

Sunday July 11, 2021
Matthew 6:9-13
Applied Christianity: A Radical Change
Relationships, Requests, Repentance, and Realization

We are ALL d_____.

We have ALL f_____ to o_____ Our Father.

We were ALL b_____ with a s_____ d_____.

There is h_____ for f_____.

God d_____ to f_____ us.

Forgiveness c_____ those who r_____ it.

Forgiveness r_____ r_____.

Devotional Thought

I can remember when my girls were growing up and they would ask me to buy them a new toy. I would tell them, “Sweetheart, daddy doesn’t have the money to buy that right now.” They would reply, “Yes, you do, Daddy. You’ve got checks.” They had absolute faith that no matter how big their need or their WANT, Daddy could supply it for them. Unfortunately, the bank frowned on people who thought that they could write as many checks as they wanted regardless of their limited bank accounts.

The good news is that God’s account is unlimited. Don’t misunderstand – like any good parent, He limits what He gives us for our own good. For example, you don’t buy your 7 year old daughter a Maserati even if your bank account could cover it. But God has made a promise to His children: “I will supply all your needernn according to my riches in glory.” And His riches are truly unlimited.

My question for you today is simple: have you thought about what you really need? I’m not just talking about physical needs; I am talking about your spiritual needs. Because while God wants to give you your daily bread, He wants to give you something much more important – your most urgent need. He wants to give you forgiveness. I know that if you are a child of God, He has forgiven your sin debt. He has wiped it clean with the blood of Jesus, but I also know that as a child of God, sometimes we lose sight of the significance of His continuing forgiveness. Jesus tells us to pray for God to forgive us in the same manner that we forgive others. Now, if God answers that prayer, where do you stand? You are saved for eternity. That isn’t the question. Where do you stand in terms of your fellowship? How close is your relationship? That’s the issue at hand. God can and will forgive you and restore your close, intimate, personal relationship with Himself, but according to Jesus, that depends on your willingness to forgive others. Check out the last half of Matthew 18, and ask yourself what you need to do.