

## TWO PRAYERS

Manvel Bible Chapel Family Bible Hour – 21 May 2023

### Introductory Comments

-When Thampi asked me to speak, I asked if there was any particular topic area that would be of benefit to the assembly at this time.

-Thampi responded that- that there many of you that are experiencing things that tend to be discouraging. This includes sickness, death, and various other problems associated with the fallen world in which we live

-As a result, Thampi suggested that I bring a lesson that would bring **encouragement** to my brothers and sisters in Christ.

-Kathy and I have experienced this too.

--Things like air conditioners have broken

--Roof damage by windstorms

--Our bodies are getting older

--Family members are suffering medical problems

--Close family members have died unexpectedly.

### Attention Step:

-How many here have felt at least some sense of discouragement during this past year?

### Overview of Lesson

**1. Problems of the present tend to cause discouragement**

**2. Anticipation of future joy will tend to encourage the heart**

**3. Two prayers that provide Christians hope for the future**

### Body of Lesson:

**1. Problems of the present tend to cause discouragement**

--The children of Israel experienced this as they approached the promised land.

---Numbers 21:4

--Job had lost everything and had no hope or expectation of recovery-[Job 3:2-3](#)

**2. Anticipation of future joy will tend to encourage the heart**

--Joy of having a new baby encourages a woman who just delivered a child.

---[John 16:21](#)

--Even the Lord anticipated future joy as He died for His people

---[Hebrews 12:1-3](#)

**3. Two prayers that provide Christians hope for the future**

**One of them is the Lord's Prayer -- Can you tell which One???**

**Prayer 1:** -- ([Matthew 6:9-13](#))

-How many recognize this as the Lord's prayer?

--Well, actually it isn't! Certainly He was the one that presented it BUT as a model for His disciples

--But, **this is a prayer which wouldn't make sense for Him to pray!** Why?

---Consider the words of this short prayer: -- [Matthew 6:9-13](#)

-----Notice: Christ is and always has been sinless. Asking for forgiveness of sins would not make sense!!!

-----Rather: this is a model prayer for His disciples. FOR US!!!

--Nevertheless: this prayer is encouraging!!!

---God is our Father!

---He is in Heaven and rules all things!

---The very mention of His name is awesome

---We are to anticipate His perfect will to be obeyed here as in Heaven

---He faithfully provides our daily bread and a multitude of other needs

---We are encouraged to ask Him for forgiveness when we “blow it”!

---We can seek His strength to avoid temptations that would deliver us into evil

---His kingdom, power and glory shall never end!!!!

**OR**

-Now let's look at the second prayer

**Prayer 2:** (*Matthew 26:39*)

-How many think this is the Lord's prayer?

--Well, it is!!!

--He prayed it urgently to His Father (and now ours) as he was contemplating the punishment He was about to bear at His Father's hand!

--It also brings us encouragement.

--Let's look closer at the context of the entire prayer --(*Matthew 26:37-43*)

--Because of His willingness to bear the incredible punishment for sins we, His people, are SAVED!!! FOREVER!!!

## **CONCLUDING THOUGHTS**

-Those whose hearts the Lord has captured with His Love have an everlasting reward awaiting us from Christ for what HE did.

-We are bought, paid for, and His forever!

-If you are His, He, Himself, looks forward to this eternal union with You.

--*1 Corinthians 2:9*

## **HOWEVER**

-If you are one that doesn't love Him, and continue apart from him for the rest of your life, you will never have hope.

-Is anyone here burdened with this reality. Then there's hope for you too.

--Jesus said:

---*John 6:37, Matthew 11:28-30, Revelation 21:3-8*

-Those of us who the Lord has saved have a serious mission to pursue.

Perhaps someone to whom you present Christ shall believe and be saved!!!!

**NOTE: Items associated with this lesson can be obtained at the link below**

<http://lightingdarkness.com/two-prayers-sermon/>