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Intro

v.7 - When you pray, don't use vain repetitions as the heathen do.

1. Remember who you're praying to.

2. Our primary consideration in prayer should be God's glory.

1.) Hallowed be Your name.

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2.) Your kingdom come.

Revelation 11:15 - *The kingdom of God is coming.* Then the angels will sing, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever."

Jesus said: "The kingdom of God is in your midst." (Luke 17:21)

3.) Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

4.) Give us this day our daily bread.

- 1. Bread carries with it the idea of a basic physical need.**
- 2. God wants you to come to Him for even the smallest need.**
- 3. God wants you to depend on Him daily.**
- 4. God wants to build community through our prayers.**

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5. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors

"Then the king called in the man he'd forgiven and said, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' In anger the king handed him over to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you don't forgive your brother from your heart." (Matthew 18:32-35)

Kent Hughes: Sometimes our unforgiving hearts make our prayers die on our lips. The Lord's Prayer can then be nothing more than a self-inflicted curse--a prayer of doom instead of blessing, for if we pray, "Forgive us our debts, as we've forgiven our debtors" with unforgiving hearts, we're asking God not to forgive us!

Let me extend this principle even further. If we won't forgive, we're not Christians...for when God's grace comes into our hearts, it makes us forgiving. We demonstrate whether we've been forgiven by whether or not we'll forgive... We're not talking about people who are struggling with forgiveness. It's those who have no desire to forgive who are in soul danger. There may also be some who've been recently offended and are still in emotional shock and so haven't been able to properly respond with forgiveness. The point is: If we're Christians, we can and will forgive!

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6. Don't lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

1 Chronicles 29:11 - 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 is the *kingdom*, O Lord, You're exalted as head over all.
