

Week 2: *January 13 (Jan. 6–Jan. 12)*

- Continue developing the story of Abram
- Who was “Melchizedek, king of Salem”
- “Know for certain that for four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own and that they will be enslaved and mistreated there.”
- Abram becomes Abraham: “father of many nations”
- A note about footnotes: there is much information to be found buried in the footnotes, so be sure to check them!
- The birth of Ishmael: God will make “him into a great nation”
- The story of Sodom & Gomorrah: What was it that upset God?
- The birth of Isaac
- Abraham called to sacrifice Isaac
- Isaac and Rebekah’s sons Jacob and Esau
- Jacob, encouraged by his mother, steals Esau’s blessing
- Jesus speaks strongly against divorce - what is his concern?
- Jesus tells us to “love your enemies” - how are we to do that?
- “Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect” - is Jesus serious?
- The Lord’s Prayer: One version in Matthew, another in Luke
- “Do not worry”, “Do not judge”
- “Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness...”
- “Watch out for false prophets”
- “...thrown into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” What is Jesus talking about? Hell? Is that a real place?
- Eating with “tax collectors and sinners”
- Psalm 9:17 - “The wicked go down to the realm of the dead...But God will never forget the needy, the hope of the afflicted will never perish.”
- Proverbs 2:12– “Wisdom will save you from the ways of wicked men...”
- Proverbs 3:9– “Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of your crops”

The Lord's Prayer: from Matthew 6:9-13/from Luke 11:2-4

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name.

Father,¹ hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your kingdom come.²

Your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.³

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,

And forgive us our sins,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial,

And do not bring us to the time of trial.⁴

but rescue us from the evil one.^{5, 6}

Matthew 6:14: "For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

¹ Other ancient authorities read "Our Father in heaven"

² A few ancient authorities read "Your Holy Spirit come upon us and cleanse us"; others say, "Your will be done, on earth as in heaven"

³ Or "our bread for tomorrow"

⁴ Or "us into temptation"; other manuscripts add, "but rescue us from the evil one".

⁵ Or "from evil"

⁶ Other ancient authorities add in some form, "for the kingdom and the power and glory are yours forever. Amen" This language probably comes from 1 Chronicles 29:11