

ENJOYING GOD // The Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory

Matthew 6:9-13 "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."

The purpose of prayer is TO ENJOY God and to BE ENJOYED by God.

"The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever." - Westminster Shorter Catechism

Psalm 34:8 "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good..." (ESV)

"Oh, one hour with God infinitely exceeds all the pleasures and delights of this world." - David Brainerd

Adoration: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name."

Submission: "Your kingdom come, Your will be done,"

Intercession: "On earth as it is in heaven."

Petition: "Give us this day our daily bread,"

Confession: "Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."

Protection: "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." (ESV)

Psalm 27:2-3,12 "When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh...an army encamp against me...though war arise against me...false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence." (ESV)

Psalm 27:10 "For my father and my mother have forsaken me..." (ESV)

Psalm 27:4 "One thing have I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His temple." (ESV)

David gives us two instructions in his prayer:

1. Gaze upon the beauty of the Lord.

The word “gaze” means to stare intently. To think on, to meditate. It’s to think on something so purposefully, so intently, that it is etched into your mind in a way that you’ll never forget it.

Ask yourself: How is God wise? Where do I see His wisdom? Where do I see His kindness and love? Where do I see His goodness and generosity?

2. Inquire in His temple.

Ask. Seek. Knock. Bring your needs to Him. Bring your whole self into the presence of God.