

The Doxology and Amen



Opening Prayer

Father, dear Father, we place ourselves entirely in your hands; in every moment when we trust you and your Word, in every instant when I embrace the cross of your dear Son, in the hour of death when I depart this life with his name on my lips as my highest joy and only good, then yours will be the praise and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Lesson Aim: What do we say when we pray the Doxology and Amen?

Part One

Read Matthew 6:9-13.

- 1) What is the context of Matthew 6? (You may need to look to the beginning of chapter 5 for full context.)
 - a. What's going on?
 - b. Who's Jesus talking to?
- 2) What verse in chapter 6 includes the words of the doxology ("For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever")?
- 3) What verse in chapter 6 includes the Amen?

Read Luke 11:2-4.

- 4) What is the context of Luke 11?
 - a. What's going on?
 - b. Who's Jesus talking to?
- 5) What verse in chapter 11 includes the words of the doxology ("For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever")?
- 6) What verse in chapter 11 includes the Amen?

Read 1 Chronicles 29:10-14.

- 7) What phrase is used to describe our praise to God at the end of verse 10?
- 8) What does that tell us about God's greatness?
- 9) List the first five things that are mentioned as belonging to God in the first part of verse 11.

10) Why do all these things belong to God?

11) What response does all of God's greatness bring forth out of us?

It was long-standing Jewish custom to close prayer with a doxology from which the person praying drew certainty that made the prayer a prayer of faith. It was a good custom to conclude a prayer with a doxology in Jesus' day, and it remains a fine practice for us to follow today.

12) Which of the following verses do you think our doxology is based on, since it was not actually spoken by Jesus?

✠ 1 Chronicles 29:10-14

✠ 2 Timothy 4:18

✠ Revelation 1:5-6

✠ Revelation 4:11

✠ Revelation 5:13

✠ Revelation 7:12

Why did you make your choice?



KEY POINT 1 - Jesus didn't include the doxology or the amen when he taught the Lord's Prayer, but the words are still Biblical.

What I've learned so far:

Part Two

Look up the words "doxology" and "amen" in a dictionary.

1) What is the definition of "doxology"?

2) What is the definition of "amen"?

"Amen" is both a Hebrew and Greek word. In the Bible, many sentences start with the word "Amen." When a sentence begins with "Amen," it is usually translated something like "Very truly truly I tell unto you," or "I tell you the truth." Amen means "his is most certainly true," or "We do not doubt it."

Look up John 17 and 2 Samuel 7:18-29.

3) Which one of these prayers do you like better, why?

4) Find and list similarities between the Lord's Prayer and the prayer that was your answer for the previous question.

KEY POINT 2 - A doxology is a testimony to the greatness of God. Using a doxology at the end of our prayers gives confidence to us that God hears us and can do what we ask. By saying "Amen," we are expressing the certainty that our prayers truly have been heard.

What I've learned so far:



Part Three

Study pages 292-296 in the Catechism and answer the following questions in your own words.

- 1) Why can we be sure that the Lord's Prayer is an acceptable and pleasing prayer to our Father in heaven?
- 2) What is the purpose of saying "Amen" at the end of a prayer?
- 3) Why do we say the doxology at the end of the Lord's Prayer?

Helpful Passage

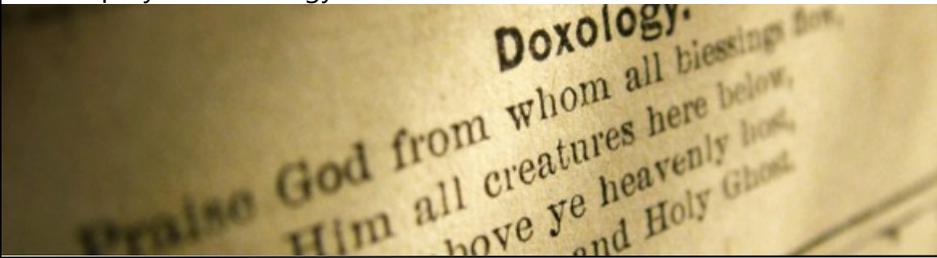
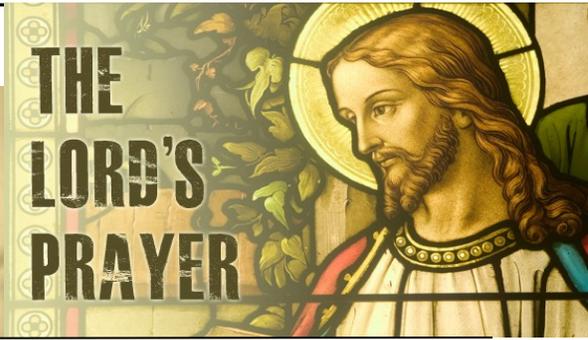
Romans 11:36

4) This passage includes a doxology and gives reason for a doxology. What does this passage say about all things and God?

The God we pray to and ask for things from is the source of all things, including the source of ourselves.



Main point – I say that I am sure God will hear and answer this prayer when I pray the doxology and amen.



Final Considerations:



1) What is the purpose of saying "Amen" at the end of a prayer?

True or False:

3) The doxology (closing words of praise) is a part of the Lord's Prayer which Jesus taught us to pray.

2) The Lord's Prayer Matching Review:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Our Father in Heaven | A. Rule in people's hearts, not only ours but other peoples' as well. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hallowed by your name | B. Keep us away from the temptations around us. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Your kingdom come | C. Provide for our physical needs and lead us to appreciate it. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Your will be done ... | D. We come to you confidently, as a child to a dear parent. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Give us ... our daily bread | E. Thwart Satan, the world, and our flesh. Strengthen us to serve you. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forgive us ... as we forgive lives. | F. Lead us to stand in awe at your name; may we honor it with lips and |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lead us not into temptation | G. We don't deserve your mercy, but we ask for it, and want to reflect it. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> But deliver us from evil | H. We close our prayer with praise and confidence. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> For yours is the kingdom... | I. Keep evil away from us, or use it for our good. |

Agree or disagree:

4) Every worship service should include the Lord's Prayer. Give reasons for your answer.



What I've learned about the doxology and amen:

Commit to Memory:

- The Doxology (with *What Does This Mean?*)
- Prayer (The Lord's Prayer) - Matthew 6, Luke 11