run the wrong way to make a goal for the opposition!

There is no reference to stars as some may suppose. The only meaning has to do with you and I purposed for a war campaign. We fight in prayer every day for our lives and those of our children. Nothing comes to us without the enemy trying to hold up the process. The good fight of faith has passed through all generations, yet God has appointed end of days' troops and they will know it and rise up each in their office of duty.

Satan infiltrates the troops, knowing there is but a short time left, to turn us on "things" away from our destiny.

Jesus gave us this prayer to stay the course and continue the good fight of faith. We need to understand the totality of the prayer as these are the ordained steps ordered by God.

In all of the Lord's Prayer we see the finale: **For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.**

I regard an amen as a signet of my authority and agreement placed upon whatever is said. We need to understand the value and worth of an Amen and not spend it so quickly in vain designation to the wrong kingdom...AMEN?

I LAY ME DOWN (a song and prayer)

With this heart open wide
From the depths from the heights
I will bring a sacrifice
With these hands lifted high
Hear my song, hear my cry
I will bring a sacrifice
I will bring a sacrifice
I lay me down I'm not my own
I belong to you alone
Lay me down, lay me down
Hand on my heart this much is true
There's no life apart from you
Lay me down, lay me down
Lay me down, lay me down

Letting go of my pride
Giving up all my rights
Take this life and let it shine
Take this life and let it shine

I lay me down I'm not my own
I belong to you alone
Lay me down, lay me down
Hand on my heart this much is true
There's no life apart from you
Lay me down, lay me down
Lay me down, lay me down

It will be my joy to say Your will Your way
It will be my joy to say Your will Your way always

POWER WITHIN OUR HANDS

Within the Lord's Prayer is an unbeatable force and power to tread serpents and scorpions and over all, not just some but ALL, the power of the enemy. We are dealt all trump over the enemy's hand.

We are part of an unquenchable Kingdom with a King who is at the front lines with us and lives in the trenches of battle. He never leaves us or forsakes us.

Luke 4:10-11 *For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee: And in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.*

We see these angels as invisible angelic beings, and while this is true the Holy Spirit revealed to me that it is even broader in scope. The word angels is broader than one created being: ἄγγελος Aggelos= a messenger, especially an "angel"; by implication a pastor: - angel, messenger.

From the Hebrew word: מלאך mal'âk meaning to despatch as a deputy; a messenger, specifically of God, that is, an angel (also a prophet, priest or teacher): - ambassador, angel, king, messenger.

These are both those invisible entities and visible who intercede and intervene on behalf of others.

We are exhorted by our pastors preaching the uncompromised Word, the teachers who give us understanding in the Word, prophets who give the Word, and ambassadors who stand in the gap building the hedges of protection.

God has placed us in the hands of all of these who are mighty to the pulling down of strongholds, *who run like mighty men; who climb the wall like men of war, and march every one on his ways; they do not break their ranks: Neither does one thrust another but walk every one in his path: and when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be*

wounded. (Joel 2:7-8)

We are surrounded by these angels! We ARE these angels! We are a mighty force with which to be reckoned.

No matter what the enemy tries to accomplish in attacks against God's own; God turns the tables making us even stronger than before the attack!

The enemy always overplays the hand, but we hold the trump card. We just have to remember to pull it out!

Now is a good time to say AMEN! AMEN?