

Jesus Teaches His Disciples About Prayer

Matthew 6:6-15, 7:7-12; Luke 18:1-8



Prayer



Questions



Read: Matthew 6:5-8

*1.) Let's list what Jesus tells us prayer IS and ISN'T.



Prayer ISN'T...

- An outward/public show



Prayer IS...

- A private matter between us
and God

PRIVATE



Prayer IS...

- Only done by children of the Father...

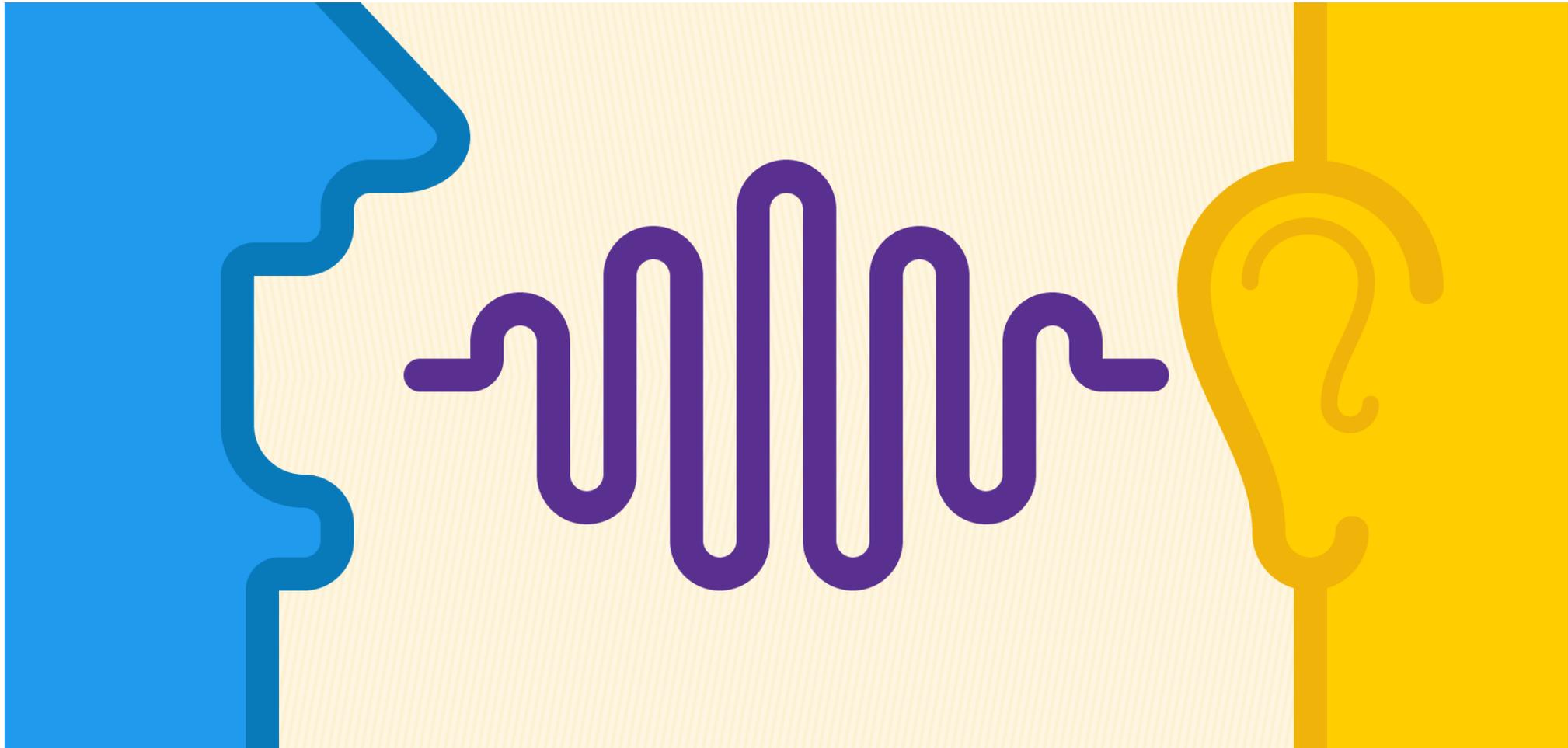
Galatians 3:26 You are all **sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.**

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Prayer ISN'T...

- A matter of many (spoken) words...



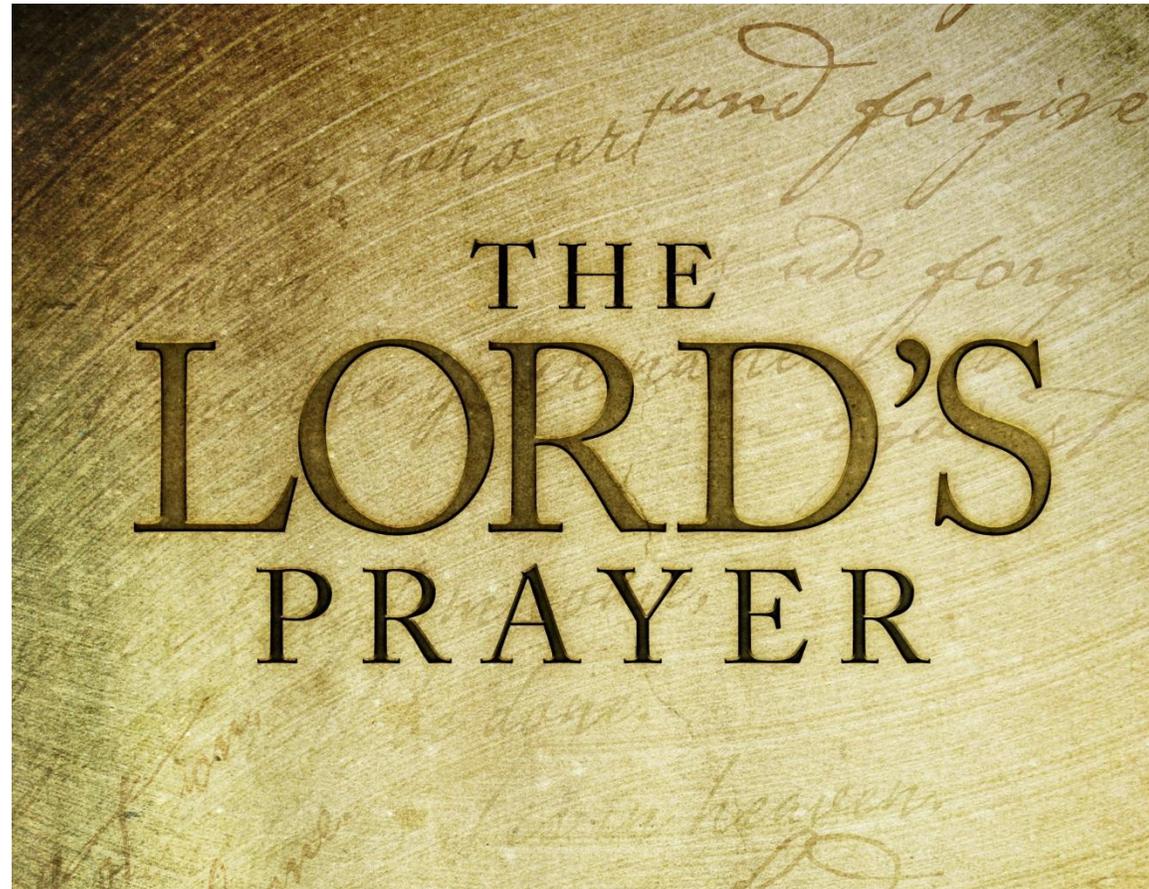
Prayer ISN'T...

- God already knows what you need



Read: Matthew 6:9-13

*2.) Jesus gives us a model prayer of HOW and WHAT we should pray for. Let's break it down:



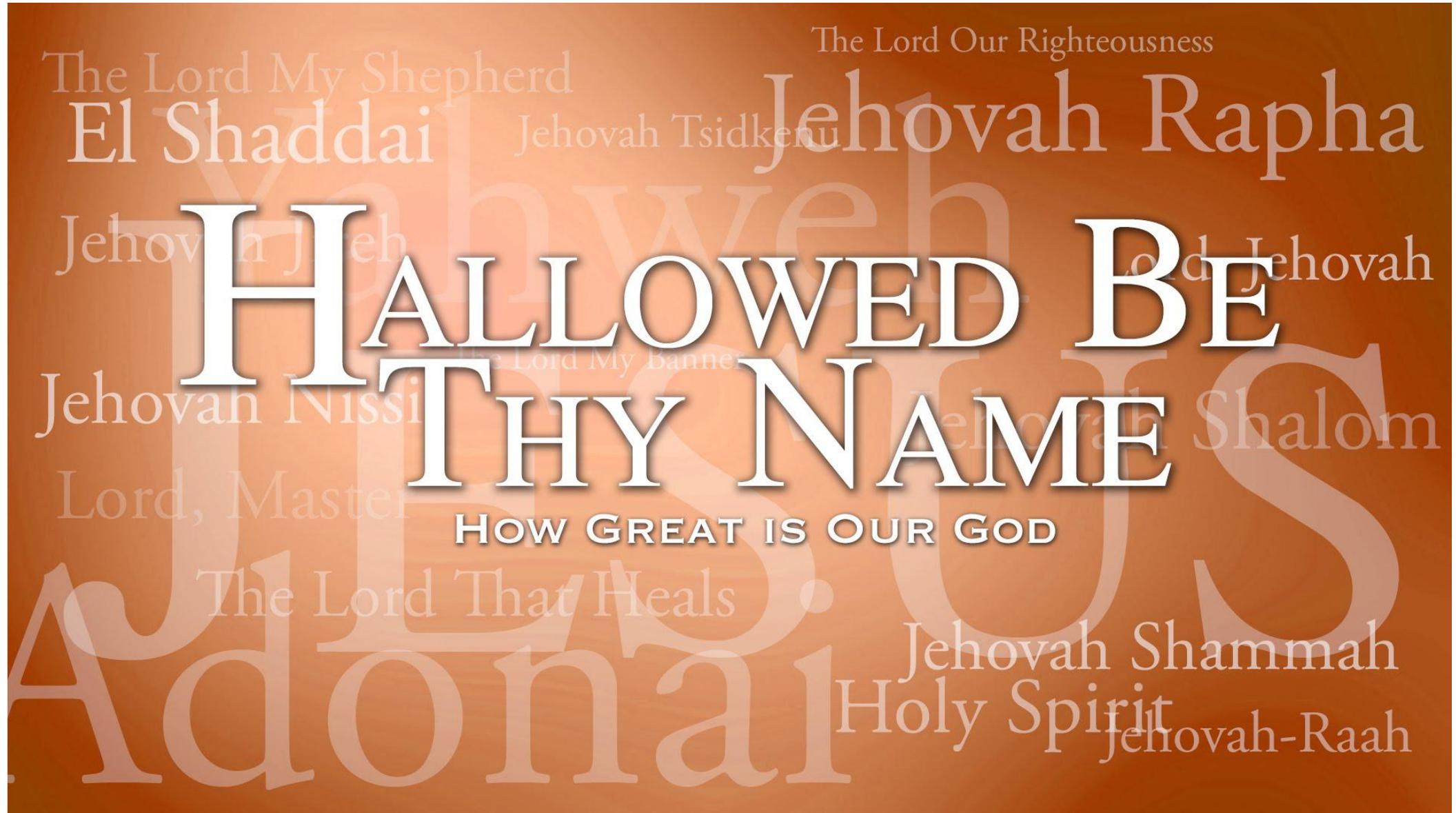
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b.) 1st Petition

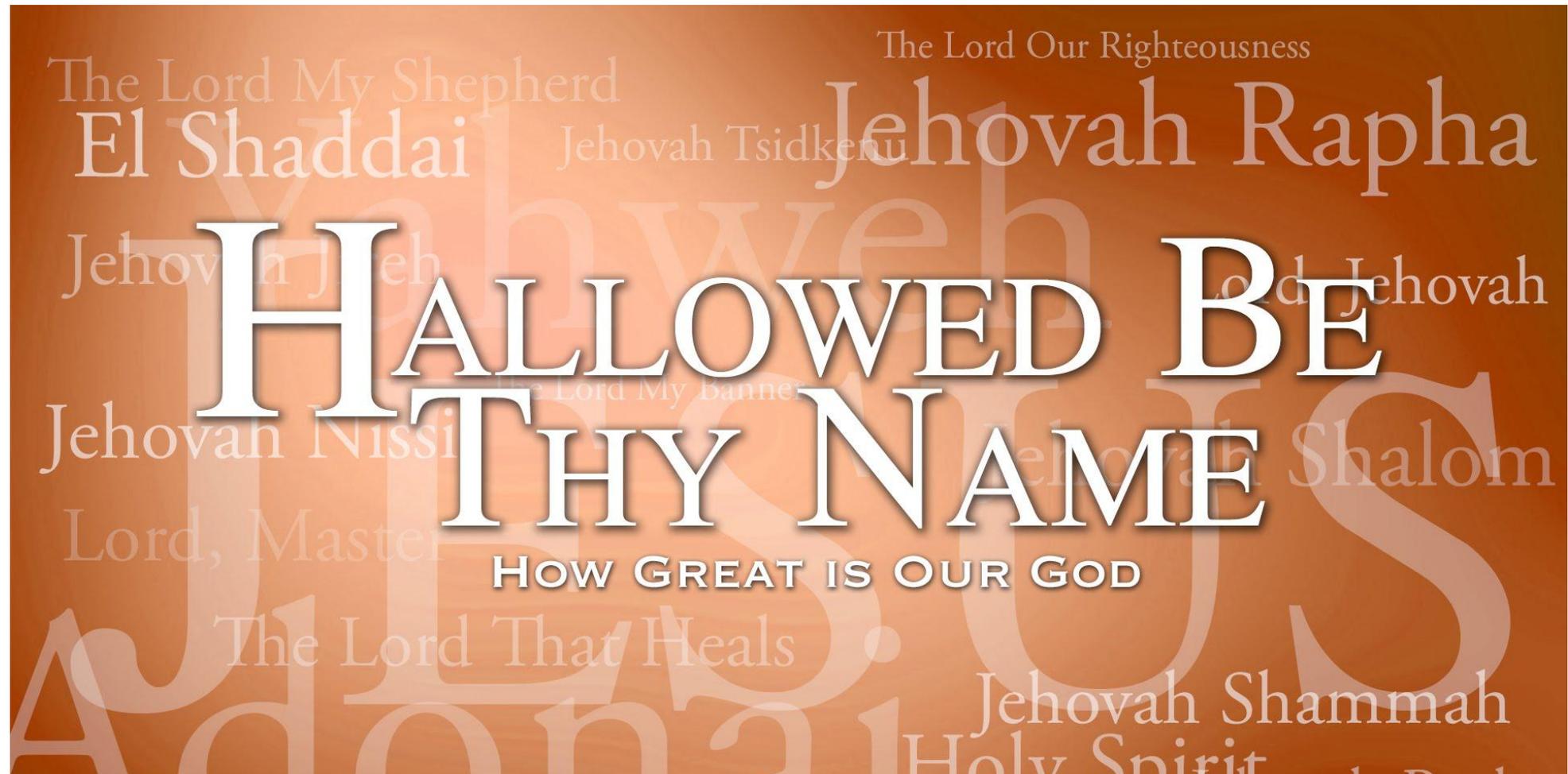


What is meant by God's name?



His titles and all he has told us about himself in his
Word

b.) 1st Petition = we ask God to help us honor his name, which includes everything he has revealed to us in his Word





THY
KINGDOM
COME

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Luke 17:20-21 Once, having been asked by the Pharisees **when the kingdom of God would come**, Jesus replied, "The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because **the kingdom of God is within you.**"

The rule of Christ in the heart by faith

c.) 2nd Petition = We pray God's kingdom grows as people are brought to faith in Jesus as their Savior



d.) 3rd Petition



- What is God's will?

John 6:40 “My Father's will is that **everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life.**”

1 Timothy 2:4 [God our Savior] **wants all men to be saved** and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

That all people believe in Jesus and be saved eternally

- Who resists God's will being carried out?
 - THE DEVIL



- Who resists God's will being carried out?
 - THE WORLD



- Who resists God's will being carried out?
 - OUR SINFUL FLESH



d.) 3rd Petition = We pray that God would restrain the devil, the world, and our own sinful flesh that oppose his will and kingdom



e.) 4th Petition

GIVE US THIS DAY
OUR DAILY BREAD

Matt 6:11

- What is all included in daily bread?









e.) 4th Petition = We are asking God to supply all that we need for our bodies each day



f.) 5th Petition



- We often make our forgiveness conditional. How does God forgive us?
- He forgives us freely in Jesus



Because God has freely forgiven us...

Matthew 6:14-15 For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

f.) 5th Petition = We ask God to forgive us and forgive all who have wronged us



FORGIVE
AS THE LORD
FORGAVE
YOU

colossians 3:13

g.) 6th Petition



Father, please
keep us from
temptation.

GOD IS FAITHFUL

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h.) 7th Petition



deliver us from evil...

- How does God deliver us from evil?
- He can keep it away from us



- How does God deliver us from evil?
- He can send his angels to protect us



- How does God deliver us from evil?
- He makes it work for our eternal good

GOOD

2 Timothy 4:18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom.



- 7th Petition = We ask our Father to keep evil away or make it work for our good, and finally bring us to heaven



Read: Matthew 7:7-11

*3.) What should be our attitude when we pray to God?



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- We can be **CONFIDENT** that our heavenly Father will do what is best for us

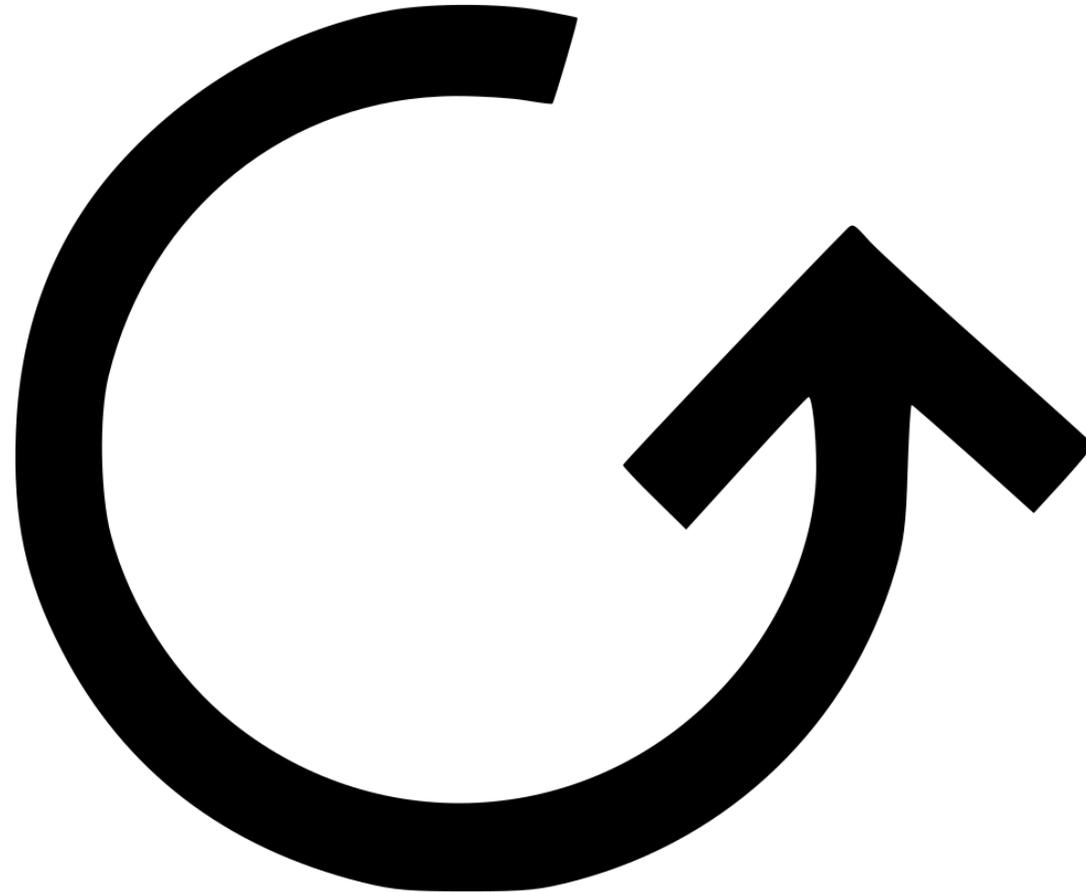


Read: Luke 18:1-9

*4.) What other attitude does God want us to demonstrate in prayer?



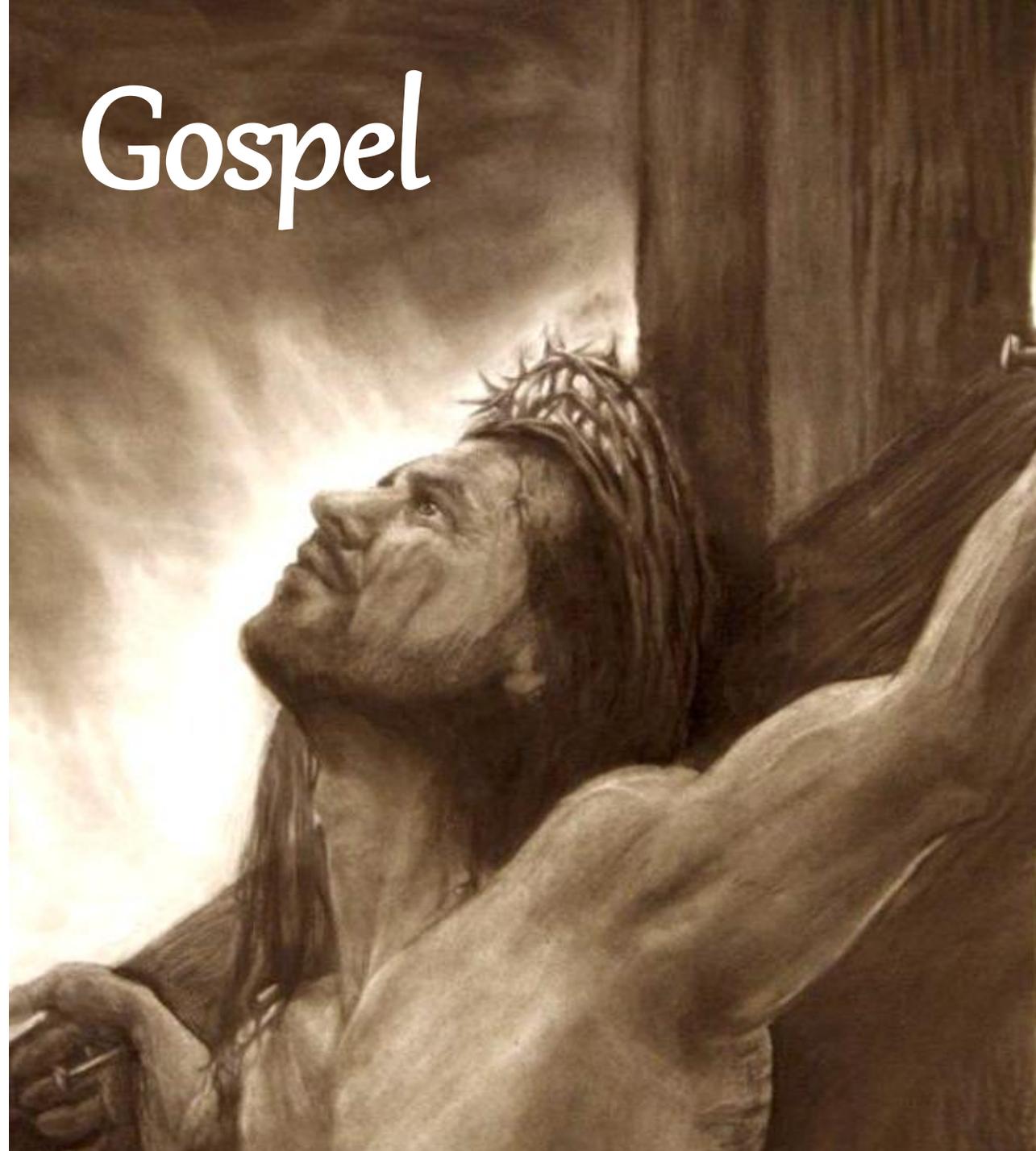
- God wants us to show our confidence in him by being PERSISTANT



LAW



Gospel



LAW

- God's commands, threats, punishments...
 - God commands us to pray
 - Only believers can pray
 - Prayer is not a show
 - We are to forgive those who sin against us
 - Pray with confidence
 - Pray with persistence

Gospel

- God's mercy, forgiveness, goodness, and promises...
 - We can bring ALL our requests of body and soul to God
 - God forgives our sins
 - God promises to hear our prayers and do what is best

For Next Time...

- Turn in memory work test 3 and story retellings
- We will discuss the different spiritual gifts God has given us and how they can be used in the church and daily life

