

## The "LORD'S PRAYER"

...four messages based in Matthew 6 and Luke 11.... discussing the prayer given the Apostles by the Lord and its relevance in our day... for presentation at Woodside Chapel, Fanwood, New Jersey, by T.V.Taylor.

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### I. Introductory note

A. The title "The Lord's Prayer" is one that must be understood in its common usage. The passages of Scripture we consider should not so be entitled except in the common understanding and in that light we may do so. The passages show a prayer taught by the Lord as a model of discernment of the Divine Person and will. In that sense it is "his" prayer.

B. The need of individualized, personal prayers is a reflection on the life of the apostolic age. The sectarians in Palestine had their prayers and the Jewish synagogue had its formulated prayers. The Lord's disciples could not be condemned for desiring similar expressions for their worship. We might ramble on this for some time but remember the following ideas as being significant in this light:

1. The very intimate, personal relationship of every believer with the Lord seems to be a fuller concept in the New Testament than in the Old. While there was a priesthood on earth, a warm, personal approach to the deity was less understood (by priesthood, we mean a class of persons designed for that service in the spiritual culture...different than our Christian society where every believer is a priest).

2. The fear of the Lord (respect) made men think with greater effort on what was right in an approach to him. It was only natural that those who wished to pray would seek from those gifted in God's fellowship the concepts of prayer.