

The Lord's Prayer: A Deeper Look

*Based on The Lord's Prayer by
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This, then, is how you should pray:

***Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.***

- Matthew 6: 9-13

Kaddish (ancient Jewish prayer)

“May His great name be blessed for ever, and to all eternity”

Kaddish (10:43)

Source: Prayerbook; Daniel 2:20

*יהא שמה רבא מברך לעלם ולעלמי עלמיא
יתברך שמך לעלא מן כל ברכתא ושירתא*

*Yhei shmei/shma rabba m-vorach
L-olam u-l-almei almaya*

*Yitbarach shimcha, yitbarach shmeich
L-eila min kol birchata ve-shirata*

*Exalted and hallowed be God's
great name in the world, which
God created according to his will.*

*May he establish his kingdom in
your lifetime and in your days,
and in the lifetime of the whole
household of Israel, speedily and
imminently.*

To which we say: Amen.

The Kaddish as contrasted with The Lord's Prayer

Jesus is establishing a new prayer to help establish and root the community of his disciples.

Kaddish message	Lord's Prayer message
God should be exalted	God is our Father
May his kingdom come soon	The Kingdom is here, now
For the household of Israel	It is open to everyone

In addition, he introduces the concept of **“daily bread”** - physical and spiritual sustenance to allow us to do His will.

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 trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

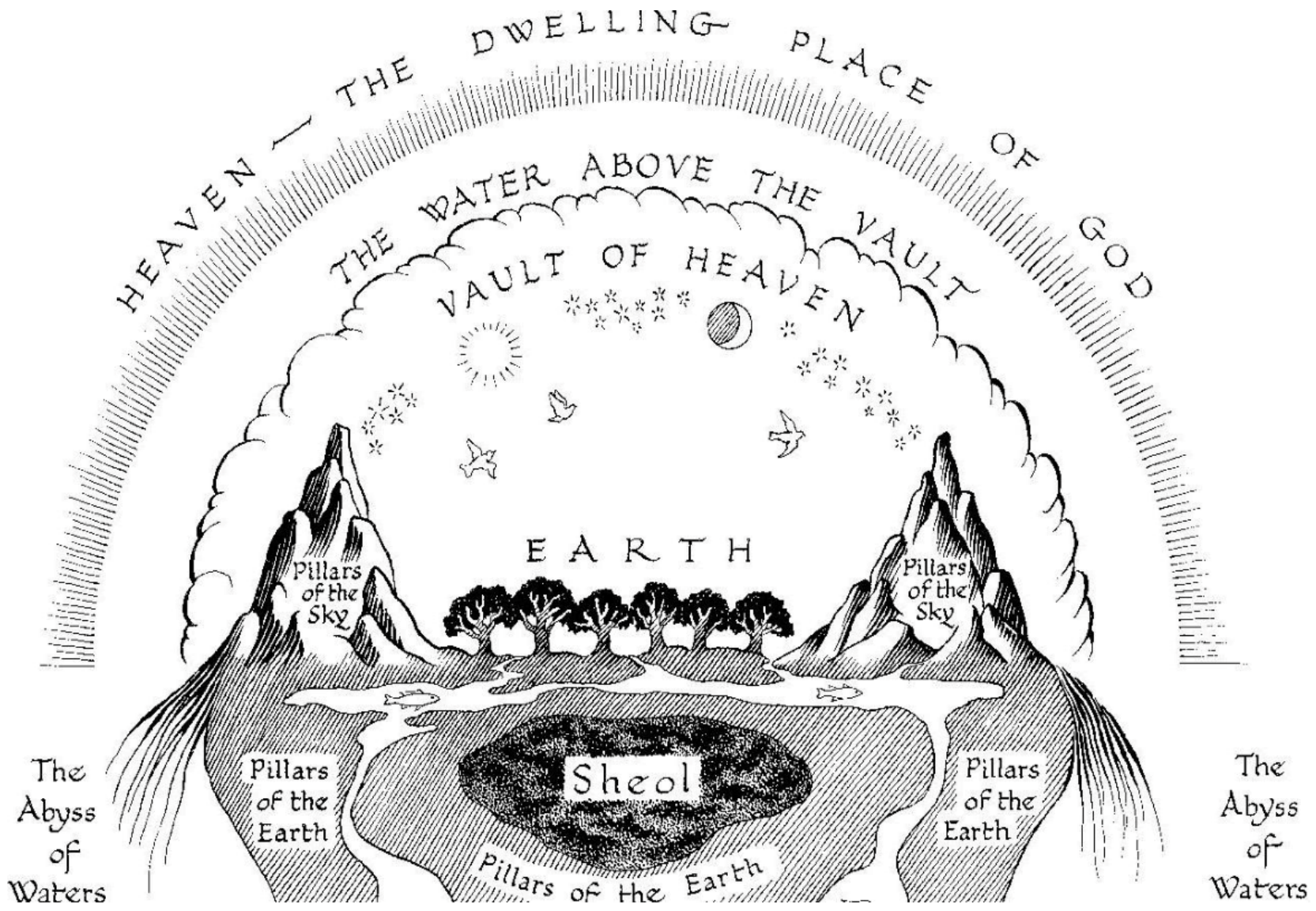
But deliver us from evil.

“Our Father”



The prayer reminds us that our faith is intended to be lived out *with others*, and that our prayers are prayed with others and *for others*.

“Who Art In Heaven”



“Hallowed Be Thy Name”



hallowed

holy, consecrated, sacred, or revered

“Hallowed Be Thy Name”

**We hallow God’s name by living in
a way that reflects God’s goodness,
majesty, beauty, and love.**

*“Thy Kingdom Come,
Thy Will be Done”*



**Each time we pray the Lord's Prayer
with meaning, we are yielding
our lives to God's will.**

“Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will be Done”

- **Call to Action:** The prayer is not a passive request but an invitation to join God's ongoing work. It is a transformative pledge to God's purpose.
- **Glimpses of the Divine:** While the kingdom is a future hope, it is also a present reality we are called to manifest.
- **Seeking God's Will on Earth:** Praying for God's will is a plea for the restoration of the world.
- **Living as Citizens of the Kingdom:** The prayer demands that we live out the values of heaven in our daily lives.

“On Earth As It Is In Heaven”



The Lord's Prayer calls us to examine the world around us and ask, Where does the world as it is not align with the world as it should be?

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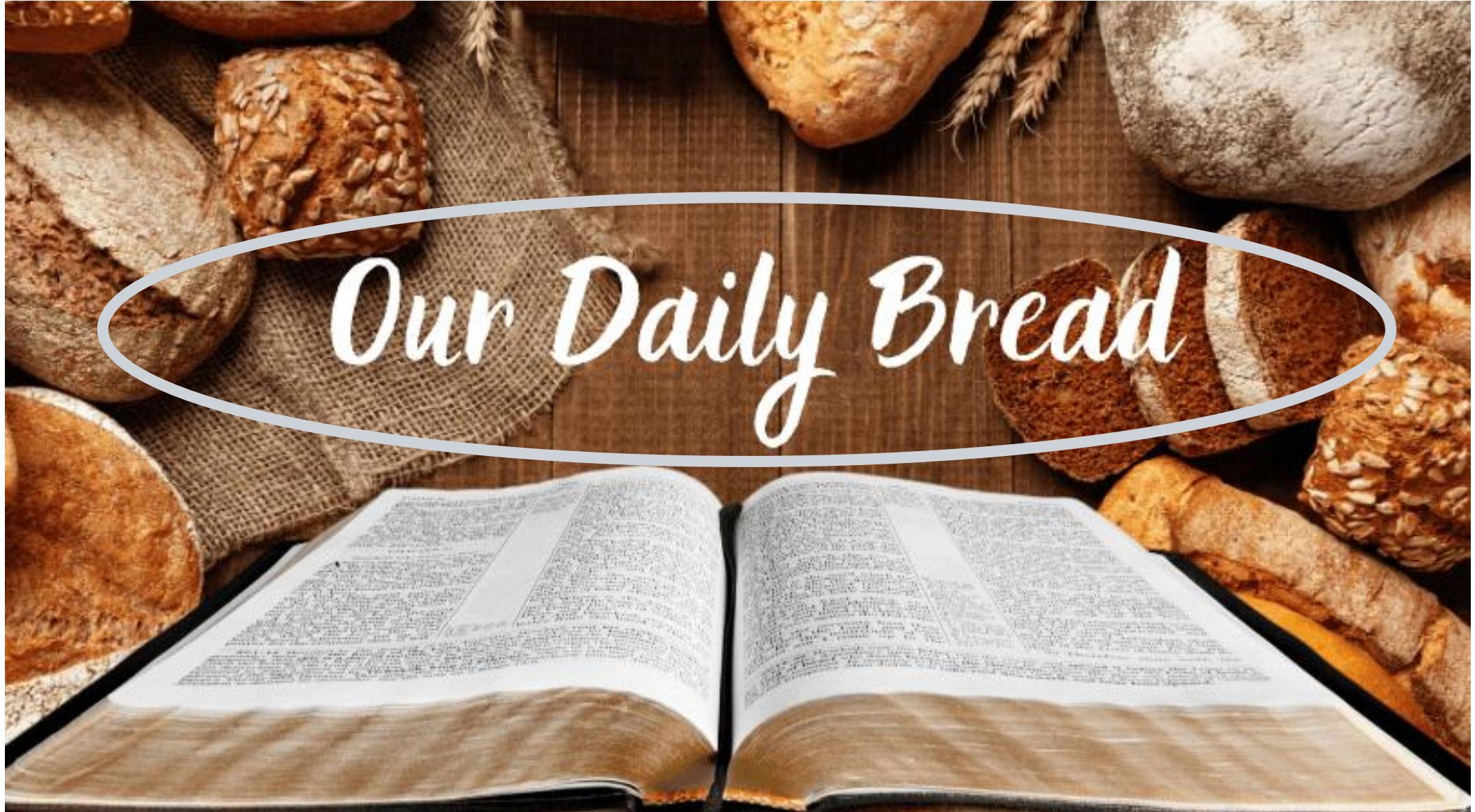
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“Give Us This Day...”



Our Daily Bread

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**“Give us today the bread that
we need to exist.”**



“Our Daily Bread”

Physical sustenance

- Real bread that feeds the hungry - like the manna provided by God through Moses in Exodus.
- *“He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.” (Psalm 146:7)*
- *“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.” (Matthew 25:35)*

Spiritual sustenance

- Holy bread, the word of God – more than manna which is here today and gone tomorrow.
- *“For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world” (John 6:33)*
- *“It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” (Matthew 4:4 which was Jesus quoting Deuteronomy 8:3).*

Jesus as the bread of life

- The path to God - the ultimate sustenance.
- *“I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry.” (John 6:35).*
- We celebrate this every Sunday at Holy Communion

“Forgive Us Our Trespasses”



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Debts: Obligations we owe to God. We have failed to give him the obedience he is rightly due.

Sins: Errors in which we miss the mark of God’s perfect standard.

Trespases: Transgressions committed out of rebelliousness toward God, challenging his boundaries.

Regardless of the word used to describe our faults, forgiveness is powerful - and necessary. Only God’s forgiveness can clear our feelings of guilt and re-establish the meaningful relationship between God and us.

*“As We Forgive Those Who
Trespass Against Us”*

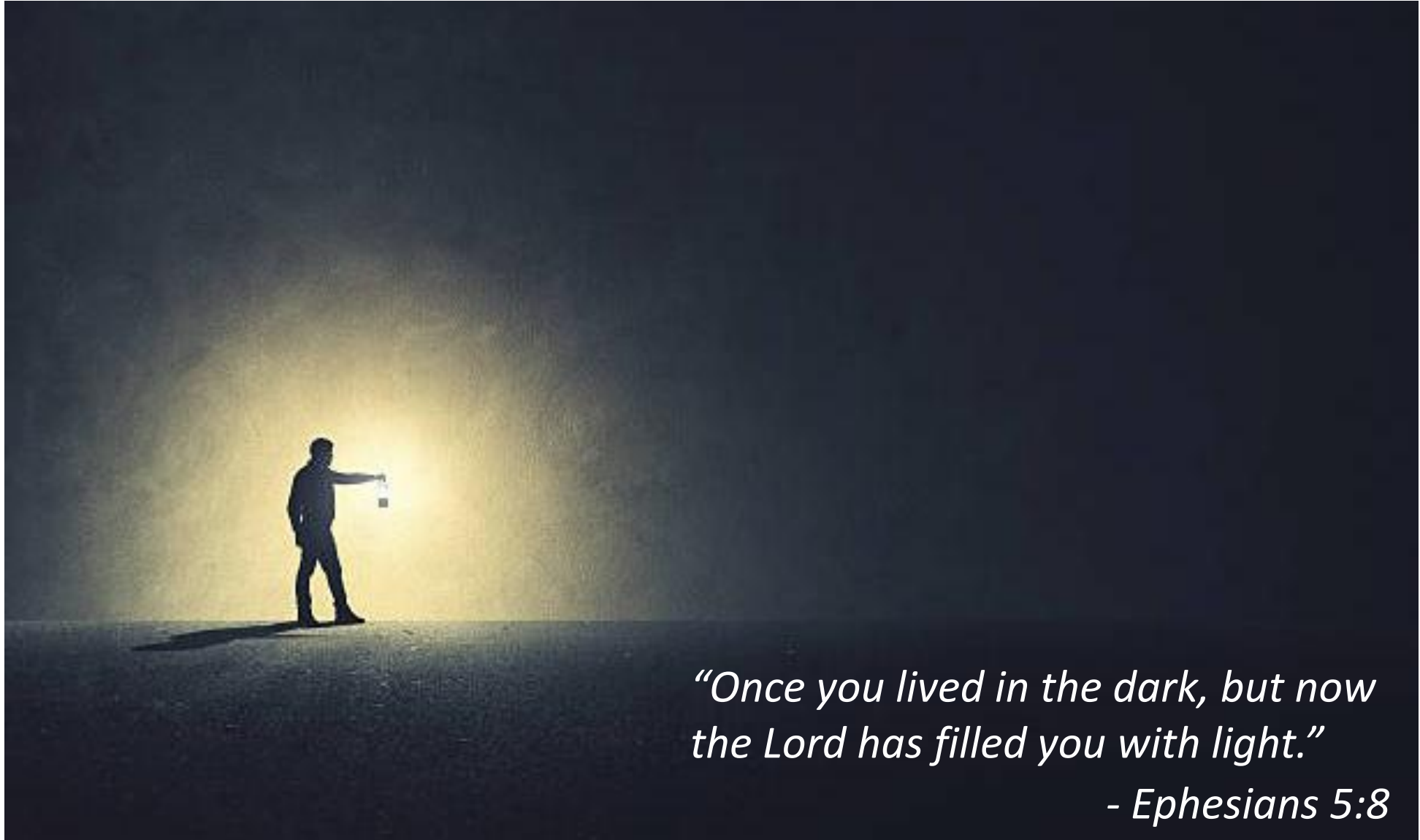


“And Lead Us Not Into Temptation”



In the Lord's Prayer we are asking God to lead us as opposed to our leading ourselves.

“But Deliver Us From Evil.”



*“Once you lived in the dark, but now
the Lord has filled you with light.”*

- Ephesians 5:8

A landscape illustration featuring a series of dark, silhouetted mountain ranges in the foreground and middle ground. In the background, a bright yellow sun is partially obscured by a mountain peak, creating a sunset or sunrise scene. The sky is a gradient of warm colors, from light orange near the horizon to a pale yellow at the top. The overall mood is serene and peaceful.

AMEN

A dramatic landscape painting of a mountain valley. In the foreground, a steep, rocky cliffside is covered in green vegetation and several tall, thin evergreen trees. A river flows through the valley floor, and a waterfall cascades down a rocky ledge in the middle ground. The background features towering, rugged mountains with patches of snow and a sky filled with soft, white clouds. The overall atmosphere is majestic and serene.

*For He has delivered us from the power of darkness
and conveyed us into the kingdom of His beloved Son.*

- Colossians 1:13



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“Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.”

- Matthew 6:33, NLT