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Praise & Prayer	ADORATION Hallowed be Your name. (6:9)	AUTHORITY Your Kingdom come... (6:10)	APPEAL Give us this day... (6:11)	AQUITTAL Forgive us our debts... (6:12)	ASSISTANCE Deliver us from evil. (6:13a)	ADMIRATION For Yours is the Kingdom... (6:13)
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DAILY BIBLE STUDIES

“This is My Body...”

Selected Scripture

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THE LORD'S DAY –This week we are going to have our second of Lord willing several studies in our mini-series on *The Lord’s Table*. We will attempt to cover many areas concerning the Table and its practice. So be patient, and in the months to come we will probably cover the questions you may have. These are not being approached in any particular order of priority since this ordinance carries great significance based on the fact it was established by Christ Himself. This time we are going to focus on the “*elements*” (The Bread and Wine) that are used in this Ordinance that Jesus gave for the church to observe. Again, we can’t cover all the details in this short format, so you will have to be here next Lord’s Day to get the whole picture and help in your understanding of this Sacrament. Read **1 Corinthians 11: 23-26**.

What principles in these verses are applicable to your life today?

Suggestion for prayer: Ask God to teach you from His Word this week and ask Him to help you understand the significance of *The Lord’s Supper*.

MONDAY –There has been much debate through the years over the understanding of the Lord’s Supper. One of the main disagreements over this Ordinance pertains to the “*elements*” (The Bread and Wine) and the “presence” of Christ at the observance of the supper. As all believers should do, we will just go to the Scripture’s for our answers and try to be diligent students of God’s Holy Word. We will look at several “views” pertaining to the Lord’s table in the next days; but for today, read these verses speaking of God’s Holy Word as the standard for our faith and practice as believers. **Psalm 119:9-16, 2 Timothy 3:16-17**.

What principles in these verses are applicable to your life today?

Suggestion for prayer: Ask God to help you to understand, treasure, and live according to His Holy Word.

TUESDAY –The first “view” of the Lord’s Table espoused by some is the view of “transubstantiation”. This is far too deep to try to cover in detail here and we will say much more about it this Lord’s Day. For now, let me try to summarize by saying that those who hold to the view of “transubstantiation” believe that the “elements” are miraculously transformed into the actual body and blood of Christ. Webster’s Dictionary defines the word as follows: “(in the Eucharist) the conversion of the whole substance of the bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ”. We can’t find in Scripture a clear defense of this “miracle” taking place at the Lord’s Table. We can learn from Scripture that as the second member of the Holy Trinity we understand God the Son is omnipresent (**Psalm 139:7-12**), and in His Body He is seated at the right hand of the Father (**Romans 8:34, Hebrews 9:24**).

What principles in these verses are applicable to your life today?

Suggestion for prayer: Thank Christ Jesus for being God the Son, becoming flesh for us to pay our sins penalty at the cross and that He is presently in heaven interceding for us.

WEDNESDAY –Another view of the Lord’s Table pertaining to the “elements” is the view entitled “consubstantiation”. Martin Luther had some disagreement with the Roman view of transubstantiation, as he saw a frivolous use of the word “miracle” at the taking of the Lord’s Supper. The term “consubstantiation” was not used by Luther but the term was given to his view to help explain it. What Luther taught was that there was a true corporeal (Webster-“of the nature of the physical body, material, tangible”) presence of Christ “in, under, and with” the elements of bread and wine. Both of the two views we have seen so far hold to the understanding there is a real, physical presence of Christ’s body at the Lord’s Table. Again we have no Scripture that affirms this. Read these verses speaking again of the whereabouts of the physical, body of Christ. **Ephesians 1:20, Colossians 3:1, Hebrews 12:2**.

What principles in these verses are applicable to your life today?

Suggestion for prayer: Praise Jesus for being seated in the place of power at the right hand of God, and thank Him that He will come again for us.

THURSDAY – Another view is that which was held by John Calvin, who insisted on the “true presence” of Christ at the Lord’s Table, but he also insisted it was through Christ’s **Divine not Physical** nature. Calvin did not teach that we partake of Christ’s body with the mouth; however he did believe

that believers partake of the body and blood of Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit who pours the life of Christ into them. This is sometimes referred to as “Spiritual eating”. Read these Scriptures which tell us some of the ways that we are joined with and have communion with Christ. **John 17:20-23, 1 Corinthians 6:17, Philippians 2:5**.

What principles in these verses are applicable to my life today?

Suggestion for prayer: Thank God that we are joined to Christ as believers and ask Him to help you grow closer and be more like Him.

FRIDAY –Lastly this week we want to look at the view espoused by the Swiss reformer Ulrich Zwingli. Most in Baptist circles and many other Evangelicals hold to his view of the Lord’s Supper as being a “memorial sign”. He argued that coming to the Lord’s Table was a symbolic memorial where Christians are proclaiming that they have been reconciled to God through Christ’s death on the cross for them. The main argument is over the understanding of our Lord’s words “...this is my body...” (**Matthew 26:26**). Zwingli argued that Christ was being symbolically represented in both the Paschal Lamb of the Passover and the elements of the Lord’s Supper. Read **Matthew 26:17-29**.

What principles in these verses are applicable to your life today?

Suggestion for prayer: Thank the Lord Jesus that He is the true Passover Lamb that was slain to make a final atonement for our sins.

SATURDAY –We have covered a lot this week and tomorrow we will look in depth at Christ’s words and what he meant when He said, “This is my body...” We will also come to His Table and remember and proclaim His death as He commanded us. Read **Luke 22:19-20**.

What principles in these verses are applicable to your life today?

Suggestion for prayer: Ask God to help you to fully understand and appreciate what the Lord’s Table means for us as believers.