



# FACE TO FACE

A SERMON SERIES ON PRAYER

Utilizing the Lord's prayer as a guide in our prayer lives so that we can grow in seeking Him

# CONTEXT OF MATTHEW (GENERAL)

Author:

Matthew (Levi), one of the twelve disciples

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Purpose of book:

To prove that Jesus is the Messiah, the eternal King

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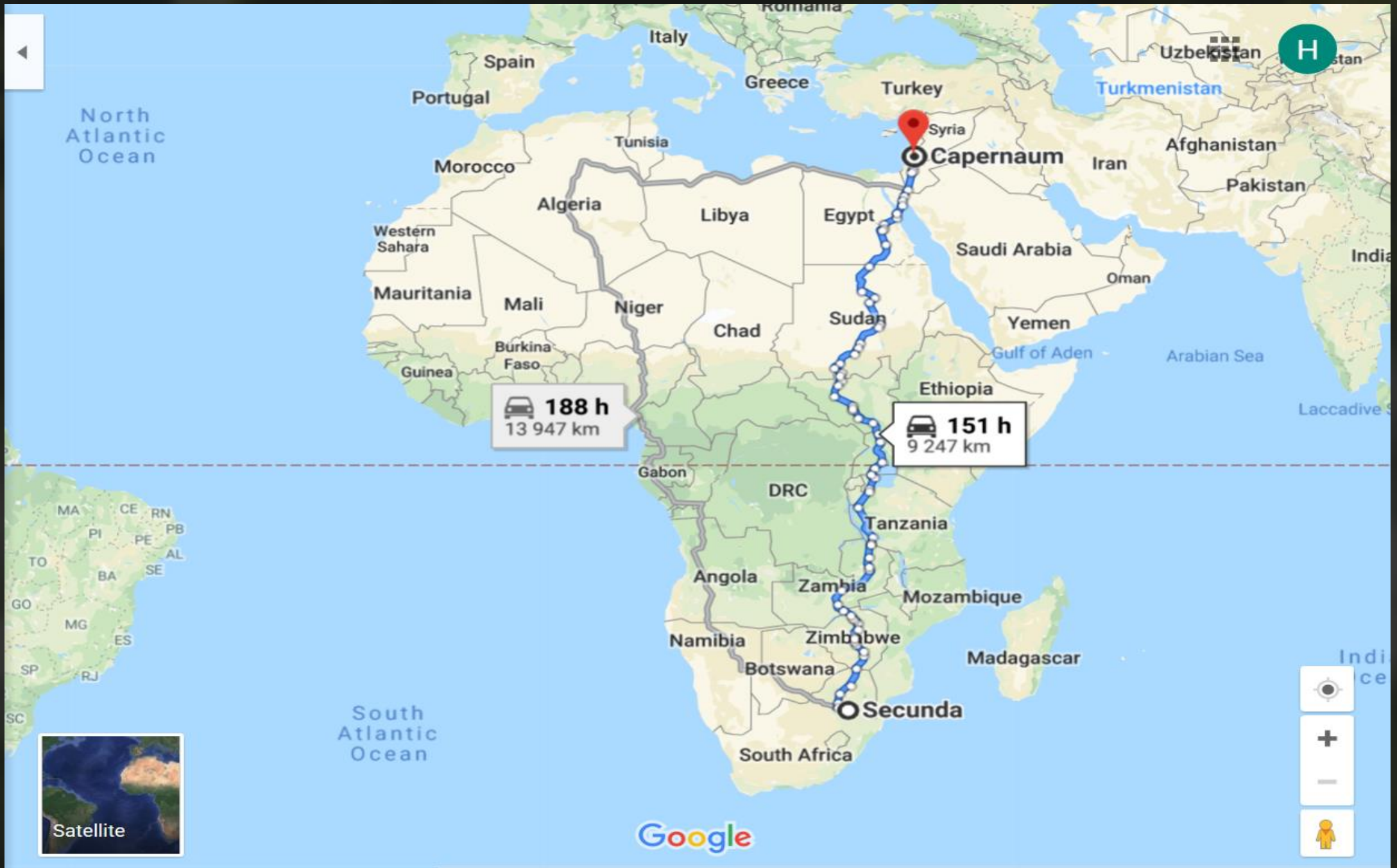
Date of events:  
Approximately 30 A.D.

Place:  
Galilee

Occasion:  
Sermon on the Mount







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Topic: How citizens of God's Kingdom are to live; how they are to worship the King in His Kingdom

Matthew 6:1-4: Giving

Matthew 6:5-15: Prayer

Matthew 6:16-18: Fasting



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hallowed be your name.

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your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

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# “Our Father in heaven”

- Prayer starts with a proper view of God
- We can draw near to Him with boldness
- He created the universe and sustains it
- God is great!

“hallowed be your name”

- Let the whole world see that You are holy!

# “Your kingdom come”

- His Kingdom is in the hearts of His children
- We pray:
- “God, will you exercise Your kingly rule in us such that it spreads out through us to all of those with whom we come into contact with?”

“your will be done”

Luke 22 [ESV]: 42 “...not my will, but yours, be done.”

- What is God’s will? – Read Scripture
- How does He accomplish His will – THROUGH US

1 John 5 [ESV]: 14 “And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.”



# “Give us this day our daily bread”

- God is concerned with the details of our lives

Matthew 6 [ESV]: <sup>25</sup> “Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?... <sup>33</sup>But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

“and forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors”

- The restoration of our personal fellowship with God and others

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We are praying:

“Do not lead us through trials so deep that they would tempt us to be unfaithful to you.”

“Allow us to be spared from difficult circumstances that would tempt us to sin.”

“For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.”

- Added to later Greek manuscripts.
- Still theologically correct



# Practical tips

- Pray privately (starting point)
- Pray simple, sincere words
- Combine Scripture reading with prayer
- Memorize the Lord's prayer

# Let's pray together

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