

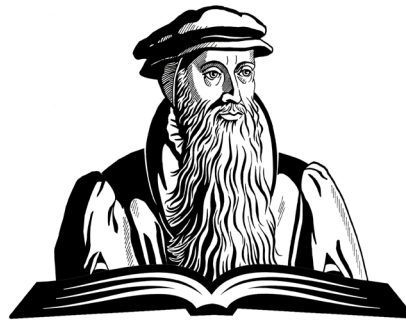
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Lecture #2

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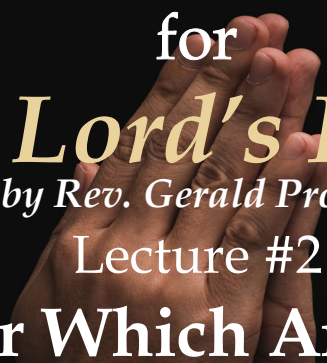
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Scripture Text

"Our Father which art in heaven."—Matthew 6:9a

Key Points

1. The address, and whom should we address.
 - a. The sin of idolatry.
 - b. We may only pray to God.
2. We must understand how to call upon the Lord God.
 - a. We must reverence God.
 - b. We must realize who God is.
 - 1) He is glorious, self-sufficient, self-existent.
 - 2) He is the Holy God, righteous, faithful, altogether lovely, the Almighty One.
 - 3) He is the all-knowing God.
 - 4) He is present everywhere.
 - c. The Lord God dwells in heaven.
 - d. God is our Father.
 - e. The Lord's Prayer and the Lord Jesus Christ.
3. Making personal application.
 - a. We are not worthy to be called a child of God, nor worthy to call God our Father.
 - b. True prayer is characterized by a humble, trusting, and reverend attitude to God.
 - c. Look to God with childlike fear, reverence, and expectation. This is the foundation of prayer.
 - d. God proves his love by giving his Son for me, so I can lay down all my cares before him.
 - e. The expression "our Father" shows us that we need to pray for one another.

Review Questions

1. How does the Bible teach us that we should worship only God, and pray only to him?

2. What is idolatry? What are the various types of idolatry?

3. God is far above our understanding, yet he reveals himself to us in his Word. What attributes of God are revealed to us in the Bible?

4. How does knowing the attributes of God affect our life of faith and our life of prayer?

5. What is the significance of the phrase, "Our Father which art in heaven"? How is it possible that we, mortal, sinful people can lay our needs before this Almighty and all-glorious God?

6. The Scriptures often call us to “look up” to God. What is the significance of “looking up”?
What are some of the beautiful aspects of heaven?

7. What is the relationship between the Lord Jesus Christ and the Lord’s Prayer? Why should we not think that the Lord Jesus earned the love of God the Father for us?

8. In order to truly call God “our Father,” why must we personally be connected to Christ?

9. How does the parable of the prodigal son help us to understand God as “our Father”?

10. How should our prayer life be affected by the word “our” in “our Father”?

Personal Reflections

1. Is your daily prayer life affected by knowing that God is “Our Father which art in heaven”? How can this be a spiritual reality for us who are sinners? Have you experienced the restoration and reconciliation with God through the blood of his Son, Jesus Christ? Have you received a new heart to call upon him as “Abba, Father”?

2. What practical things have you learned about prayer from this lecture? We do hope you will practice these helps in your own daily prayer life.
