

A Study on what has been called, the Lord's Prayer

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Matthew 6:9-13

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In the Apostolic Scriptures Yeshua has admonished us, that when we pray to the Father, we should pray in the **MANNER** that Messiah gave us in *Matthew 6:9-13*. Unfortunately we have taken what **IS** a guide or a template for a perfect prayer, and made the guide or template, the prayer, when in truth, **it is only an outline of how we are to address our Heavenly Father when we pray to Him**. Permit me to show you what I believe Messiah was saying when He uttered these words.

OUR FATHER

In *Exodus 20*, in the first Commandment Yahweh tells us is that He is our Elohim and that we are not to have any other Elohim's before Him. Here in what has been called the Lord's Prayer by the Christian church fathers, and the, Our Father, by the Catholic Scribes, Messiah wants us to understand that who our heavenly Father is and how we are to address Him. First of all, we are to see Him as a compassionate, merciful, loving, nurturing and caring Father that He is. A Father that desires to have an intimate relationship with each and everyone of us, even more so than a good earthly father would have a desire to have a relationship with his son. As our Father we are to understand that He created us, and since we are always called His Children, and not His adults, it means that we are to always obey Him, and understand that He is our provider and protector. Now once we have acknowledged those **FACTS**, then we are ready to look at the other parts of the template of how we are to pray.

WHO ART IN HEAVEN,

What is heaven, it is the large expanse that surrounds our earth and goes on forever and ever. Therefore that confirms to me, that what the Scripture says about Him, being forever present is true, because, based on the words of this verse, our heavenly Father is everywhere, He surrounds us and is always present. This speaks of our heavenly Father's sovereignty and that we can count on and **TRUST** all the Words of His Torah of Life, all of His promises, all of His blessings, when we choose to lovingly, believe follow and obey His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life; just like Mosheh told us us in *Deuteronomy 28:1-20* *And it shall come to pass, IF you shall hearken (Shema) diligently unto the voice of Yahweh your Elohim, to observe and to do all His Commandments which I command you this day, that Yahweh your Elohim will set you on high, above all nations of the earth: 2 And all these blessings shall come on you, and overtake you, IF you shall hearken (Shema) unto the voice of Yahweh your Elohim. And then Yahweh delineates all of His Promises in the other verses of Deuteronomy 28*. Therefore we can rest in the assurance, that He watches over us, protects us, helps us, and provides for all of our needs, as long as we continue to believe, follow and obey the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life. During the week of Creation Yahweh said in *Genesis 1:26*, *And Elohim said, Let Us make man in Our Image, after Our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth*. Let me ask you this, have you ever really asked yourself what Elohim meant when He said, let Us make man in **Our Image**? Well, I have, and I will tell you what I believe He meant. First it is important that we understand, that since His Throne is in heaven, and heaven actually surrounds the whole earth, where all of mankind actually resides, then, that means, that we are actually living inside of His presence, for Scripture makes it very clear, that He is omnipresent. Now, since Scripture makes it very clear, that it is **His Word** that created all things, and since, He says, that we are created in His

likeness, then I believe, that, then means, that the Words of His Torah that Created all things are like our own white blood cells, which are a type of blood cell that helps the body fight infection and diseases. White blood cells are made in the bone marrow and are found in the blood and lymphatic tissue. They play a very important role in the response of our immune system's reaction to the presence of foreign substances in the body, and therefore, and they actually destroy all foreign objects that enter our bloodstream. Therefore the function of our white blood cells, is very similar to the function of the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, for they will indeed destroy all the people that choose to misappropriate those Words, and or, the people that willingly choose to reject His Words, just like it says in *Romans 6:23 For the wages of Sin IS death; but the gift of Elohim is eternal life through Yeshua Messiah (the words of the Living Torah made flesh) our Master.* And in *1John 3:4* it says: *Whosoever commits Sin transgresses also the Torah: for Sin IS the transgression of the Torah;* and please understand that the death or destruction that the Torah talks about, is the death of the spirit of mankind, which is what will happen to the spirit of all people, who choose of their own accord, to reject the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, for, on judgement Day, they will be destroyed, for they will be sent to their second death, in the lake of Fire, just like our white blood cells destroys any foreign matter that enters our blood stream; and please understand, that unless these people that have chosen to reject the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, repent of their rejections of the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, and commit to believe, follow and obey His Words, before they die physically, they will be destroyed forever, because they, of their own volition, chose to reject the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life.

HALLOWED BE THY NAME

The word Hallow, is the Greek word, Hagiazo, Strongs number G37 ἁγιάζω, Hagiázō, pronounced, *hag-ee-ad'-zo*, it is from G40, which means, to make holy, to purify or consecrate, to venerate, hallow, be holy, sanctify.

This therefore tells us, that we are to recognize that our heavenly Father, **IS** worthy to be praised, He **IS** our Creator, our Deliverer, our Provider, He sustains all life, He is merciful and longsuffering, filled with grace and compassion for His creation and we have to understand that it is His wish that none would perish. He is an awesome Elohim that is filled with **LOVE**, and He shows that love to us, each and every day of our lives. The Hebrew word for Name is Shem, שֵׁם, and it means, name, designation, reputation, renown, fame, character, the essence of, it could be said, that it is everything that person or that entity stands for, his beliefs, his way of life, and as an adverb, it means, there, existing, in existence. Therefore the reason that we are to venerate our heavenly Father on a daily basis, is because He only speaks the Truth, and because He has expressed countless times in Scripture how much He loves us, and that He does not want even one person to perish

THY KINGDOM COME, Here we are to understand that our heavenly Father created each one of us with a perfect plan for our lives. That perfect plan, **IS**, that we, you and I, would bring our heavenly Father's kingdom, down here on earth. We are to acknowledge, that through His infinite mercy, He will guide all who willingly choose to believe, follow and obey the Words of His Torah, that we may indeed be invited to walk in His Kingdom here on earth, where we can follow and obey the constitution of His Kingdom, the Words of His Torah of Life, the perfect plan that He created for each and everyone of our lives, from the beginning of time.

THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH, and also in my heart, in my soul, in my spirit, in my mind and in my body, in my home, in my family and at my work, when I am alone, when I am with friends, with family or with any of your creation, may Your will always be done ***IN ME, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.*** The very same

will that You expressed to us in *Deuteronomy 10:12-13* And now, *Yisrael*, what does *Yahweh your Elohim REQUIRE* of you, **BUT** to fear *Yahweh your Elohim* (the fear of *Yahweh IS* the beginning of wisdom), to walk in **ALL** His Ways, and to love Him, and to serve *Yahweh your Elohim* with **ALL** your heart and with **ALL** your soul, To keep the Commandments of *Yahweh*, and His Statutes, contained in the Words of His *Torah of Life*, which I command you this day for your good?

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD.

Yahweh/Messiah, You came to earth to bring us life, and to bring it to us more abundantly. *Yahweh* our Messiah, apart from You, we can do nothing; and bread received from any other source than from You, is worthless, therefore we pray that you provide Your Bread, Your Manna for our lives, that we may learn to grow in Your Righteousness, walk in Your promises and be a blessing to all people around us by sharing that Bread of Life, *Yeshua* our Saviour.

AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES, *Yahweh/Messiah*, you have made us a new creation by Your sacrifice on the cross, and our righteousness comes from willingly choosing to believe, follow and obey the Words of our heavenly Father's *Torah of Life*, as you did and taught is to do, **but**, the old man that we once were, often comes back and rears its ugly head, and we sometimes give in to those temptations. *Yahweh*, unfortunately, many times we fall to those temptations, therefore we need Your merciful forgiveness everyday of our lives,

AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US. *Yahweh*, the Words of Your *Torah of Life*, tells us that we must learn to first forgive all trespasses that have been committed against us, **IF** we are to be forgiven by You, but to ability to forgive all things, **IS NOT** in us, unless we have Your divine intervention to help us to do so. Therefore we implore You heavenly Father to please help us, through Your infinite mercy and grace and grant us the desire to forgive all trespasses against us as *Yeshua* our Saviour forgave us from the cross,

LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION. I believe that this is a wrong translation of what Messiah actually said, for in *James 1:13* it says: *Let no man say, when he is tempted, I am tempted of Elohim: for Elohim CANNOT be tempted with evil, NEITHER DOES HE TEMPT ANY MAN: 14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. 15 Then when lust has conceived, it brings forth Sin: transgressions of the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, and Sin, transgressions of the Words of the Torah of Elohim, when it is finished, brings forth death).*

Therefore, what Messiah actually said, about the manner that He has admonished us to pray **IS:**

LET US NOT BE LEAD INTO TEMPTATION: the reason **that** *Yahweh/Messiah* said that, **IS** because, he knows that **IF** we are left to our own devices, we **WILL** more than likely return to our old ways, for Scriptures says, a little leaven, leavens the whole loaf. Messiah knew that when we are tempted, we often fall and give in to those temptations, therefore, that is why we must implore You, heavenly Father, to keep **ALL** temptation away from us, while You are building us up to be strong in our beliefs, in the Words of Your *Torah of Life*, until we have learned to believe **ALL** the Words that proceed out Your mouth, heavenly Father, and Your promises, until we can truly understand what **IT TRULY MEANS TO BE IN A Covenant Relationship** with You, our heavenly Father, where we can truly **BELIEVE ALL** of Your Words, and Your promises that state that "*the battle IS Yours*" and that, "*obedience IS better than sacrifice*", **IS** completely entrenched and internalized in our hearts, minds and souls, and then, we, with a surrendered heart to You, can resist all the temptation that the devil sends our way, and according to James, when we are strong enough to actually resist all temptations, then the devil will flee from us,

BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.

Heavenly Father, evil surrounds us everyday and the only real protection is You Heavenly Father, and the Words of Your Torah Made Flesh, our Messiah, for He, the Words of Your Torah of Life made flesh, our Messiah, IS our strong Tower. Therefore, give us the discernment that we need to help us, to recognize the evil in and around our lives, for many times it manifests itself as “*good intentions*” by which we are often deceived. Teach us to run to You, our strong tower, every time that evil lifts its deceitfully ugly head,

FOR TRULY THINE IS THE KINGDOM, THE POWER AND THE GLORY, AMEN!

You are the Creator of all things, and all of creation belongs to You. You are Omnipotent and Omniscient, and the battle that we call our daily lives, can only be won, by willingly and lovingly choosing to surrender our hearts, minds, soul and strength to You, and then, willingly choosing to believe, follow and obey Your merciful teachings and instructions, the Words of Your Torah of Life, ***which IS the only place where true and “everlasting Freedom” is found***, and that freedom can only come through surrendering in loving obedience to the ALL the Words of Your Torah, Your system of justice.

YOU SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH AND THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE IS MESSIAH’S GUARANTEE. True liberty can only be experienced in our Heavenly Father’s justice, His Righteousness, which is defined in Scripture as the Words of His Torah of Life, which is His inerrant and everlasting teachings and instructions, and ***THAT IS WHY ALL GLORY AND PRAISE BELONG TO HIM.***

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Have a great Elohim blessed week and may Yahweh bless your every thought, and your every deed. Until we meet again, שְׁלוֹם עִלְיֵיכֶם, Shalom Aleykem. Amein