



*Taught to  
Pray*

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# Matthew 6:9-11

<sup>9</sup> “This, then, is how you should pray:

“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,

<sup>10</sup> your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup> Give us today our daily bread.

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**1 John 2:1** My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

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## **1 John 1:9**

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

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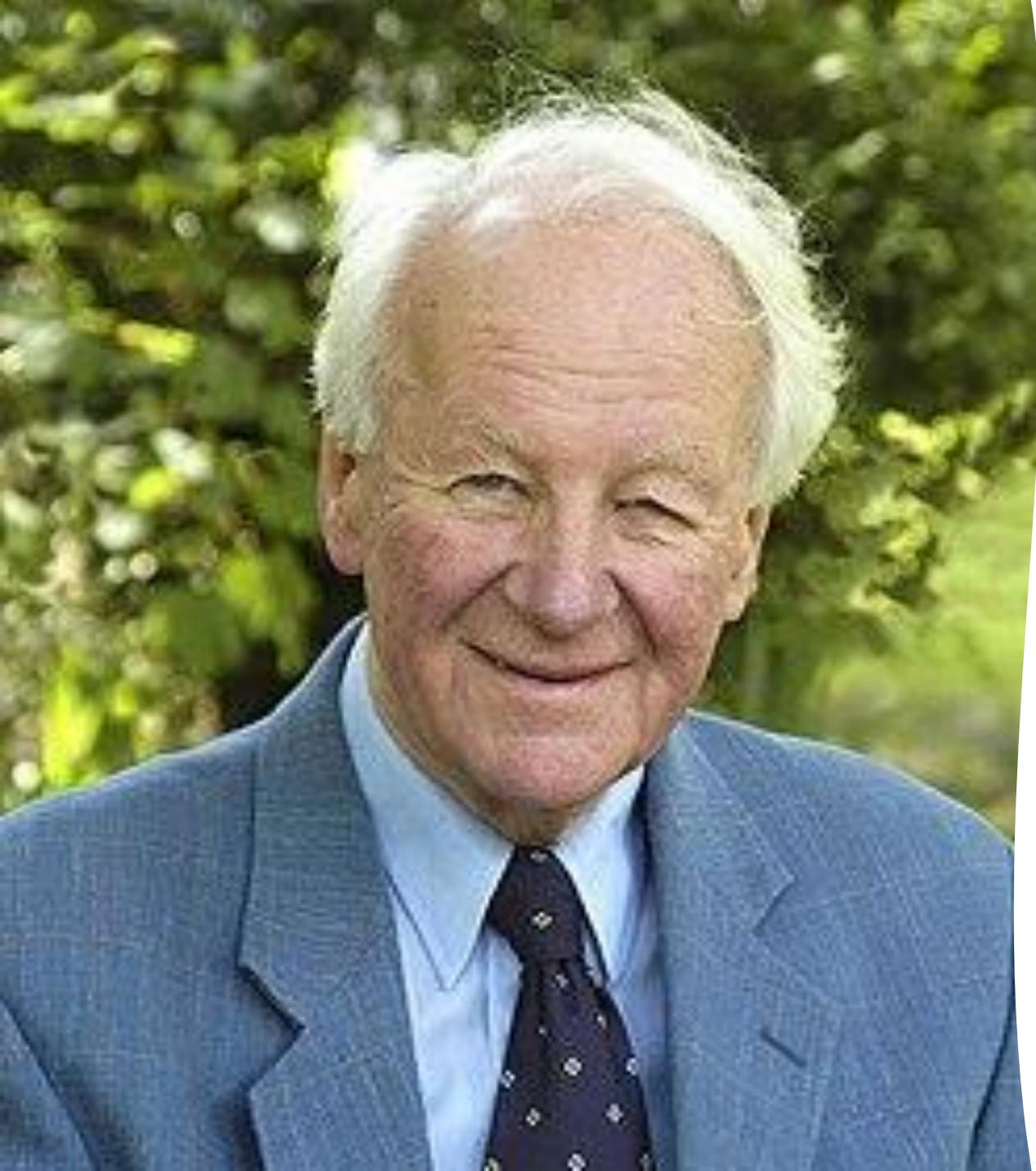
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“This certainly does not mean that our forgiveness of others earns us the right to be forgiven. It is rather that God forgives only the penitent and that one of the chief evidences of true penitence is a forgiving spirit. **Once our eyes are opened to see the enormity of our offence against God, the injuries which others have done to us appear by comparison extremely trifling.** If, on the other hand, we have an exaggerated view of the offences of others, it proves that we have minimized our own.”

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*Christian Counter-Culture* (Wheaton, IL: Intervarsity Press, 1978), 149.

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## **Luke 6:37 (NIV)**

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. **Forgive, and you will be forgiven.**”

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## **Matthew 7:2 (NIV)**

For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and **with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.**

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## Matthew 6:14-15 (NIV)

**<sup>14</sup> For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. <sup>15</sup> But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.**

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**Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)**

Be kind and compassionate to one another,  
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forgave you.

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**Mt 6:13 (NLT) - And don't let us yield to temptation,  
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- **Three categories of evil we need delivering from – The World, The Flesh & The Devil.**

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