



SERMON OUTLINE - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017

(LORD'S PRAYER sermon series)

The Roof *Beneath God's Grace*

(Matthew 6:12 – “*And forgive us our debts*”)

INTRODUCTION: *Debts . . . and an overdrawn “bank account” with insufficient funds*

I. WE SINNERS ARE IN DEEP DEBT, BUT SOMEONE HAS MADE A HUGE DEPOSIT INTO OUR ACCOUNT

- A. We have been given eternal riches through Jesus
(2 Corinthians 8:9)
- B. In God's House we are **covered by the roof of God's Grace**
(Ephesians 2:8)
- C. We pray – “*Forgive us our debts*” (Matthew 6:12) & discover our debts are **covered by the roof of God's grace**
- D. The roof of a house is rarely noticed . . . but it is so very important
- E. The **roof of God's House** is the most costly part of the structure
(John 3:16; Matthew 6:12)

II. WE SINNERS ARE ALL IN DEBT TO GOD . . . & IT IS A DEBT WE CANNOT PAY

- A. Our account or righteousness is overdrawn . . . it has *insufficient funds* (Romans 6:23a; 3:23; 3:19)
- B. We are talking about the terminal illness of original sin that is revealed in our actual sins
- C. It does no good to try to balance the account with a few deposits of good deeds (Romans 3:20; 3:28)

III. PLEASE BE REMINDED OF THE ROOF OF GOD'S GRACE THAT ALREADY COVERS YOU

- A. In Jesus, almighty God already paid our debts (Romans 8:33; 6:23; Mark 2:7; John 1:29)
- B. How did God deal with our eternal debt? He did it by *The Great Exchange* (2 Corinthians 5:19-21)
- C. Praying “*forgive us our debts*” is realizing the Jesus fixed our overdrawn account . . . He paid our debt & we receive His fortune
- D. Not only did He pay our debt, He paid our eternal penalty of hell (Galatians 3:13; Isaiah 53:5)
- E. From the cross Jesus cried out a “banking term”: ***It is finished* (John 19:30)** also means ***the debt is paid in full***
- F. With our debt paid for & forgiven we now stand secure under **the roof of God's grace** (2 Corinthians 12:9)

CONCLUSION: *Look up at God's roof . . . its beams are the wood from the cross & its nails are the ones that held your Saviour there.*