



THE DISCIPLE'S PRAYER

PART TWO

Sermon Overview

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The second line in The Lord's Prayer is "in Heaven". Jesus tells His disciples in John 14 that:

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

JOHN 14:3

Heaven is a physical location, and where believers will live forever in a glorified body.

LIVING WITH HEAVEN IN MIND

Planning for and focusing on Heaven should motivate us to live every day with Heaven in mind. Peter in 2 Peter 3:13 says:

But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

2 PETER 3:13

Focusing on Heaven produces Godly character in our life here and now, increases the effectiveness of our earthly ministry, and brings comfort in the midst of trials. Jesus begins the prayer with "our Father in Heaven" to elevate our vision to our eternal home: the throne of The Father and the immovable point of reference for all time and space.

THREE HEAVENS

The Bible talks about three different heavens:

The First Heaven is where Satan dwells: the invisible domain all around us that is mentioned in Ephesians 6:12:

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

EPHESIANS 6:12

The Second Heaven is the celestial universe.

The Third Heaven is referred to as “paradise” in Scripture (*Luke 23:43*). It is where Jesus is right now, interceding for us.

THE BLESSINGS OF HEAVEN

No More Temptation

When we get to Heaven, we will be free from Satan’s assaults and the struggles against temptation.

No More Loss

When we get to Heaven, we will live in unity, community, and total contentment.

No More Tears

Scripture tells us that God will wipe every tear from our eyes, putting an end to bitterness and frustration.

No More Death

For those who believe in Jesus, death is NOT the end of life, but is instead like moving from a tent into a mansion.

No More Regrets

Arrival in Heaven is the beginning of a new chapter: in Christ, all of our mistakes will be expunged and wiped away.

No More Separation

On Earth we need reminders of the magnificence of God and Heaven, but when we arrive in Heaven, we will experience this firsthand.

No More Scheduling

The Bible tells us that in Heaven, God will dispense with the sun and the moon, His markers of time. We will live an unhurried life.

No More Darkness

God will banish not only the darkness of night, but also the darkness of misunderstandings, anger, and hurt.

No More Disillusionment

The book of Ecclesiastes tells us that our best efforts and achievements will leave eventually us disappointed and disenchanted. In Heaven, we will be reigning and ruling with

Jesus, living a life full of meaning.

CONCLUSION

When we pray “Our Father, in Heaven,” we ought to reflect on the magnificence of God as our parent, but His headquarters, where we will be someday because of Jesus’s work on The Cross. Looking forward to Heaven should motivate our life’s activities. As Jesus said in Matthew 6:

²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

MATTHEW 6:20-21