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THE DISCIPLES PRAYER

MATTHEW 6:13d

Part 7

I will remind you one last time as we finish the “Our Father” prayer that it is not “the Lord’s Prayer,” as it was dubbed centuries ago by the Roman church. It is the prayer pattern taught by Jesus to His disciples for them to follow. It was never our Lord’s own prayer. His prayer, the true “Lord’s Prayer,” is found in John 17.

It concludes in Matthew 6:13 with ***“For Thine (Father) is...the glory forever. Amen.”***

The original word for glory is “doxa;” glory as in “very apparent” dignity, glorious, of honour, worthy of praise, and worship. The dictionary has some additional meanings beyond “praise and honor.” It includes radiant beauty, brightness, magnificence, splendor.

None of that truly can describe the fullness of the glory of almighty God. Where His glory is, there can be nothing other than perfection. This means firstly no sin can be found. Secondly no sickness or disease, and thirdly no strife or contention, etc. All will be well and whole, nothing broken, nothing missing, “shalom” (the peace of God).

When the great prophet Isaiah (Isa. 6:1-5) was taken up to God’s throne room and saw Him, he was so overwhelmed by the glory of a holy God that he cried out (v. 5), ***“Woe is me! For I am undone, because I am a man of unclean lips...for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.”*** Isaiah became totally “unglued” in the presence of His glory.

God’s glory is so pure and holy that if His glory were to literally descend upon our physical body, and there was any sin at all in us, we would be struck dead.

However, we can ask that His glory be a covering over our heads like a cloud or mist. It would bring blessing to us.

When Israel wandered 40 years in the wilderness, the glory of God in the form of a cloud hovered over them during the daytime and His holy fire by nighttime.

During the early ministry years of young Jack Hayford, pastoring a very small church, God visited him and told Jack that His glory would be over his head. From that time onward, Hayford’s ministry began to prosper and to grow exponentially. He gained a very large congregation, and a radio and television ministry. He became a tremendous teacher, wrote worship songs we frequently sing (e.g. Majesty), founded a bible College and published a charismatic study bible.

Our glorious Father and Son are worthy of our praise and worship. To God be the glory!