

Handout #1– Lesson 8

THE LORD’S PRAYER

The “*Lord’s Prayer*” in Matthew’s Gospel is usually seen as consisting of an invocation and seven petitions which are divided into a set of 3 (addressed to God) and 4 petitions (for ourselves). In Scripture the number 3 represents fullness and importance and in the New Testament it is the number of the Trinity; 4 in Scripture is the number that represents the world.

THE “LORD’S PRAYER” PRAYER IN MATTHEW 6:9-13

The Invocation:	<i>Our Father in heaven</i>
Petition #1	<i>Holy be Your name</i>
Petition #2	<i>Your kingdom come</i>
Petition #3	<i>Your will be done on earth as in heaven</i>
Petition #4	<i>Give us today our daily bread</i>
Petition #5	<i>And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors</i>
Petition #6	<i>And do not subject us to the final test</i>
Petition #7	<i>But deliver us from the evil one</i>

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The prayer to God as Father in Luke’s Gospel is seen as an invocation and five petitions; 5 is the number which represents God’s grace in Scripture.

A COMPARISON OF THE LORD’S PRAYER IN MATTHEW AND LUKE:

MATHEW 6:9-13	LUKE 11:2-4
<i>Our Father in heaven</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Hallowed be your name</i>	<i>Hallowed be your name</i>
<i>Your kingdom come</i>	<i>May your Kingdom come</i>
<i>Your will be done</i>	
<i>On earth as it is in heaven</i>	
<i>Give us today our daily bread</i>	<i>Give us each day our daily bread</i>
<i>And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors</i>	<i>And forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us</i>
<i>And do not subject us to the final test, but deliver us from the evil one</i>	<i>And do not subject us to the final test</i>

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Handout #2, LESSON 8: THE MANY NAMES OF GOD IN SCRIPTURE

- **Elohim** = God the creator (plural). Gen 1:1: *In the beginning God (Elohim) created the heaven and the earth.* Note: “Jehovah” is not a Biblical name for God.
- **El Elyon** = The God Most High. Gen 14:18-20: *And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; now he was a priest of (El Elyon) God the Most High. And He blessed him and said, ‘blessed be Abram of God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand.*
- **El Roi** = The God Who Sees. Gen 16:13-14: *Then she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, ‘You are a (El Roi) God who sees’; for she said, ‘Have I even remained alive here after seeing Him?’ Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi (well of the living one who sees me).*
- **El Shaddai** = God Almighty; the All-Sufficient One. Gen 17:2-3: *I AM El Shaddai. Live in my presence, be perfect, and I shall grant a covenant between myself and you, and make you very numerous. And Abram bowed to the ground.*
- **Yahweh** = literally YHWH = I AM who I AM or I will be who I will be; the Self-Existent One. Ex 3:13-14: *Moses said to God, ‘Look, if I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you, and they say to me, ‘What is His name?’ what am I to tell them?’ God said to Moses, ‘I AM He who is. Tell them that I AM who I am sent you. (Yahweh)*
- **Adonai** = The Lord. Ex 4:10-12: *Then Moses said to (Yahweh) the LORD, ‘Please (Adonai) LORD, I have never been eloquent, neither recently nor in time past, nor since you have spoken to your servant; for I am slow of speech and slow of tongue. And the LORD said to him, ‘Who has made men’s mouth? Or who make him dumb or deaf, or seeing or blind? Is it not I, the LORD?’ note: LORD, all in capital letters is a substitution out of reverence for God’s covenant name “Yahweh”.*
- **Yahweh-yireh** = Yahweh will provide. Gen 22:11-14: *But the angel of the (Yahweh) LORD called to him from heaven and said, ‘Abraham, Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ And he said, ‘Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.’ Then Abraham raised his eyes and looked, and behind him he saw a ram caught up in the thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the place of his son. And Abraham called the name of that place (Yahweh yireh) The LORD Will Provide, as it is said to this day: On the Mountain Yahweh provides.*
- **Yahweh-rapha** = Yahweh who heals. Ex 15:26: *If you will give earnest heed to the voice of Yahweh your God and do what He regards as right, if you pay attention to His commandments and keep all His laws, I shall never inflict on you any of the diseases that I inflicted on the Egyptians, for I am (Yahweh rapha) Yahweh Your Healer.*
- **Yahweh-nissi** = Yahweh My Banner. Ex 17:16: (after willing a battle with God’s assistance) *“Moses built an altar, and named it (Yahweh-nissi) Yahweh is My Banner...”*
- **Yahweh-mekoddishkem** = Yahweh Who Sanctifies You. Ex 31:12: *And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ‘But as for you, speak to the sons of Israel, saying, “You shall surely observe My Sabbaths; for this is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am (Yahweh-mekoddishkem) Yahweh Who Sanctifies you...”*
- **Yahweh-shalom** = Yahweh is Peace. Jud 6:22-24: *He said, ‘Alas, my Lord, Yahweh! Now I have seen the Angel of Yahweh face to face’ ‘Yahweh answered, ‘Peace be with you; have no fear; you will not die.’ Gideon built an altar there to Yahweh and called it (Yahweh-shalom) Yahweh is Peace.*
- **Yahweh-sabaoth** = Yahweh of Hosts. Ps 22:10: *Who is He, this king of glory? (Yahweh-sabaoth) Yahweh of Hosts, He is the king of glory.* Ps.46: 7: *Yahweh-sabaoth is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.* Note: the “hosts” are the army of angels who serve God.
- **Yahweh-raah** = Yahweh My Shepherd. Ps 23:1: *(Yahweh raah) The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*
- **Yahweh-tsdkenu** = Yahweh Our Saving Justice. Jer 23:5-6: *Look, the days are coming, Yahweh declares, when I shall rise an upright Branch for David; He will reign as king and be wise, doing what is just and upright in the country. In his days Judah will triumph and Israel live in safety. And this is the name He will be called (Yahweh-tsdkenu) Yahweh-our-saving-justice.*