

Capturing God's Heart: Our Father



Scriptures

- **Matthew 6:9-13**

Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father, who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Other Scriptures

- Matthew 7:6
- I Samuel 13:14
- Matthew 16:24
- Matthew 24:11
- John 7:17

Main Points

- In order to walk in fellowship with God, we need to know His character and what captures His heart.
- God shares His heart with those who are in a position to receive it.
- The first thing Jesus tells us to do when we pray is to exalt the Father.
- The second thing Jesus tells us to do when we pray is to align our will with the Father's will.
- To pick up our cross means to die to ourselves.
- God's Kingdom and His will begin first with us.
- The true Gospel is God centered instead of man centered.
- We need to depend on God every day.
- Being transparent before God allows the Holy Spirit to show us things in our lives that we need to be cleansed of.

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Discussion Questions

1. In prayer, are you more concerned with aligning your will with His heart and will, or aligning Him to yours? What is the difference? Write about how this is important in capturing God's heart.

2. Repent means to turn around and make a change in behavior. Rabbi invited you to repent from a self-centered Gospel to a God-centered faith, which starts with God and His will and kingdom. If you did that today, write a few lines here and let Discovering the Jewish Jesus know about your adjustment in uplook.

3. God's will--on earth as it is in heaven-- begins with each of us here as we align our hearts with God. We bring His Kingdom to earth. Does this realization that you are His Kingdom agent here bring new vigor to your faith and walk? Describe how.

4. Are you finding that your heart is being captured by God as you try to capture God's heart through prayer?