



COUNTING ON OUR CREATOR

Matthew 6:9; 2 Kings 16:1-18

- ❖ Our motivation in prayer shouldn't be **selfish**. Nor rooted in a desire to be **seen**. Nor should we **say** the same words repeatedly. But proper prayer causes us to experience God **secretly**, who rewards us openly. (Matthew 6:1-8)

Matthew 6:9, This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven . . .

- ❖ **Father** speaks of the **INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP** God calls us to.
- ❖ **Heaven** speaks of the **CAPABLE CREATOR** God is.

Romans 1:20; 1 Corinthians 10:13, 11:17-32; Psalm 91:14-16; Hebrews 7:1-28; Luke 12:17; Proverbs 16:9

Genesis 14:18-19, ¹⁸Then Melchizedek king of **Salem** brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, ¹⁹and he blessed Abram, saying, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, **Creator** of heaven and earth.

How God Creates Blessing

Deuteronomy 8:1-2, ¹**Be careful to follow every command** I am giving you today, so that you may **live** and **increase** and may **enter** and **possess** the **land the LORD promised** on oath to your ancestors. ²**Remember how the LORD your God led you** all the way in the wilderness these forty years, **to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart**, whether or not you would keep his commands.

- ❖ Instead of worrying about what we can't **CONTROL**, we are called to trust God to **CREATE** what he promised through our careful obedience!

God creates blessing for those...

- 1) **Who carefully follow His commands.** (Deuteronomy 8:1)
- 2) **Who love living with God in charge.** (Deuteronomy 8:2)

Deuteronomy 8:17-18, ¹⁷You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." ¹⁸**But remember the LORD your God**, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

King Ahaz' Compromise That Costs Us Blessing

1) **Temptation** (2 Kings 16:8-10)

2) **Perversion** (2 Kings 16:12-18)

3) **Humiliation** (2 Chronicles 28:27)

2 Kings 16:2, 7; Isaiah 7; Zechariah 3:9

Abraham's Consecration That God Creates Blessing Through

1) Honor **God's Presence**. (Genesis 12:7-8; Genesis 13, 4, 18)

Exodus 20:24

2) Honor **God's Guidance** (Genesis 22:1-19)

Isaiah 7:9, "If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all."

Questions:

- 1) What did you hear from the Holy Spirit?
- 2) What will you do because of it?
- 3) How can we pray for you?