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*Last in an eleven-part series on The Lord's Prayer*

### **THE CONCLUSION**

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*What does the word "Amen" mean?*

It means that I should be assured that these petitions are acceptable to our heavenly Father and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this manner and has promised to hear us. Amen, Amen, that is, Yes, Yes, it shall be so.

*What are the closing words of the Lord's Prayer?*

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Of what do these words remind us?*

We should remember that God is able to answer our prayer, and that the glory belongs to Him alone.

*Does God always answer our prayer as we desire?*

No; He often answers our prayer by giving us something else and something better than we ask or think.

*Does God answer our prayer at once?*

Sometimes; but He often delays His answer in order to strengthen our faith and our hope.

*In speaking with God, should we only ask for the good things which we like to get?*

No; we must also return Him thanks for the blessings which we have received.

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