

Theology Simply Explained — CC108 “Lord-Shaped Prayer”

Pastor walks his children through Children’s Catechism question 108—especially explaining how the Lord’s Prayer shapes us and our priorities in prayer.

Q108. Repeat 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, forever. Amen.***

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Okay, Sophia your catechism question this week is number 108 in the children's. Repeat the Lord's Prayer. And the answer is or the response is our father, which art in heaven.

Hall, be thy name. Thy kingdom come. They 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 forever.

Amen. We're gonna go through and They're going to be questions. For each one of them. Which is the first petition. What do we pray for in the first petition? And so forth, things like that. So, we won't get into. explaining the whole prayer. But, One of the things that we should take a little time at this point to do, is to point out how God centered.

The Lord's Prayer is. In fact, it's God centered in a way that is missed a little bit by the children's catechism. Because it works through the six petitions but then it doesn't work through the conclusion. Now, what is the conclusion to the Lord's Prayer? For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Amen. what do we pray in the conclusion or how what does the conclusion teach us about prayer and then there would be A good answer to that. Well, one of the things that the conclusion teaches us about prayer, is that our hope? And our goal in prayer are the same Our.

Is that God as king would Grant these petitions? for the Prosperity of his kingdom. And that God as who the one who is powerful and glorious would display. His power and Glory by hearing and answering prayers. And so we've got those hopes but we've also got the goal.

That he would be glorified. And you notice that in the six petitions, Jesus arranges Those that are primary at the beginning that correspond to his having the kingdom power and the glory. Hallowed be thy name is glory. Thy kingdom come his kingdom. Your will be done on Earth as it is, in heaven is power.

And so the Lord's Prayer does ask for things that we need. But it is. very God-oriented. It puts God at the center God as the God and His glory, as the goal and really, with this ultimately teaches us is that God and His glory are The ultimate and greatest provision for us.

If he our God, Gave us. Everything that we needed. As far as the creatures are concerned every creaturely thing that we needed, but he didn't give us himself. Then we would literally fall infinitely short. Of what we need. And this is the fleshly mind. It desires and looks for things that fall infinitely short.

Of what we need. Which is one of the reasons why the Lord Jesus introduces. The Lord's Prayer by saying your father in Heaven knows what you need before you ask. In part because God Alone knows the Living God. He only knows himself as he is in his Essence, he only knows his greatness and his glory.

He only knows how he designed us for enjoying him and having fellowship with him. And so it is really very foolish. For, we creaturely people who know next to nothing. To want to pray according to What we desire? What? We feel that we need. Which is so hampered not only by.

Our finitude. How little we know, But also by our sinfulness. how wickedly we desire? And so when we repeat the Lord's Prayer, We see, even in the structure of it. this God, who knows what we need before? We ask Knowing that what we need is himself. And his glory.

And yes, other creaturely things and other things. relating to our present Fallen condition. So things like, being forgiven and forgiving others, and not being led into temptation and deliverance from Evil, you know? So there are lots of things that belong to creaturely needs that he made us with Daily Bread and That relate to.

needs that relate to our fallen condition. But still the great thing. That we need is him himself and his glory. And, That comes out. in the overall structure of the Lord's Prayer, and we'll learn more about at least the six petitions as we go through. The rest of the The rest of the answers here in the children's, catechism.

All right, so repeat 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. Forever. Amen.