



Your Kingdom Come

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So far in our series on The Lord's Prayer we have considered who God is, where He is and how to approach Him.

Who? He is the Father.

The beginning and end of all prayer is an understanding of the father heart of God. Having a right understanding of God as Father is key to an effective prayer life.

Where? He is closer than you think.

He is with us, all around us, in us, and for us. He is like the air around us. All we need to do is to be aware, open our hearts and breathe.

How should we approach him? Keep his name holy.

Don't trivialise, make ordinary or make familiar who Father God is.
He is only good, always good – good all the time.

Today's topic is drawn from Matthew 6:10

Your kingdom come; Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

The Gospel Jesus preached was the Gospel of the Kingdom of God.

Mark 1:14 – The beginning of Jesus ministry

Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Acts 1:3 – The beginning of the New Testament believers' ministry

(...the apostles) to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

The word kingdom (Gk – *basileia*) means – rule, a realm, a sovereign domain, a kingdom.

The phrase frequently used by Jesus – “the kingdom of God” (Gk *basileia theo*) – carries ideas about God’s sovereign realm, independent of the kingdoms of this world.

It is a realm or dimension that is self-contained, sustained by God, under His perfect rule and it is free from the effects of sin, wickedness and evil.

Not just HIS KINGDOM but also HIS WILL

will (gk – *thelema*) carries these meanings: a determination, choice, purpose, desire, pleasure, will; what one wishes or has determined shall be done.

Note the two significant differences:

Kingdom – requires decisive action - total surrender. It’s a change of allegiance, a change in world view.

It’s a change in default setting – not **my** kingdom but **YOUR** kingdom.

It is automatic thinking.

Will – requires continuous shaping. Change of focus, retraining desires, relearning ways of being.

It is effortful thinking.

The prayer is an invitation to remind ourselves of the decision we have made to make Christ our Lord and to continue in our daily choices to seek out his will in every situation.

Three things to leave with you:

1. The reason to pray for his kingdom and his will
2. The motivation to pray for his kingdom and his will
3. The attitude when praying for his kingdom and his will

1. THE REASON TO PRAY FOR HIS KINGDOM AND HIS WILL

It precedes the petitions in the prayer.

- Provision – Give us our daily bread.
- Pardon – Forgive us our trespasses.
- Protection – Deliver us from evil.

The only way we will heavenly provision, heavenly pardon and heavenly protection is if we see His kingdom come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

2. THE MOTIVATION TO PRAY FOR HIS KINGDOM AND HIS WILL

Romans 14:16

Therefore do not let your good be spoken of as evil; for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. For he who serves Christ in these things is acceptable to God and approved by men.

WRONG MOTIVES for praying: The Kingdom is NOT for eating and drinking.

That’s a misuse of Kingdom life and Kingdom principles

Philippians 3:18

For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things.

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

RIGHT MOTIVES – The Kingdom IS:

- **righteousness** – Relationship with God –
RESTING IN A COVENANT RELATIONSHIP
- **peace** – Relationship with others –
LIVING IN THE PLACE OF SHALOM
- **joy** – Relationship with self –
LEANING ON THE STRENGTH OF THE JOY OF THE LORD

We pray for his kingdom and His will because it will produce righteousness, peace and joy.

3. THE ATTITUDE WHEN PRAYING FOR HIS KINGDOM AND HIS WILL

Luke 17: 5-10 (NLT)

“If you had faith even as small as a mustard seed...”

Faith is a small part of the prayer equation.

“...when you obey me you should say, ‘We are unworthy servants who have simply done our duty.’”

Attitude is a large part of prayer life.

It’s not the sense of entitlement but an expression of gratitude

In summary –

GOD’S KINGDOM AND HIS WILL:

- **Precedes provision, pardon and protection**
- **Promotes righteousness, peace and joy**
- **Produces the attitude of gratitude**