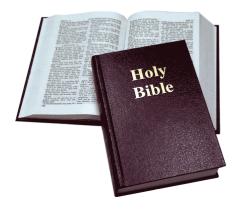
The Sermon on the Mount

STUDY 16

Reading: Matthew 6:9-10



First things first

Home Fellowship Group Bible Study Questions
Tuesday 24th/Wednesday 25th September 2013

Read: Matthew 6:9-15

- 1) Debate has continued as to whether the Lord's Prayer was intended to be recited as written, or used as a pattern for praying. How are we to understand Jesus' words in verse 9 when He says "Pray then like this:"?
- 2) It is unlikely that today we would raise even an eyebrow when addressing God as 'Our Father in heaven...' Why would these words of Jesus in verse 9 seem so revolutionary to His listeners?

There are six petitions in this prayer. The first three we look at in this study concern God directly:

- 3) What does it mean to 'hallow' God's name? How does this second line of the prayer protect us from misusing the first line discussed in the previous question?
- 4) What does Jesus mean by the 'kingdom'; and how would it come?
- 5) What are we praying for when we ask for the Father's will to be done on earth in the same way as it is in heaven?
- 6) Having so far centred on what God should receive, how might our conclusions direct our own praying?