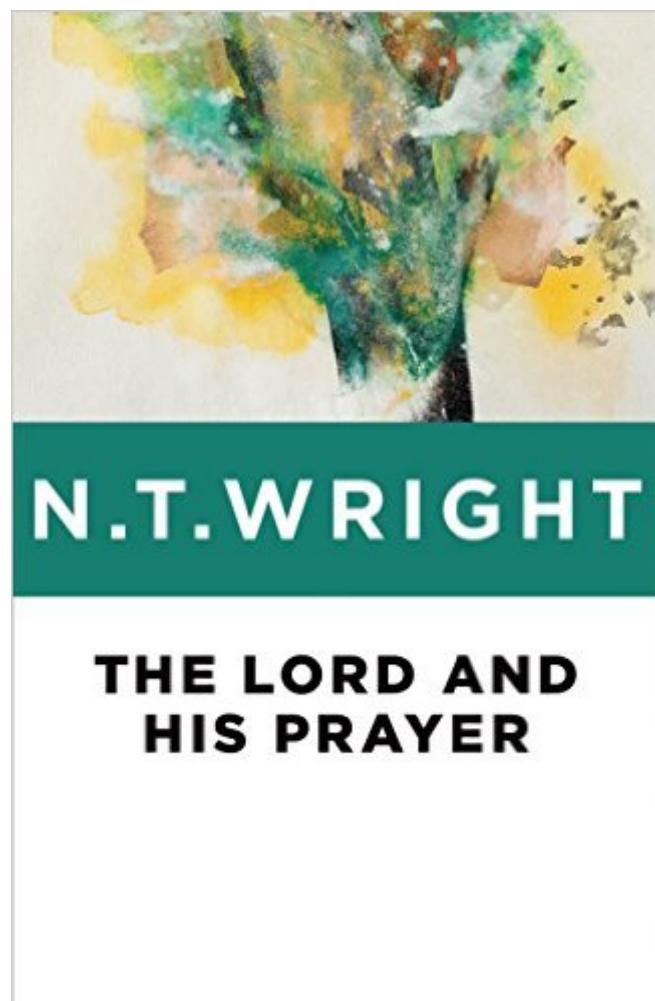


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The Lord And His Prayer



Synopsis

In this book of pastoral reflections N.T. Wright explores how the Lord's Prayer sums up what Jesus was all about in his first-century setting. Wright locates the Lord's Prayer, clause by clause, within the historical life and work of Jesus and allows the prayer's devotional application to grow out of its historical context. The result is a fresh understanding of Christian spirituality and the life of prayer. This deeply devotional book will refresh and stimulate the heart and mind of any reader.

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If you come to this book expecting to find another brilliant historical theological treatment, as in NTPG & JVG, you may be somewhat disappointed, but you will find some very suggestive material and some of his unusually excellent analogies or twist of phrases. Though the book is a popular treatment, which began as a series of sermons, Wright does approach the prayer as understood in its historical context, and sees it as a lens through which to view Jesus himself and understand his vocation. He deals with six of the prayer's key phrases pertaining to: the Father, Kingdom, Daily Bread, Forgiveness, Deliverance, and Power & Glory. He acknowledges that, in some sense, the use of the word "Abba" (Father) may indicate a boldness of addressing God as "Daddy" and a deep sense of personal intimacy with God [as Jeremias claims]. This, however, he argues, was not the most important thing about Jesus' use of the word. For Jesus, based on its O.T. background, it primarily was a word used in God's freeing Israel to be his sons and calling her to be his own people with a unique mission of salvation for the world. Thus, to pray to God as Father means to

acknowledge our liberation and the boldness to carry on the Kingdom mission. As in his other works, Wright stresses that prayer for the Kingdom to come is to acknowledge that it is a "this-worldly" ("on earth") reality, an event that happens within history, through Jesus. As his followers, who have been captivated by his music and cured by his medicine, we are to sing his song and apply his medicine to a world that is offbeat and sick.

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