

## CHAPTER XIII Part A

### THE MYSTIC APPLICATION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

According to Matthew Chapter 6:5-21, in continuation of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said:

5. "And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are : for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward."

6. "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."

7. "But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathens do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking."

8. "Be not ye therefore like unto them : for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him."

9. "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name."

10. "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

11. "Give us this day our daily bread."

12. "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."

13. "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen."

14. "For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:"

15. "But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

16. "Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily, I say unto you, they have their reward."

17. "But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face;"

18. "That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father, which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly."

19. "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal."

20. "But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal."

21. "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

The Lord's Prayer is the petition of the soul, incorporated in a human body, praying to the Lord, the Father of Creation and pleading that the mind, the wayward senses and the emotions be brought in line with God's Will and Decree. Reliable authority claims to have found a similar prayer in the old Talmud, in which the arrangement of the pleas was the same, for the fulfillment of the Lord God Jehovah's Will in all the centers or sephiras of the body, that they may be lifted up by His Spirit. The Psalmist of old expressed that idea clearly when he stated:

7. "Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. battle."

8. "Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle"

9. "Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in."

10. "Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah." (Psalm 24)

No. 7 of course has reference to lifting up or setting right side up of the inner centers, within ourselves, so the King of glory may come in. In verse No. 10, the Psalmist calls the Holy Shabd the King of glory and the LORD of hosts. The Holy Shabd is the Sound which comes from heaven above and is bestowed by the King of Glory when your attention and centers are facing in His direction to receive Him.

As the leaves of the trees hang down and shed rain, so do the unawakened centers on the individual tree of life, and waste the higher energies of the Lord God the Creator. But the awakened centers, doors or gates raise their petals upwards, like hands in petition, to receive and hold the bounty of the Lord's Nectar. Therefore, this is a prayer to the Holy Will and Spirit of Jehovah-called the Holy Ghost in the New Testament-to descend and fill the soul's cups or centers of life with His Spiritual Bounty, "until the cup runneth over" (Ps. 23:5). The censers containing the sweet fragrance of frankincense and myrrh, as used in the churches, are definitely symbolic of the awakened centers within the spiritual devotees. As long as our attention runs downward and outward in material pursuits and pleasures, it is not possible to hold and make proper use of the Divine Nectar from above. But when the centers are awakened through uplifting devotion, the Divine Energy is not wasted and we become filled with it.

"Our Father which art in Heaven" is the beginning of all beginnings, as the Creator and Giver of all. Saviors and prophets called the Lord who sent them into this world to do His work, their Father. Jesus stated:

**"The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise." (John 5:19)**

The Hebrew word for heaven is *Shomaim* and literally means *lifted up*. In the cosmos, this would be the finer energy realm above the physical creation. In the individual man, it constitutes *Kether* the crown of creation, the uppermost portion of the brain called the cerebrum. Here all the spiritual faculties are located, like in a vault, or a well upside down. From this, the higher energies flow down into the body,

the temple of God. The Tabernacle in the wilderness and the Kabbalistic Tree of Life were also arranged in this order.

The great and fearless Saint, Paltu Sahib, described this whole spiritual process most beautifully under the title: "An Inverted Well is There Above." (See page 293). The everlasting light or vigil light, used in some churches, symbolizes this inner eternal flame. The flame inside the human being is also the new name written in the forehead of the redeemed as mentioned in Revelations. Its reflection is in the human heart as the tables of the living law, written by the finger of God. This again establishes a closer unity between the writings of the Old Testament and the New, and the clear teachings of the modern Saints.

God's Essence is Truth and Love as One which flows through the central core to support and sustain all creation. Happy are His children who find this direct way of liberation, out from the heart of all things.

"Hallowed be thy Name": The sacred Name of God is His Word, His Holy Sound Current as Divine Energy and Music. It is His Holy Spirit which sustains all things. This is the true River of Life which flows from the eternal throne as God's breath of life and emanation. It is the Holy Shabd or *Word*, according to all Saints. The Greeks called it the 'Logos', as the final reason for creation. The soul is trying to tune into that Eternal Sound Current by reverence and devotional attention inside, and can do so after the Saint or Savior has linked the soul to it.

"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." The *kingdom* of the Lord is His Holy Sound Current as His Will in earth. The devotee prays this be in

him also, in all the regions of his earthiness below his eyebrows, to direct him in every thought, word and deed.

"Give us this day our daily bread." This is really a prayer for Spiritual Nectar, the Mana from heaven, as symbolized by the showbreads in the temple. The Hebrew word *Bethlehem* means the *house of bread*. In the human body this is the region of the solar plexus. It is the fiery power of digestion, by which the body lives; so also the spirit or soul lives by His Nectar. The effort is to unify the inner and the outer life energies as spiritual and physical through the one current of His Holy Will or Shabd, the Word. Jesus was born in Bethlehem, the symbol of Mana or Nectar of Truth from heaven. The consciousness has now descended to the Manipura chakra, for which unity is pleaded in order to carry out His Will in all earthly deeds, made possible by Spiritual and earthy food.

"And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." Since all things flow out of the Eternal Sound Current, we should realize our indebtedness to God for all supplies and deal likewise with other souls in our daily conduct, in order to remain tuned into this current of Forgiveness and constant blessings of the Almighty as an ever-flowing stream of Reality.

Verse 12 as well as 14 and 15 bring out the very law of Forgiveness. As we forgive others through love, so are we forgiven **by Love alone**. If our hearts are hardened by our own self-righteousness, then we live in that mind pattern and are ensnared by it. The sinner may have repented many times and obtained forgiveness by doing better or even by sincerely trying to do better and continuing to do so. In other words, he becomes humble by realizing his weaknesses and endeavoring to overcome

them through Love and the Grace of the Lord. While all this time the self-righteous person dwells on his merit on the one hand while remaining utterly unconscious of his weaknesses; so the energies are wasted first in pride and secondly in continuing with the faults which he fails to see in himself. Mat. 5: 25, 26 as well as Mat. 6: 14,15 are good illustrations of this law which is stated very briefly in verse 12.

**Attention or consciousness is the power by which the soul is bound, high or low**, wherever its energy currents comes to rest or dwells. It takes more understanding, faith and hope to hitch it to a star than to the mediocre, worthless things for which we have to suffer because of self-interest and ego.

"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen." Here, the plea is for the physical creative energy of the Brahma Chakra to remain in tune with the Divine Purpose and plan of creation. The soul prays for strength to remain firm in the concentration of the inner Sound Current of Shabd, not to be led astray by the temptation of the senses and their plea for enjoyment. God tempts no one. He furnishes all things for man to choose from, so man can ultimately learn his own lessons through choice and suffering as paths of actions and reactions, called Karma in the language of the Saints.

**"For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."** (Gal. 6: 7)

The soul now affirms that all is God's Essence as the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory for ever. In other words, it tries to convince the wayward mind and senses by a positive affirmation of Truth for Inner Realization and use. God is the Giver. God Himself is also the Gift. God too is the Receiver, by

the gift of His Grace of understanding. **Only in that power of Unity can the mind be held firmly to humility, self-surrender and selflessness.**

This was the secret key to the alchemy of the ancients, which transformed the baser substances called metals, back to the selfless state of pure gold. The current from above, called the Holy Shabd or Word, has this power of transforming our earthy nature back into the Spiritual, by lifting the Essence up into its Source. This is the real Philosopher's Stone which the alchemists endeavoured to find and reproduce.

As previously mentioned elsewhere in this book, the early patriarchs recorded their success in this process of internal concentration and prayer, as mystic progeny.

Positive results were recorded as sons given by God, and negative results were the daughters of men. The history of spiritual progress was all-important to the mystically devout patriarchs of old. Spiritual progress was the one aim and effort in their whole lifetime of wanderings on earth. The earth held little for them except the means of livelihood through their flocks. How could they be interested in writing a fixed physical history when their hearts were with God in all their trials and wanderings?

The cry of the soul and its record is the same in all ages. Sacred writings, songs and prayers are the mystic recordings and roots of spiritual history.