

Life-Study Fellowship Blessings From the Bible

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The Bible says Look at the birds...

"Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?"

~Matthew 6:26 KJV

Matthew 6:22-26 — "Behold the fowls of the air." The passage emphasizes that God provides for all creatures, and if He cares for the birds, how much more will He care for us? It is a reminder not to worry excessively about our needs, as God knows what we require and will provide for us.

Matthew 6:22-26:

*"The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? **Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?"***



In Matthew 6:26, Jesus is teaching about the importance of single-minded devotion to God. If one's focus is solely on God and His kingdom, their life will be filled with light, symbolizing clarity, goodness, and spiritual understanding. However, if one's focus is on earthly desires and wealth (referred to as "mammon"), their life will be filled with darkness, symbolizing confusion, evil, and spiritual blindness. Jesus then emphasizes that it is impossible to serve both God and worldly desires simultaneously, as they are fundamentally opposed. He encourages trust in God's provision, using the example of how He cares for the birds of the air without them needing to worry about food. This passage ultimately teaches about the importance of arranging spiritual values over material concerns and trusting in God's provision for our needs.

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The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in Earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. ~Amen.



Matthew 6:5-15

And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in Earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

The Model Prayer Itself

(Matthew 6:9-13):

- ◆ Our Father in heaven: Acknowledges God's sovereignty and relationship as our heavenly Father.
- ◆ Hallowed be Your name: Expresses reverence for God's holiness.
- ◆ Your kingdom come: Desires God's reign and rule on earth.
- ◆ Your will be done: Submits to God's plan and purpose.
- ◆ Give us this day our daily bread: Asks for daily provision.
- ◆ Forgive us our debts: Seeks forgiveness for our sins.
- ◆ Lead us not into temptation: Requests guidance away from sin.
- ◆ Deliver us from evil: Asks for protection from the enemy.
- ◆ Forgiveness: Jesus emphasizes forgiveness: If we forgive others, God forgives us; if not, God won't forgive us.

In summary, the Model Prayer teaches humility, dependence on God, and the importance of forgiveness. Remember, it's not just a recitation but a guide for heart-felt communication.