

# EXPERIENCING THE KING LIVING OUT THE KINGDOM

THE STUDY OF MATTHEW



## Kingdom Religion – Is Our Righteousness Right?

Matthew 6:1-18

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<sup>1</sup> “Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. <sup>2</sup> “So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. <sup>3</sup> But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.





# Matthew 6:5-8

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<sup>5</sup> “And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. <sup>6</sup> But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. <sup>7</sup> And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. <sup>8</sup> Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.



# Matthew 6:9-15

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<sup>9</sup> “This, then, is how you should pray: “ ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, <sup>10</sup> your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup> Give us today our daily bread. <sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. <sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. ’ <sup>14</sup> For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. <sup>15</sup> But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.



*“For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.”*

Matthew 5:20



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<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	<b>What it is about</b>
"Our Father in Heaven"	Connecting with the Father who loves us
"Hallowed be Your Name"	To cultivate a sense of worship and adoration for the Lord
"Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."	Surrender to His will.
"Give us today our daily bread"	Trusting Him to provide for our needs.
"And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."	A confession of our fallenness and a plea to transform our sinful hearts.
"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."	Only God can help us to resist the temptations and ways of the world



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Being involved in the Mandarin service presented many opportunities for Ming Hui to serve. She is particularly grateful for the chance to lead worship and on one occasion, to share the Word. She also found in the small Mandarin service congregation, a community that she could feel belonged to. She has developed strong friendships with the people here despite the short time and is very comfortable in their company.

I've been attending the communion service and have been greatly blessed. The leaders and people are always so welcoming and friendly, and it made a reserved person like me feel more at home. Through the months, every worship service became a time where I could truly experience God, and I have always found that I could bring my true and authentic self with all its brokenness in surrender to Him. I appreciated the solid preaching, how the Word is always taught within the context of the passage and how the various sermons were always consolidated to bring out the overarching point. The sermon series on Luke 17-18 was especially moving for me, and I pray that preaching the Word from that passage had blessed you all as much as it had done for me.

One of the prayers we made to the Lord before we came was to grow spiritually and draw closer to Him in our own ways. Looking back at our time here, not just have we grown deeper in our knowledge of the Word, I dare say that we have also grown in our love for it. I believe strongly that the Lord used Grace Church as an integral platform for us to do so.

I have attached a photo of my family which we took at the church car park on that beautiful Easter morning, just in case you can't match our names to our faces.

Thank you once again for your service to us and to the Lord. It has been a blessing to be part of Grace Church, albeit in this short time. Please convey our thanks to the leaders as well. We hope to come back for a holiday as a family in time to come, and will definitely make plans to visit if so. May the Lord continue to bless the works of your hands as you shepherd your people and reach out to the lost.

Blessings,  
Glen, Ming Hui, Charis and Gail

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*“The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”*

1 Samuel 16:7





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3. Entrust our need for affirmation.



## Reflection

1. Have we been faithful in the practice of our spiritual disciplines?
2. Which areas do we need God to deal with us (i.e. surrender, guarding, entrusting)?

