

A MODEL FOR REBELLION

Series: “REBELLION AGAINST THE STATUS QUO”, Part 3 of 4
Sunday, January 16, 2022 at 9:00 and 11:00 AM

Text: Matthew 6:9-13

Big Idea: The Model Prayer Jesus gave us is a classic pattern for rebellion against the status quo.

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1. THE FIRST PART OF THE PRAYER IS FOCUSED ON GOD.

A. Rebellious prayer is bathed in the character of God.

Matthew 6:9b, “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.”

B. Rebellious prayer is motivated by the Kingdom of God.

Matthew 6:10a, “your kingdom come”

C. Rebellious prayer is centered on the will of God.

Matthew 6:9b-10, “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ¹⁰your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

2 Kings 20:1, “In those days Hezekiah became ill and was at the point of death. The prophet Isaiah son of Amoz went to him and said, “This is what the Lord says: Put your house in order, because you are going to die; you will not recover.”

2 Kings 20:2-3, "Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the Lord.³
"Remember, O Lord, how I have walked before you faithfully and with wholehearted devotion and have done what is good in your eyes." And Hezekiah wept bitterly."

2 Kings 20:4-5a, 6a, "Before Isaiah had left the middle court, the word of the Lord came to him:⁵ "Go back and tell Hezekiah, the leader of my people, 'This is what the Lord, the God of your father David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will heal you.⁶ I will add fifteen years to your life.'"

2 Kings 20:21, "Hezekiah rested with his fathers. And Manasseh his son succeeded him as king."

2 Kings 21:1a, "Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem fifty-five years."

2. THE SECOND PART OF THE PRAYER IS FOCUSED ON HUMANITY.

A. Food for the present.

Matthew 6:11, "Give us today our daily bread."

Proverbs 30:7-9, "Two things I ask of you, O Lord; do not refuse me before I die:⁸ Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread.⁹ Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the Lord?' Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God."

B. Forgiveness for the past.

Matthew 6:12, "Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."

C. Victory for the future.

Matthew 6:13, "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

James 1:13, "When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, **nor does he tempt anyone.**"

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