

Matthew 6

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Giving to the Needy

¹ Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.

² Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

³ But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:

⁴ That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

How to Pray

⁵ And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

⁶ But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

⁷ But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

⁸ Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

The Lord's Prayer

9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

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

11 Give us this day our daily bread.

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

13 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.

14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Fasting

16 Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

17 But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face;

18 That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

Treasures in Heaven

19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Do Not Be Anxious

25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Forgive — ἀφίημι (Aphiemi)

To send away, forgive, release

The Greek **aphiemi** (ἀφίημι) means to send away or release—canceling a debt or dismissing an offense. Jesus taught us to pray 'forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors' (Matthew 6:12).

Glory — δόξα (Doxa)

Glory, majesty, splendor

The Greek **doxa** (δόξα) means glory, splendor, or magnificence—the radiant manifestation of God's perfection. Christ revealed the Father's glory: 'we beheld his glory' (John 1:14).

God — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

Heaven — οὐρανός (Ouranos)

Heaven, sky

The Greek **ouranos** (οὐρανός) denotes heaven—God's throne and the believer's eternal home. Jesus taught His disciples to pray 'Our Father which art in heaven' (Matthew 6:9) and promised to prepare a place there (John 14:2).

Kingdom — βασιλεία (Basileia)

Kingdom, reign

The Greek **basileia** (βασιλεία) means kingdom—both the realm ruled and the exercise of royal authority. The 'kingdom of God' is central to Jesus' teaching, representing God's saving rule breaking into history.

Love — ἀγάπη (Agape)

Divine love

The Greek **agape** (ἀγάπη) denotes self-sacrificial, unconditional love—the highest form of love, characterizing God's nature (1 John 4:8) and the love Christians are called to demonstrate.

Righteous — δίκαιος (Dikaios)

Righteous, just

The Greek **dikaios** (δίκαιος) means righteous or just—conforming to God's standard. Christ's righteousness is imputed to believers through faith (Romans 4:5), making them legally righteous before God.

CROSS REFERENCES

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Parallel theme: Matthew 6:16; 23:5; Ezekiel 33:31; Mark 8:15; Luke 16:15; John 5:44; 12:43; Galatians 6:12; Hebrews 6:10; 2 John 1:8

Matthew 6:2

Parallel theme: Matthew 6:5; 6:16; Psalms 37:21; Hosea 8:1; Luke 20:46; John 5:41; Ephesians 4:28; Hebrews 13:16. **Glory:** John 7:18; 1 Peter 4:11

Matthew 6:3 **Parallel theme:** Matthew 9:30; John 7:4

Matthew 6:4 **Parallel theme:** Matthew 6:6; 6:18; 1 Samuel 2:30; Psalms 44:21; 139:12; Jeremiah 17:10; 23:24; Luke 8:17; 14:14; Hebrews 4:13

Matthew 6:5 **Parallel theme:** Matthew 6:2; Luke 18:13; James 4:6. **Prayer:** Isaiah 1:15; Jeremiah 29:12; Mark 11:25; Luke 18:1; 20:47; Ephesians 6:18. **Love:** Luke 11:43

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Matthew 6:7 **Parallel theme:** Matthew 6:32; 18:17; Ecclesiastes 5:7; Acts 19:34. **Prayer:** Matthew 26:39; 26:42; 26:44

Matthew 6:8 **Parallel theme:** Matthew 6:32; Psalms 38:9; Luke 12:30; Philippians 4:6

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Matthew 6:21 **Parallel theme:** Matthew 12:34; Proverbs 4:23; Isaiah 33:6; Jeremiah 4:14; 22:17; Luke 12:34; Acts 8:21; 2 Corinthians 4:18; Hebrews 3:12

Matthew 6:22 **Parallel theme:** 2 Corinthians 11:3. **Sin:** Colossians 3:22

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Light: Matthew 6:22; Isaiah 8:20; Ephesians 5:8. **Darkness:** Ephesians 4:18; 1 John 2:11.

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Matthew 6:26 **Parallel theme:** Matthew 6:32; 7:9; Job 35:11; 38:41; Psalms 147:9

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Faith: Matthew 8:26; 14:31; 16:8; Mark 4:40; Luke 12:28; John 20:27. **Parallel theme:** 1 Peter 1:24. **References God:** Hebrews 3:12

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