

“Your kingdom come, Your will be done...” Intercession

→ Paradise is where God’s rule is Welcomed. James 4:2, 5:16

“Give us today our daily bread...” Petition

→ Paradise includes Daily Trust. Ps.55:22

“Forgive us... as we forgive...” Confession and Cleansing

→ Paradise produces a Pure Heart. Ps.51:10-12

“Lead us not into temptation...” Spiritual Warfare

→ Paradise is sustained by God’s Leadership. 1Pet.5:8;
1Cor.10:13

In Matthew 6:14-15, Jesus emphasizes that forgiven people become forgiving people.

Practicing the Presence of Paradise Now:

These are not duties but doorways into God’s presence.

Giving (vv1-4) You experience God’s Generosity. 2Cor.9:6-8

Praying (vv5-15) You experience Fullness of Joy. Ps.16:11

Fasting (vv16-18) You experience Deeper Hunger for God. Ps.36:7-8

Why We Miss Paradise NOW: We are either Distracted or Performing or Self-reliant?

Growing Notes

When do you feel most “at peace” or fully present in life?

Observation: What stands out to you most in Matthew 6:1-18? What does Jesus emphasize about doing spiritual practices “in secret”?

Interpretation: What does it mean that God is “your Father who sees in secret”? How does the Lord’s Prayer reshape how we approach God? Why do you think people can do spiritual things but still miss God’s presence?

Application: Where are you more focused on performance than presence? What is one practical way you can spend intentional time with God this week? Which spiritual practice (giving, prayer, fasting) do you need to grow in?

Challenge: Spend 10-15 minutes each day this week in “secret” with God using the Lord’s Prayer as a guide.



Coming Up

JUNE
3

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SUMMER
BIBLE STUDY

4 weeks in June
Register online
Childcare provided

JUNE
8-12

ANOMALY
JUNIOR HIGH
CAMP

Register online

JUNE
12

PARENT'S
NIGHT OUT

5:30-9:30pm

Register online

JUNE
20-26

ANOMALY
HIGH SCHOOL
MISSIONS TRIP

Register online

JUNE
20/21

FATHER'S DAY
WEEKEND

Free
Root Beer Floats

JUNE
26

LOVE YOUR
MARRIAGE

Dinner & Date Night
Register online

JUNE
28

BLOOD DRIVE

8am – 1pm

In the church
parking lot.

JULY
4

SUNDAES
ON
SATURDAY

4:30-6pm
Community Hall

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Next week's sermon – Treasures that Last (Matthew 6:19-24)

DO YOU NEED PRAYER?

- >Elders/Pastors available after every service to pray with you.
- >Call the church office to be added to the prayer chain.
- >Sunday night prayer meeting 6pm, in the lobby
- >Elders meeting 3rd Wed. monthly, Elders available for prayer and anointing.

James 5:14 *Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.*



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2026

KINGDOM CULTURE
The Gospel of Matthew
“Paradise NOW” (Matthew 6:1-18)

Ray Davis

“Paradise” = garden imagery (Eden), not just “heaven someday”
Root idea: a place of God's presence, life, and flourishing.

Three biblical moments:

- Past → Garden of Eden (Gen.2-3)
- Future → New Creation (Revelation 21-22)
- Present → “Today” with the Father through the Son in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Key Idea: Paradise is not just a destination—it's a relational reality with God. Spiritual disciplines (particularly prayer) is a way of stepping into the “garden” now.

The Danger of Missing Paradise: (Matt. 6:1, 4, 6, 18)

The Issue: Performance vs. Presence

- The problem isn't the practices (SD's), but **why** we do them.
- The reward is not applause. The reward is the **Father Himself**.
- It's possible to do spiritual disciplines and completely **miss Paradise**.

Paradise Is the Presence of the Father: (Matt. 6:6)

- A private **encounter** with your Father. Ps.103:11-13
- Paradise is more than a place you go after death—It's the **presence** you enter today. Jn17:3; Luke10:38-42; Ps.27:4; Ps.84:1,10

Jesus Teaches Us How to Live in Paradise: (Matt. 6:5-18)

In vv5-8 Jesus teaches that prayer is not meant to be a performance for people, but a sincere and intimate conversation with the Father.

These are not just words—it's a pathway into God's presence.

“Our Father in heaven...” Intimate Relationship

➔ Paradise begins with **Identity**. 1John 3:1

“Hallowed be Your name...” Worship and Praise

➔ Paradise grows through **Worship**. Ps.22:3