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1. We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers
have told us, *what work thou didst in their days, in*

2 *How* thou didst drive out the heathen *with thy*
and, and plantedst them; how thou didst afflict the

3 For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: ^{because the} right hand, and thine arm, and the

own sword, and thine arm save them:
but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light
of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto
them.

4 Thou art my King, O God: command deliverances for Jacob.

5 Through thy name will we tread them under that rock,
through against us.
6 For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall
I leave me.

6 For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall sword save me.
7 But thou hast saved us from our enemies, O God, we boast all the day long.

8 In God we boast all the day long, and praise
name for ever. Selah.

9 ¶ But thou hast cast off, and put us to shame
and goest not forth with our armies,
10 Thou makest us to turn back from the enemy
which hate us spoil for themselves.

11 Thou hast scattered us among the heathen:

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PSALM 45
To the chief Musician upon Shushannim, for the son
of Korah, Maschil, A Song of Love.

2 Thou art fairer than
the things which I have made touching the king
is power

2 Thou art fairer than the children of men:
is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath
thee for ever.

3 Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most
with thy glory and thy majesty.
4 And in thy majesty ride
of truth and mercy, rich

5 Thine arrows are sharp,
king's enemies are slain.

6 Thy throne, O God, is for ever and
7 Thy sceptre of thy kingdom.

7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hate
ness: therefore God, thy God, hath
with the oil of gladness.

8 All thy garments *smell* of myrrh, and

9 Kings' daughters were among the
gold of Ophir.

10 Hearken, O daughter, and

22 “The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light. 23 But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

The single eye

I. What is meant by “the single eye?”

1. It; implies the contemplation of one object. “One thing have I desired of the Lord.” “One thing is needful.”

2. Clearness of perception is implied.

3. Undeviating attention to the object of our view.

II. What is to be understood by the fulness of light which is said to attend its vision?

Light is an emblem of knowledge, happiness, usefulness.

1. Then Divine knowledge springs from the contemplation of God.

2. Light is an emblem of happiness.

3. Light is an emblem of usefulness.

24 “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

ALMSGIVING, THE LORD'S PRAYER, FORGIVING, TREASURES, GOD OR MAMMON, SUFFICIENT UNTO THE DAY

Understanding the
WORDS of JESUS

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Matthew 6

1 “Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.

2 “So when you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be honored by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.

³ But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your giving will be in secret; and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.

⁵ “When you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. ⁶ But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.

⁷ “And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

⁹ “Pray, then, in this way:

‘Our Father who is in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.¹⁰ ‘Your kingdom
come. Your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ ‘Give us this
day our daily bread. ¹² ‘And forgive us our
debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
¹³ ‘And do not lead us into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. [For Yours is the
kingdom and the power and the glory
forever. Amen.]’

¹⁴ For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.

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Who are you?

Before you can begin to pray as Jesus intended, you must settle the question of whether God is your Father, and you are His child. Nothing is more important. Are you a child of God? Are you part of his family, his ?

Just as you were born physically into an earthly family, so Jesus said you must be reborn spiritually into a spiritual family (John 1:12, 3:3). This happens by faith -- by believing that God loves you as a Father and cares for you as His child.

John 1:12

¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name,

John 3:3

³ Jesus answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

Who is God?

Your Father is “in heaven.” He inhabits eternity and is enthroned above the highest reach of the cosmos (Deut. 26:15, 1 Ki 8:30).

Deuteronomy 26:15

¹⁵ Look down from Your holy habitation, from heaven, and bless Your people Israel, and the ground which You have given us, a land flowing with milk and honey, as You swore to our fathers.'

1 Kings 8:30

³⁰ Listen to the supplication of Your servant and of Your people Israel, when they pray toward this place; hear in heaven Your dwelling place; hear and forgive.

But though He is exalted over all things, as
Creator and LORD He knows the number of
hairs on your head (Matt. 10:30)

Matthew 10:30

³⁰ But the very hairs of your head are all
numbered.

and what things you have need of before
you ask Him (Matt. 6:8)

Matthew 6:8

⁸ So do not be like them; for your Father
knows what you need before you ask Him.

Your Father's greatness spans all the cosmos
and yet is conscious of the smallest
details of your life. God cares for you as
His child.

Sanctifying the Name

You are to understand that your Father's Name is to be "hallowed," or set apart as sacred. Among other things, this means that you trust the Father by obeying His commandments and making daily choices in the light of His reality.

You do not “profane” your Father’s Name by witnessing to the world around you that He is not who is really is -- namely, the LORD YHWH to whom every knee shall bow and every tongue confess. You are to bear witness to His Name by sanctifying it, by honoring it, and by living in the awe of YHWH every moment of your life.