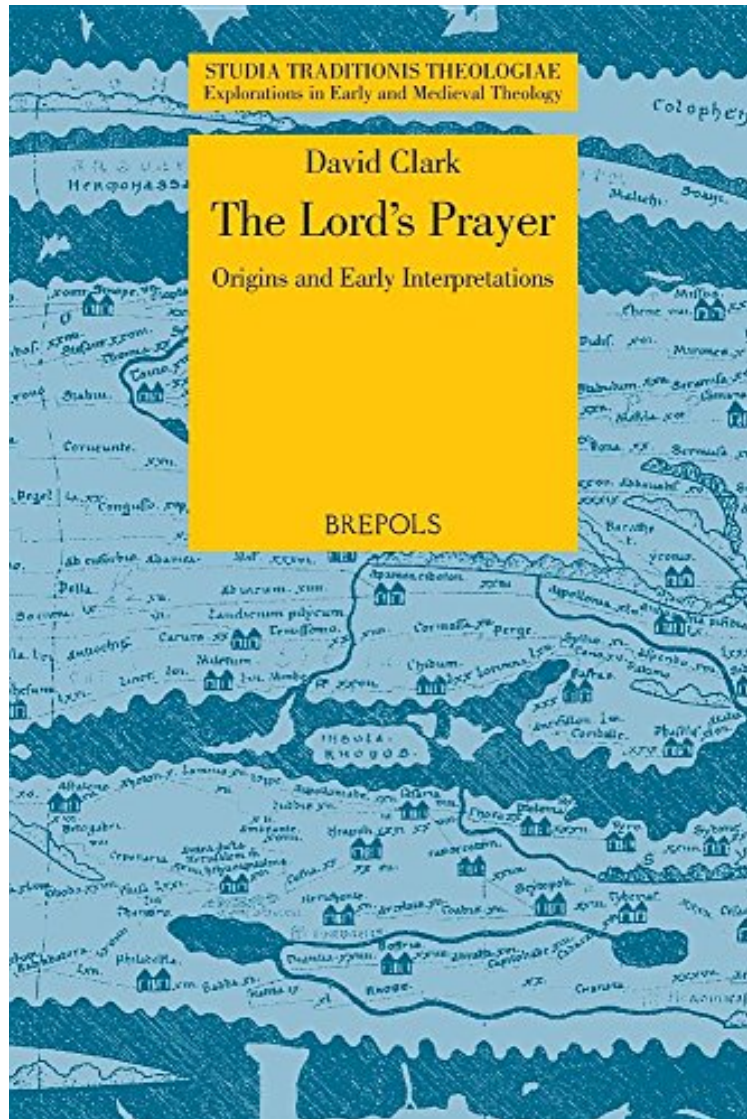


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In first-century Palestine, a revival was taking place. Many Jews were looking for a more personal encounter with their God. They believed that the glory of YHWH was not confined to the Jerusalem sanctuary, and that in the 'temples' of their homes and synagogues they could be like the priests. They would offer sacrifices not of animals, but of prayer. It was in this setting that Jesus taught his followers to say, ""Our Father in heaven ...""Over the course of two centuries, this Jewish prayer became a central feature of Christian ritual. The process of transformation is discerned in various texts: the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, the Didache, and Tertullian's *De oratione*. To a significant degree, each of these interpreters built upon the foundation which Jesus had established. Yet they also created innovatory significance, forms and functions for this simple prayer. This work presents the early interpretive history of the Lord's Prayer. It not only surveys what it meant to Jesus and the early Christians, but also seeks to address the question of why the understanding of the Lord's Prayer changes. Biblical texts invite - even urge - new interpretations. The meaning of the Lord's Prayer is to be found not just in its 'original sense,' but in the history of its meaning. This work traces the beginning chapters of a two-thousand-year-story which we ourselves continue to shape.

Clark covers an extraordinary wide range of material on the background to, as well as the meaning and reception of the Lord's Prayer. He begins with conceptions of prayer in the second temple period, and then covers the meaning of the Lord's Prayer for Jesus himself, the manner in which the Lord's Prayer was then presented in the early surviving texts, and finally the reception of the prayer through the beginning of the third century. He has brought a great amount of material together into a unified narrative of the history behind and reception of the Lord's Prayer. . . He has well fulfilled his goal of showing how exploring the history of reception of a text could be an important part of exploring the text's meaning and multivalency.- Lewis Ayres, Head of Department and Professor of Historical and Catholic Theology, University of Durham.