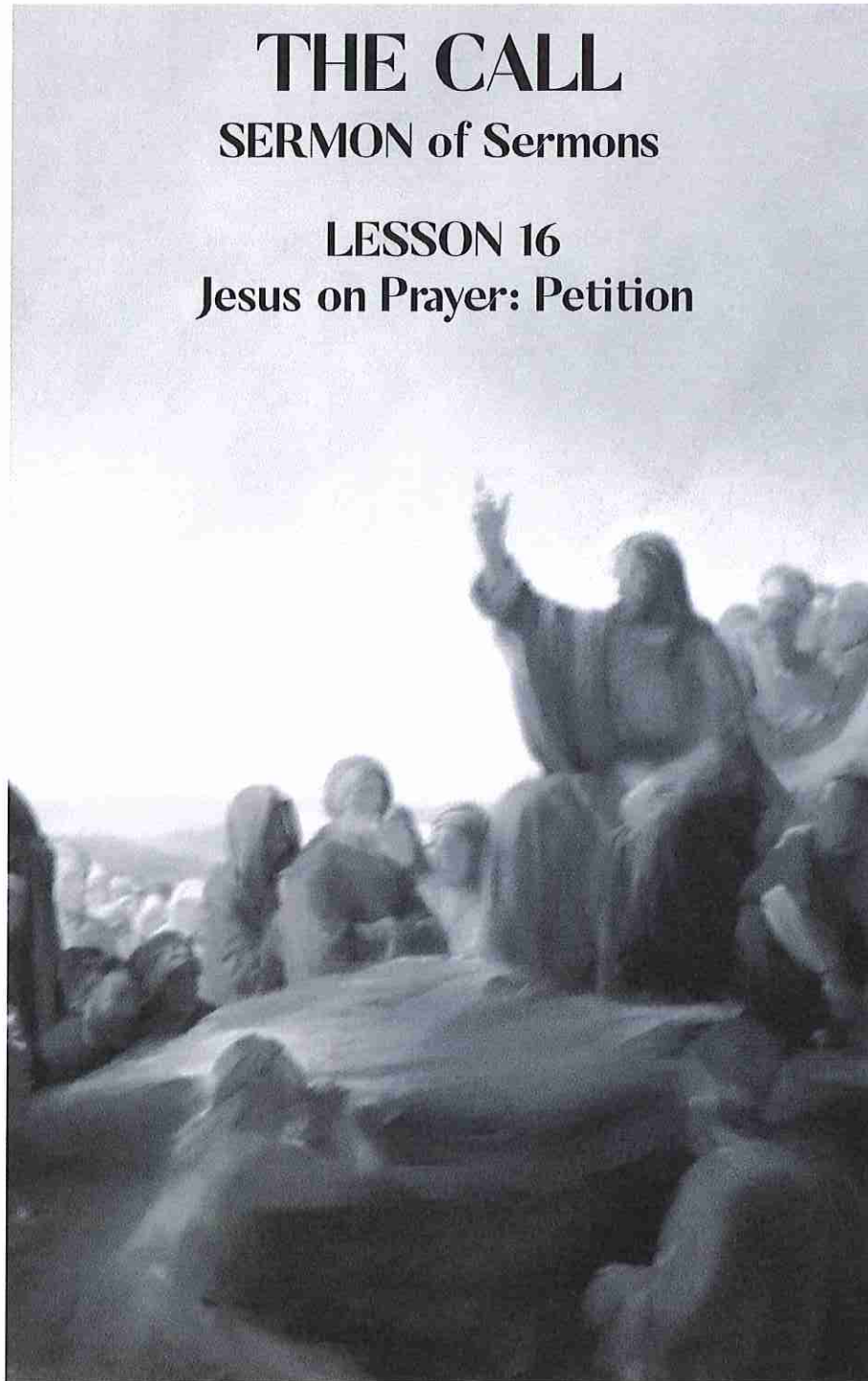


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Matthew 6:11-15

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THE SECOND SET OF PETITIONS HAVE TO DO WITH OUR NEEDS.

- A. The inclusiveness of the petitions
- B. The order of the petitions
  - 1. Our **physical** needs
  - 2. Our **spiritual** needs

THE FIRST PETITION: GIVE US OUR DAILY BREAD

- A. Our *bread* includes all our **natural** needs.
- B. The Almighty God cares for **ALL** our needs.

"...He Whose eye encompasses in its boundless reach the first day of creation and the last hour of judgment, reflecting all the eternities; He whose outstretched arm enfolds the oceans, islands, and continents, because all authority in Heaven and earth has been given Him, He occupies Himself with the trivialities of humankind..."

Helmut Thielicke

- 1. God is the Creator and Sustainer of the **universe**.
- 2. God desires to care for OUR **needs**.
- C. We must pray for our necessities.
- D. If God knows my needs, why pray?
  - 1. Prayer is **communication**.
  - 2. God desires to **hear** our **petitions**.

- E. We must realize our utter dependence on God.

### THE SECOND PETITION: FORGIVE OUR DEBTS AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS

- A. We can pray to be forgiven.
- B. A forgiving spirit comes from being forgiven.
- C. Forgiveness comes when we forgive.

"No part of His teaching is clearer: and there are no exceptions to it. He doesn't say that we are to forgive other people's sins provided they are not too frightful, or provided there are extenuating circumstances, or anything of that sort. We are to forgive them all, however spiteful, however mean, however often they are repeated. If we don't, we shall be forgiven none of our own."

C. S. Lewis

### THE THIRD PETITION: LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL

- A. We are asking to be spared temptation that we can't withstand.
- B. We are asking to be delivered from evil.
  - 1. The evil one.
  - 2. The evil in our hearts.
  - 3. The evil in the world.
- C. Why should we pray this petition?

### A CLOSING QUESTION