

THE DOXOLOGY

The Lord's Prayer, Summer 2023: Matthew 6:9-13

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*Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name . . .
worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.
1 Chronicles 16:29 and Psalm 29:2*

Praise from God's own words

"Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven

*"This, then is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

¹¹ Give us today our daily bread.

¹² Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

*¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one,
for yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.' "*

Matthew 6 (including alternate ending noted in the NIV)

*¹³ Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting. Amen and Amen.*

Psalm 41:13, doxology for Book I of the Psalms (and see 72:19-20)

*²³ Sing to the LORD, all the earth;
proclaim his salvation day after day.*

*²⁴ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.*

*²⁵ For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;
he is to be feared above all gods.*

*²⁶ For all the gods of the nations are idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.*

*²⁷ Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and joy in his dwelling place.*

*²⁸ Ascribe to the LORD, O families of nations,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength,*

²⁹ ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name.

*Bring an offering and come before him;
worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.*

*³⁰ Tremble before him, all the earth!
The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved.*

*³¹ Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;
let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!"*

*³² Let the sea resound, and all that is in it;
let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them!*

1 Chronicles 16, David's worship when the ark returned to Jerusalem (see also Psalm 29)

- ¹⁰ *David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly, saying,*
 “Praise be to you, O LORD,
 God of our father Israel,
 from everlasting to everlasting.
- ¹¹ *Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power*
 and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,
 for everything in heaven and earth is yours.
Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom;
 you are exalted as head over all.
- ¹² *Wealth and honor come from you;*
 you are the ruler of all things.
In your hands are strength and power
 to exalt and give strength to all.
- ¹³ *Now, our God, we give you thanks,*
 and praise your glorious name.

1 Chronicles 29

About the doxology

1. While the doxology is not in the earliest manuscripts, it was included in with the Lord’s Prayer very early in the life of the church
2. Doug’s “pretty sure” thought: This doxology reflects how the early church ended this prayer in public worship (see the *Didache*)
3. Doug’s “not quite as sure, but it makes a lot of sense” thought: Jesus, the Old Testament trained rabbi, would have expected his followers to supply a doxology to end this prayer!

Heidelberg Catechism, Part III: Gratitude, Lord’s Day 52

Q 128. What does your conclusion to this prayer mean?

A. For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever” means:

We have made all these petitions of you because, as our all-powerful king, you are both willing and able to give us all that is good;¹ and because your holy name, and not we ourselves, should receive all the praise, forever.²

¹ [Rom. 10:11-13](#); [2 Pet. 2:9](#) ² [Ps. 115:1](#); [John 14:13](#)

A theology of worship

⁴ “You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God

Exodus 20

Then he said to Moses, “Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel. You are to worship at a distance, ² but Moses alone is to approach the LORD; the others must not come near. And the people may not come up with him.”

³ When Moses went and told the people all the LORD’s words and laws, they responded with one voice, “Everything the LORD has said we will do.” ⁴ Moses then wrote down everything the LORD had said.

He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵ Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the LORD. ⁶ Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he sprinkled on the altar. ⁷ Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, “We will do everything the LORD has said; we will obey.”

⁸ Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, “This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

⁹ Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up ¹⁰ and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of sapphire, clear as the sky itself. ¹¹ But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

Exodus 24

²² The LORD said to Moses, ²³ “Tell Aaron and his sons, ‘This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

²⁴ “ ‘The LORD bless you and keep you;

²⁵ the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;

²⁶ the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” ’

²⁷ “So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.”

Numbers 6 (see Psalm

¹¹ Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. ¹² In a loud voice they sang:

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and praise!”

¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing:

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!”

¹⁴ The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Revelation 4

1. Every time the door to the throne room of God is cracked open, we see doxology! (Isaiah 6; Acts 7;

2. The first great public worship is Exodus 24 where Kevin DeYoung identifies these elements of covenant renewal:
 1. the Book of the Covenant

 2. the blood of the covenant

 3. the bread of the covenant

3. The doxology reflects our final response in the dialogue of worship

Being a doxological people

The last sentence is *an ascription of praise*--"yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory." We declare in these words our belief, that the kingdoms of this world are the rightful property of our Father--that to Him alone belongs all "power,"--and that He alone deserves to receive all "glory." And we conclude by offering to Him the profession of our hearts, that we give Him all honor and praise, and rejoice that He is King of kings, and Lord of lords.

J.C. Ryles

1. The goal of the life of praise is God's glory

⁵ "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. ⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

John 15

Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, [a] and to enjoy him for ever. [b]

[a]. [Ps. 86:9](#); [Isa. 60:21](#); [Rom. 11:36](#); [1 Cor. 6:20](#); [10:31](#); Rev. 4:11

[b]. [Ps. 16:5-11](#); [144:15](#); [Isa. 12:2](#); [Luke 2:10](#); [Phil. 4:4](#); Rev. 21:3-4

Q. 2. What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

A. The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, [a] is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him. [b]

[a]. [Matt. 19:4-5](#) with [Gen. 2:24](#); [Luke 24:27, 44](#); [1 Cor. 2:13](#); 14:37; [2 Pet.1:20-21](#); [3:2](#), [15-16](#)

[b]. [Deut. 4:2](#); [Ps. 19:7-11](#); [Isa. 8:20](#); [John 15:11](#); [20:30-31](#); [Acts 17:11](#); [2 Tim. 3:15-17](#); [1 John 1:4](#)

Westminster Shorter Catechism ([1647 edition](#))

When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, ``Repent" (Mt 4:17), he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance.

The first of Martin Luther's "95 Theses"

2. The doxology reminds us whom we serve

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

Revelation 1, John's opening greeting and doxology

3. Like the rest of the Lord's Prayer, doxology keeps God in the right place

³³ *Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!*

How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!

³⁴ *"Who has known the mind of the Lord?*

Or who has been his counselor?"

³⁵ *"Who has ever given to God,*

that God should repay him?"

³⁶ *For from him and through him and to him are all things.*

To him be the glory forever! Amen.

Romans 11 (and see 16:25-27 for Paul's second doxology)

Resources for further study

The poster for Matthew does a good job of showing the 5 Parts of the gospel, reflecting a “new Torah”, can be found at <https://bibleproject.com/downloads/posters/>

Ryle has a commentary of Matthew 6 at <https://www.gracegems.org/Ryle/m06.htm>

J. C. Ryle also has a wonderful study of how believers should respond to the disciplining work of God at <https://www.monergism.com/finger-god>

Here are some of our growing number of prayer resources:

The CRCNA’s Prayer Guide illustrates how to use the Lord’s Prayer as a guide to corporate prayer at https://www.crcna.org › files › the_lords_prayer

Kevin DeYoung’s article at <https://www.crossway.org/articles/what-does-it-mean-to-pray-your-kingdom-come/>

Lora Copely’s “Extraordinary Prayer” article at <https://www.abideproject.org/articles/extraordinary-prayer>

Becket Cook’s story of his mother’s prayer at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uFWl9eWkmWg>

Kevin DeYoung has a great introduction to Christian worship at <https://clearlyreformed.org/worship-as-covenant-renewal/> and his summary of Reformed worship is very helpful at <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/kevin-deyoung/a-theology-of-worship/>

D.G. Hart’s essay on “Reforming Worship” at <https://www.touchstonemag.com/archives/article.php?id=08-04-017-f&readcode=&readtherest=true#therest> suggests these principles:

1. Centrality of the Word of God
2. God is the audience
3. Worship is dialogue in which God speaks and his people respond
4. Simplicity
5. Reverence

R.C. Sproul has a wonderful essay on worship at <http://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/how-should-we-then-worship>

I like [this interview with Tim Keller](#) on what it takes to worship well

In this Getty team video, [John Lennox shows how our minds are hardwired](#) for singing and doxology

Larry Stockstill has a good summary of the pattern of the Lord’s Prayer at <https://larrystockstill.com/blog/prayer-template>

Keller has a good listen at <https://gospelinlife.com/downloads/the-upside-down-kingdom-5106/> or the .pdf version at <https://www.scribd.com/document/258555474/Upside-Down-Kingdom-Tim-Keller>

Keller also has an 8-part series on the Lord’s Prayer on .mp3 at <https://www.monergism.com/lords-prayer-8-part-mp3-sermon-series>

[Monergism.com](#) has many resources on the Sermon on the Mount at <https://www.monergism.com/topics/sermon-manuscripts-mp3s-scripture/matthew/sermon-mount-ch-5-7>

Bob Deffinbaugh has a sermon on this passage at <https://bible.org/seriespage/fatal-failures-religion-3-externalism-matthew-61-18>

Spurgeon has an interesting prayer take is at <https://www.spurgeon.org/resource-library/sermons/the-secret-of-power-in-prayer/#flipbook/>

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30-40 YEARS OF ORAL TRADITION

EARLIEST TRADITION Matthew (see 9:18-19:3)

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Things to look for

#1 ? LOOK UP OLD TESTAMENT QUOTATIONS (THERE ARE A LOT)

#2 LOOK CLOSELY AT THE PEOPLE WHO ACCEPT JESUS
IRRELEVANT + **FAITH** = **TRANSFORMATION**

1. MESSIAH FROM THE LINE OF DAVID

2. NEW MOSES

3. GOD WITH US



MOSES | JESUS
- OUT OF EGYPT
- CROSS THE RED SEA
- WILDERNESS FOR 40 YEARS
- RECEIVES LAW FROM MOUNTAIN
- DELIVER FROM SLAVERY
- GIVE NEW DIVINE TEACHING
- SAVE FROM SIN
- INITIATE A NEW COVENANT

1-3 ABRAHAM DAVID JESUS
CONNECT JESUS TO OLD TESTAMENT

FULFILL OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETIC PROMISES

Immanuel = GOD WITH US

4-7 ANNOUNCE GOD'S KINGDOM
SERMON IN THE MOUNT (10:5-7)
- RESTORE GOD'S REIGN
- CREATE A NEW FAMILY
- FULFILL THE TORAH
- TRANSFORM
- REVEALS THE STORY OF...
- RESCUE FROM SLAVERY
- DEATH OF JESUS

8-10 JESUS BRINGS KINGDOM INTO PEOPLE'S LIVES
SENDING THE 12 (10:1-15)
- EFFECT: ACCEPTANCE AND REJECTION

11-13 RESPONSES TO JESUS
PARABLES ABOUT THE KINGDOM (13:1-52)
- POSITIVE: "JESUS IS THE MESSIAH!"
- NEUTRAL: "IS HE THE MESSIAH?"
- NEGATIVE: "HE IS NOT THE MESSIAH!"

14-20 DIFFERENT EXPECTATIONS ABOUT THE MESSIAH
THE UPGRADE DOWN KINGDOM
- THINK OF JESUS
- REMIND US PAGANS
- CAN THE GOVERN BY SAYING IT FIRST
- SUPPERING SERVAANT (10:23)
- VICTORIOUS! DEFEATS PAGANS!

21-25 CLASH OF KINGDOMS
CRITIQUE OF "YOU THINKERS" HYPOCRITES! (23:23)
- BELIEVING AUTHORITY
- SAY THINGS AS COMPROMISED RESULTS OF HYPOCRISY
- OFFENDED - DECIDE TO KILL JESUS

26-28 PASSOVER MEAL
RECALLS THE STORY OF...
- RESCUE FROM SLAVERY
- DEATH OF JESUS

THEY'RE NOT THE MESSIAH!
YOU HAVE BLASPHEMED GOD!
SANHEDRIN (JEWISH LEADERS)
PILATE
HE'S INNOCENT!
LET HIM BE CRUCIFIED!

FULFILL OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETIC PROMISES
SUPPERING SERVAANT (10:23)
INSTEAD OF JUDGING THEM HE IS JUDGED ON THEIR BEHALF

GREAT COMMISSION
JESUS IS KING OF THE WORLD
TELL ALL NATIONS THE GOOD NEWS
ALL PEOPLE CAN JOIN THE KINGDOM
- BAPTIZED
- YEASERBROOD
- DEATH OF JESUS
- IMMANUEL

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- BOOKS OF MOSES (TORAH)

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