

The Lord's Prayer 04: Biblical Principles 20-24

III. Doxology

*“For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”
(Matthew 6:13b NKJV)*

This portion (the doxology) of the prayer appears in the King James, New King James and New American Standard Versions, but is omitted in others. This is because some scholars believe it was not original to the prayer, but was included by early redaction (editing) of the text. Others reject this opinion and include the doxology as original. The argument will only be solved in heaven. This author (Dr. Abramson) accepts the entire doxology as original, to be included in the canon of Scripture, and will proceed with our comments based on that belief. A.W. Pink says,

“Christ here taught His disciples not only to ask for the things needful to them, but to ascribe unto God that which is properly His. Thanksgiving and praise are an essential part of the prayer... Surely if we ask God to bless us, the least we can do is to bless him.”¹

When we recite the doxology, we are declaring that God is able to answer and enforce our prayer with Divine efficiency and certainty. The doxology is a glorious expression of praise, declaring that our God is worthy and has everything in His grasp and under His control. He truly is the King of the Kingdom, with all glory and honor belonging to Him, alone!

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Surely if we ask God to bless us, the least we can do is to bless him.

We do this in three ways:

- 1. With our words**
- 2. With our actions toward others**
- 3. With our determination to please Him with the testimony of our lives**

He truly is the King of the Kingdom. All glory and honor belongs to Him alone!

There are four declarations in the ending doxology.

- 1. “For Yours is the kingdom”**
- 2. “and the power “**
- 3. “and the glory forever.”**
- 4. “Amen.”**

¹ Pink, P. 129.

1. The Kingdom is His

“For Yours is the kingdom”

The term *“the kingdom”* refers to both the physical and spiritual aspects of creation. This dual world (physical and spiritual) is the kingdom (not a kingdom). This kingdom includes all that falls under the boundaries of God’s sovereign rulership - everyone and everything. This kingdom has only one King, the Lord God Almighty. He has all power and authority. There is neither a higher authority nor any successfully competing authority. Everything that exists and everything that happens does so at His pleasure. He holds the destiny of the kingdom in His hands. When we pray *“Yours”* is the kingdom, we acknowledge this with reverence and thanksgiving.

We began the prayer with a petition to *“Our Father.”* We end with an acknowledgement that *“Our Father”* is also our King. In His role as Father, He covers us and protects us. We acknowledge this with grateful and loving hearts.

(Romans 8:14-16 NKJV) “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. {15} For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” {16} The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,”

We pray the doxology declaring that, as children of our Heavenly Father the King, we have a royal inheritance, great privilege and great responsibility.

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21.

As children of our Heavenly Father the King, we have great privileges and great responsibilities.

We walk in the great privilege of the favor of God and have two great responsibilities:

1. Evangelizing
2. Being like Jesus

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22.

Life is a constant battle against evil and the evil one. We have no power in ourselves to win this battle, but God has all the power we need - at work in us.

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23.

Our Heavenly Father is able to enforce His will... He is able to care for, defend and provide for us against all odds and opposition.

*“For Yours is the kingdom...”
(Matthew 6:13b NKJV)*

Paraphrase

All that exists in creation, both the natural and supernatural, is under your sovereign rule...

2. The Power is His

“...and the power”

This part of the doxology gives us immense encouragement. Life is a constant battle against evil and the evil one. We have no power within ourselves to win this battle. Thank God, we have something and Someone else within ourselves that guarantees our victory. This part of the doxology assures us that we have our Heavenly Father. He is able to enforce His will and do what He is always willing to do - to care for, defend and provide for us against all odds and opposition.

(1 John 4:4 NKJV) “You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.”

“...and the power...”

(Matthew 6:13b NKJV)

Paraphrase

...and the completely dominant strength and ability to enforce your will against all odds or opposition.

Another doxology in the Epistle to the Ephesians says it all.

(Ephesians 3:20-21 NKJV) “Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, {21} to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

3. The Glory is His... Forever!

“...and the glory forever.”

The Greek word for “glory” is “doxa.” We get the word doxology from this. The meaning of “doxa” is, *dignity, glory, honor, praise and worship*. So the doxology is intended to give these things to the one who is the subject of the preceding prayer.

“...And the glory forever.”

(Matthew 6:13b NKJV)

Paraphrase

...and dignity, honor, praise and worship, without end.

4. We agree and declare the Doxology is a Truthful Statement of His Majesty!

“Amen.”
(Matthew 6:13b NKJV)

The Greek word *“amen”* simply means, *“What has been said is truthful and we agree with it. We could also add, and it shall come to pass.”*

“Amen.”
(Matthew 6:13b NKJV)

Paraphrase

What we have prayed is truthful and we agree with it. We affirm with our voices and believe in our hearts that it shall come to pass.

Recap: Section III - The Doxology

“For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”

Paraphrased

{13b} All that exists in creation, both the natural and supernatural, is under Your sovereign rule. You alone have the completely dominant strength and ability to enforce Your will against all odds or opposition. You alone possess all dignity and honor. To You belongs all praise and worship, without end. We say “Amen” to our prayer, declaring that what we have prayed is truthful and we stand in agreement with it. We affirm with our voices and believe in our hearts that it shall come to pass.

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24.

He is a forever Savior, with a forever Word and a forever faithful heart. The twenty-four points of this study are absolutely truthful. They stand on the strength and majesty of the One who taught us to pray this prayer. So can you!

Please go to the following page for Dr. Abramson’s complete paraphrase of the Lord’s Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13).

The Lord's Prayer
(Matthew 6:9-13 Paraphrased)

Our incredible and perfect Father of Mercy and Grace, Who rules and reigns in majesty in the place of complete and undeniable authority, let Your name be revered and worshiped, as we behold the beauty of Your holiness.

{10} Father, let all that makes up Your wisdom and accomplishes Your divine purposes be fully done in this place, in this hour, just as it has always been done in heaven, which is the seat of Your merciful, just and sovereign supremacy.

{11} Provide us with those things that will sustain our natural and physical needs throughout the day and give us Your presence in our lives today!

{12} And cancel the enormous debt we owe You, just as we willingly cancel and forgive every wrong and every debt owed to us by anyone.

{13} And bring us through the trials and temptations that would test our faithfulness to you, as You set us free from the enslavement, devastation and destruction that come from our sinful natures and the evil works Satan brings to our lives.

All that exists in creation, both the natural and supernatural, is under your sovereign rule.

You alone have the completely dominant strength and ability to enforce your will against all odds or opposition.

You alone possess all dignity and honor.

To You alone belongs all praise and worship, without end.

We say "Amen" to our prayer, declaring that what we have prayed is truthful and we stand in agreement with it. We affirm with our voices and believe in our hearts that it shall come to pass.

For His glory
Dr. Bob Abramson

Matthew 6:9-13
New King James Version

{9} "...Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

{10} Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.

{11} Give us this day our daily bread.

{12} And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.

{13} And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one.

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Amen."