

/A thought from C.H. Spurgeon

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In my collection of authors and preachers I look to for guidance, C.H. Spurgeon has become one of the top. Spurgeon preached over 3,600 sermons and became known as the "Prince of Preachers." In all of his preaching he could not help but formulate them around the Gospel. He believed, as do I, that the Gospel is the foundation of all Scripture and should be preached at all times. So, in saying all that, I wanted to share this month some of the wisdom he shared with his congregation concerning, a well-known collection of verses, known as the Lord's Prayer. I would encourage you to go back and read Matthew 6:9 – 13. I have given the passage below in the King James, as that was what Spurgeon used during his time. I have put Spurgeon's thoughts in italicized and bold.

⁹After this manner therefore prays ye: Our Father which art in heaven (***I am a child away from home***),
Hallowed be thy name (***I am a worshipper***).

¹⁰Thy kingdom come (***I am a subject***), Thy will be done in earth (***I am a servant***), as it is in heaven.

¹¹Give us this day our daily bread (***I am a beggar***).

¹²And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors (***I am a sinner***).

¹³And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen (***In danger of becoming a greater sinner***)."

Spurgeon then added, "*After a man is converted and has received forgiveness of sins, soon he will be tempted by the devil, for Satan cannot bear to lose his subjects. And when Satan sees someone cross the border and escape out of his hand, he gathers up all his forces and exercises all his cunning that he may slay at once. To meet this special assault, the Lord makes the heart watchful. This is thus a prayer of watchfulness, which is necessary from the commencement of the Christian life even to its close. There is no hour in which a believer can afford to slumber. And in addition to watchfulness, a believer must never deliberately enter temptation. Anyone who does so is a liar before God.*"

After reading this passage the way Spurgeon saw it gave me a new look at the Lord's Prayer and made think about the way we pray. Do we pray with the conviction and understanding of who are and who God is? Are we watchful? I believe that was exactly what Jesus wanted his disciples, and now us, to understand. We must pray with watchfulness. I hope you found some encouragement from these words of C.H. Spurgeon. I encourage you to go and find some of the classic preachers and glean from their walk with the Lord. You won't be sorry you did.



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I am so blessed to have a Church Family that cares for one another. Holidays are such a busy time and a hard time to lose a loved one. I would like to thank all of you for all the prayers, cards, and visits that I had at the time of the loss of my mother, Dorothy Kersker. Thanks to Annette Chapin for filling in for me while I was away. It all helped me get through a very difficult time.

I would also like to thank my church family for the generous Christmas gift. It was very much appreciated.
Sincerely, Jan Hauenstein

WCS Meeting

Our WCS Meeting will Thursday, January 9th. Hostesses, for this meeting are Sharlie Stomm and Jan Hauenstein. Devotions will be given by Jan Hauenstein. Our project for this meeting will be our Heart Sunday Meal. All Ladies are invited to attend.

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“The New Year is arriving, and along with it we all have new goals, high aspirations and fresh hopes for the coming 52 weeks. This past year has been an exciting one for us, while at the same time being trying and difficult at times.

While we can't know what is coming in the new year, we can find hope in God's word, and maintain a positive outlook that things will be better than ever in this coming year.”

Psalms 96: 1-3

At the dawn of the **New Year** I'm filled with hope for what is to come, and I have thankfulness in my heart for what has already passed. I pray that I will keep my focus where it needs to be this **year** and that we'll all have a **year** filled with joy, love and happiness.