

The Lord's Prayer – 03132005

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Let me take you to the lord's prayer. Turn now to the sermon on the mount please, after this manner therefore pray you; our father which art in heaven hallowed be your name. It's a heavenly father and there is an open, free, unbroken relationship: Our father. Friends, when we call the lord our father, is it just an empty word? Do you pray with the consciousness when you call the lord Our father? Do you pray with the consciousness that you are an heir to that throne, a joint heir with Jesus Christ. My goodness, if we really got that consciousness right into the depths of our bones. When I address God as father and he is my heavenly father and all my treasure is up there, his promises are mine, I have a heritage in Christ Jesus. There are some people who will keep on saying oh we are this, we are that, we are seated with Christ in heavenly places yet we can spend the whole day speaking garbage. What do you mean? You are seated with Christ in heavenly places but all the time you can talk all kinds of irrelevant rubbish? No you are not seated with Christ in heavenly places. Now so unrealistic, you don't take one verse, pull it out of context and use it as the heathen use. Oh they keep on repeating some of those verses which they hardly understand. And that takes us nowhere. It may produce some excitement for the time being. But the real halleluiahs will not come from your heart. You see if you can't even speak a single sentence without 3 halleluiahs, what does it mean? Are you being scriptural? Absolutely not. Now there are people who don't study the word of God and will just maintain some kind of dogma or doctrine which is a pet thing in their church. Now listen, take up your Bible and study it. Pray in this manner, Our father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Is it hallowed? Is your life hallowing God's name? Are the heathen able to see? Oh these people are different. You know what normally people say these days? What's the difference from you and us? You go to church, we don't. That's about it. There's no other difference. You know when people begin to talk like that, you must know you have reduced worship to a level where it is worthless. What's the difference between you and us? You go to church on Sunday, we don't. But you do almost everything that we do. When people look at our lives, when people see the purity of our conduct, they must hallow his name. They must say, hey, this is not human, this is super human. This is something which God had done in this people. Surely the cross has done something for them which we cannot deny because we see it all the time. See my dear friends, don't think a situation like that which exists today has over taken the land overnight. Hardly, it has been a developing, growing cancer. Now you see it as a cancer but while it was growing, while the word of God diagnosed it clearly as cancer, a moral cancer, nobody paid any attention. We thought oh it's alright, we get on with it. You see folks, not hallowing the lord's name. Hallowed be your name. Is the name of Jesus hallowed? No, not at all. His name is not hallowed. So that's the first petition of the lord's prayer. You know we should pause and think right there, am I hallowing God's name? Even the kind of relationships that people contract these days, I met a young man and I was quite impressed that his earnestness. The next year that I was preaching in that area, I asked where is

this young man? They said, he is in prison. I said why is he in prison? He refused to join the communist army. He refused to fight for the communist and they threw him in prison. I said good for him that he took his stand that way. But subsequently what the communists could not do the general low level of the Christians did for him which is, he found a girl who had already been married, probably divorced or separated. You know one of my friends who was blessed and was converted in my meetings many years ago deals with many hard occult cases but he says when people seek his help from all over the country he says as one of the pre-conditions, first give me your sexual history. And without that I cannot get anywhere. The devil knows and with all these kinds of mixed up kind of relationships, you know no relevance in saying hallowed be your name. No, it's not hallowed. The heathen are shouting we have a superior morality and they must be taken seriously because some of them verily believe that they have a superior morality. Thy kingdom come! The kingdom of god is within you said the lord Jesus. Now to be realistic, what are we doing to bring in the kingdom? Are we presenting its authority? Yes, thy kingdom come and then of course as you, you know every step of this prayer is so profound. They will be done, thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth. What are we praying? Are we praying a bunch of lies? Insincere, religious verbiage? What are we praying? Lord, here I am to do your will as the angels in heaven do it, do we pray that? Whatever it might cost me, I am here to do your will, that's my business on earth. We don't do that. You know some of them said to me, oh it's a good thing Mr. Daniel that you don't invite people to come forward because there are lot of fellows here who said we will go to the mission field, this that and the other and they are still sitting around here. You know my friends, we make promises which we do not keep. We have gotten into a life style of saying this is my time, this is how I like it, this is how I wanted then we say I want to do your will, we are not even willing to ditch some of that excess baggage. No. we want to hold tight like a little child holding a candy, you know. We want to hold it tight and we say thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven. Alright, let everybody around me do your will but not me. What kind of prayer is that? Now as we go down of this prayer and I come to the conclusion of this prayer. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory. Do we believe this? My lord reigneth over all. My lord has the power to handle this situation. My dear friends as I swim into areas too deep for me, all that I can say very often is when huge burdens are brought before me, I can't handle this, I don't know how to handle this but I know my lord is there to handle it. His is the kingdom, his is the power. You know friends, when you are not able to handle things, that's not a great problem. It's to be expected that you can't handle many many things. I can't handle a lot of things you know. But I have a deep consciousness thine is the kingdom. Thy kingdom ruleth over all. The power, the glory. Thine is the kingdom settles it for me. I am nobody. I am always happy to declare before great crowds I am nobody. Look at Jesus. Thine is the kingdom the power and the glory.