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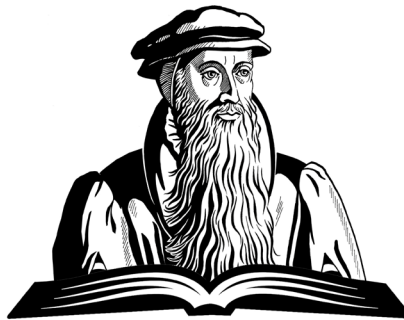
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## ADULT STUDY GUIDE

for Lecture #53

## The Lord's Prayer: The Preface

### Memorization

**Question 100:** *What doth the preface of the Lord's prayer teach us?*

**Answer:** *The preface of the Lord's prayer (which is, Our Father which are in heaven) teacheth us to draw near to God with all holy reverence and confidence, as children to a father, able and ready to help us; and that we should pray with and for others.*

### Lecture Structure

1. Introduction.
2. Reverence in prayer.
3. Confidence in prayer.
4. Brethren in prayer.
5. Applications.

### Literal Study

1. Define the word, "preface" as it is used in this lecture.

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2. Paraphrase the answer to this question or put it into your own words.

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*Lecture Checkup*

1. What privileges do we have in this means of grace that is called prayer?

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2. What should humble us and cause us to draw near with reverence to God? How does the Bible speak of that?

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3. What does Isaiah 6, verses 1 to 3 instruct us regarding coming before God in prayer?

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4. What is the difficulty some people may have in using the words “Our Father” when they come to God?

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5. How do we know that God’s people can come to him any time, confident in their requests?

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6. How can we be persuaded to know that God is like a father who is able and ready to help us?

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7. How does the doctrine of adoption relate to prayer?

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8. How does the ministry of the Spirit affect prayer?

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9. Why should we pray for others? And pray with others? Where do we see this in the preface to the Lord's Prayer?

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10. What is the exercise of faith in secret prayer?

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***Further Studies***

1. Are we to pray to God only for other Christian believers and their children?

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**Practical Application**

1. Why should we begin our prayer by focusing on who God is? Why is this of foremost importance? How do you begin as you pray to God? Do you have true confidence in your prayers?

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2. God is sovereign and Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, with all power and wisdom, who rules over all. Should this truth discourage us from praying? This week, make a point to pray with other Christians, and also to pray for them.

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**Project Ideas**

Look for other Bible verses which express the term “our Father in heaven.” Collect them in your notebook and meditate on them.