

Question 109

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Q. 109. How many petitions are there in the Lord's Prayer?

A. 109. Six

Scripture Base: Matt 6: 5-15, 33

Doctrine: WCF 21: 3, 4 SC 99

Supplementary Questions

1. Why does the Lord give us six petitions?

2. What does God want us to pray for first?

3. What does God want us to pray for next?

Song: "Seek Ye First"

Teaching Notes

Review: Q107. What has Christ given us to teach us how to pray? - *The Lord's Prayer*. Q108. Repeat the Lord's Prayer. - *Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Reading: Jesus' prayers - Matt. 26:36-44, Mk 1:35-38 Lk 6:12; 11:1

Questions

1. The six main things for which He wants us to pray are that:
 1. His name would be honored;
 2. His kingdom would grow - influence more countries, people;
 3. Everyone would obey God;
 4. He would provide all our needs;
 5. He would forgive all our sins;
 6. He would keep us from temptation.

The Lord's Prayer is a summary of how we are to pray, as the Ten Commandments are a summary of how we are to live.
2. He wants us first to pray for His glory and kingdom (first three petitions) because He deserves to be first: (a) He is worthy because of who and what He is; (b) We should put Him first because He is our Creator; (c) We should put Him first because He takes care of all our needs. We should put Him first because He promises if we do, He will give us everything we need (Mt 6:33). We should also put Him first as He commands us to do in the example given in the Lord's Prayer. As His disciples, we must put Him first (Luke 14:26-27) loving Him more than all others.
3. For our own needs. The Lord wants us to pray for His kingdom and glory first, but He is still concerned about our needs. We need to make sure we put God first in our lives – and put ourselves second to God.

Gospel: Is God first in your life? Do you love Jesus more than your father or mother, your brothers or sisters, your best friend, or what you like best in the world? You must love Him most of all, if you are a Christian. You must put Him first, if you expect Him to take care of you. If you haven't put Him first, then do so now. Ask Jesus to save you and to make you love Him and His Father more than anything else in the world.

Activity: Matching the 6 petitions

Song: "Seek Ye First"