

WS: LET'S REVIEW — Holding phrases for the four Gospels. Memorize the following four statements!

These hold the key to understanding the four Gospels.

MATTHEW: Jesus' Teaching Manual for living the deeply satisfied life;

MARK: Our mission is to awaken those spiritually asleep;

LUKE: Jesus and Jesus' message is the same;

JOHN: The meaning of our baptismal experience.

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IHOP BIBLE STUDY

Topic: "Teaching Prayer" A study page

Luke 11: 1 – 4 "Jesus' Teaching on Prayer" A study page

The purpose of the Gospel of Luke is told in the opening verses in the first chapter, ". . . it seemed good to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught." It is this "orderly account" that provides the organization of our study material. **This is lesson number 11 of 31.**

Read the assigned THEME at one time.

Bob Barhydt submitted the following from his Bible Dictionary.

The model prayer which our Lord taught His disciples. According to the text of Luke it consists of 5 petitions, according to that of Matthew of 6 (or 7). The Reformed churches count 6; 3 with "Thy," and 3 with "our"; the Roman Catholics and Lutherans 7, regarding "Lead us not into temptation" and "Deliver us from evil" as separate petitions. The concluding doxology (occurring only in Matthew, and omitted in some versions), is wanting in the best MSS., and is a later addition, based on 1 Chron 29.11, and 2 Tim 4.18. It accords with the first 3 petitions. BIBLE DICTIONARY - from Nelson's Pocket Reference Series, published by Thomas Nelson Publishers, Nashville

Donna Marler submitted the following information:

The teacher I had at West Gulf Regional School of Mission this summer felt that in our materialistic society with so much credit card debt etc, that using debts and debtor instead of trespass has more meaning. After thinking about it, I agree. An unchurched person would understand that better. Trespass has an entirely different connotation. It is thought of in terms of property, "no Trespassing" is entirely different than owing someone. (At least to me)

The Lord's Prayer! What a challenge. Your assignment is to take each of the following words and to identify your own **experience** of the word:

1. **Father** --- The experience of "strong kindness." The experience of Perfect At-One-Ment.
2. **Kingdom** --- Where Perfect At-One-Ment is experienced.
3. **Daily bread** --- The experience of "sustenance for the journey."
4. **Sins: (I'll model one for you.)** Sin is experienced as separation. There are two parts to this experience. First, whenever we do things to hurt others, or to drive them away from us results in separation, or sin. The second part is the hopelessness of the human predicament. We live in a state of separation because of our gender, race, cultural background, language, etc. This also is sin, and this is why we are named "sinners."
5. **To be forgiven:** Now, in light of this definition of sin, what is the experience of being "forgiven?"

The experience in which our separation from neighbor, self and God is put back into place without thought of any merit what so ever. The experience of being “put back in place with a right relationship.

6. **To forgive someone else** --- The experience of surrender, or of giving up, the faults and hurts of others.
7. **Temptation** --- The experience of embracing that which is not mine to embrace. It is the experience of being invited to live a lie. It is the experience of living in an illusion. It is the experience of living only for my own self-satisfaction.

Part II of this assignment: Rewrite the prayer using your own definitions. (Transliteration)

NOTE: The following is my model for you. This was written for the women in the Saline County Jail. Most of these women are abused by men, and some by their fathers. You can appreciate why it is necessary to clearly identify what “Father” means.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (A paraphrase – My model for you.)

Oh Eternal Parent who is wise and generous with me like an earthly father is supposed to be; holy and healthy is your name. Let my living, even in this place, be whole and healthy just like you. Give me today the things necessary for today, and forgive me for the way I push others aside, and then forgive my trespassing on the rights of others. Lead me not into temptation, but deliver me from my illusions and false hopes. I ask for these things because it is right that I be right with your power, and with you, and with myself, and with my spiritual sisters and brothers today and then for eternity. *(For me, this is what the Lord’s Prayer really means. My prayer is that it will be helpful to you as well. Pastor Bill Salmon)*

All right, folks. Talk to me! I’d really like to use some of your examples in the commentary section. Please help me out.