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THE HISTORICAL FOUNDATIONS OF THE SOCIAL IDEALS OF JESUS

THE Lord's Prayer is recorded in two of the Gospels. Matthew reports it as a part of the Sermon on the Mount. Luke tells us that while Jesus was praying in a certain place, one of the disciples said to him: "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples"—and then follows the prayer, together with the Master's exposition of the subject of prayer. (Luke 11 : 1-13.)

Preliminary Questions of Criticism and Interpretation

The Two Prayers Compared

In comparing the two prayers, some differences are to be noted. Luke addresses God simply as "Father." Matthew enlarges by saying, "Our Father, which art in heaven." Luke omits the petition, "Thy will be done, as in heaven, so on earth." Matthew says "this day." Luke says "day by day." Matthew uses the word "debts," while Luke employs the word "sins." Luke omits the clause, "But deliver us from the Evil One." Some