

Title: The Lord's Prayer: Your Kingdom Come

Passage: Matthew 6:10a

Introduction:

Why fascination of things related to kings and monarchy?

- We were built for a King to serve and adore Him. There is a true King above all human kings: God.
- If we reject the true King, we will always look for a different savior or king to adore. We will always look for something...false king that will poison our lives.

Passage: Matthew 6:9-13

Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [And Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.]

Review: The Lord's Prayer

First petition: God's name be hallowed

Second petition: God's kingdom come

- naturally follows. How would God's name be hallowed? As His kingdom spreads through the world.

Question: What is God's kingdom?

Answer:

God's kingdom = God's people in God's place under God's rule and blessing.

Bible's overarching theme: God's kingdom and its restoration

Psalms 103:19

The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

- Pattern of the kingdom (Genesis 1-2)
 - God's creation under His rule
- Perished kingdom (Genesis 3-11)
 - Sin
- Promised kingdom (Genesis 12-23)
 - God picks a specific person and promises to build a new kingdom): Abraham
- Partial fulfillment of promised kingdom (Genesis 24-2 Samuel)
 - Leads God's people (Abraham's descendants) to God's place (Promised Land) under God's rules
 - Problem: the hearts of people were not there
- Partial search for promised kingdom (2 Samuel through Old Testament)
 - People seeking a true king or kingdom but not yet there
- Jesus the Messiah with the Promised Kingdom arrives (New Testament)
 - Shows authority over all things
 - But Jesus doesn't complete it as calls people to share to the ends of the earth.

Question: If God's kingdom has already arrived through Jesus Christ, then why do we still have so much pain and suffering in this world?

Answer: Already but not yet

- God's kingdom has already come but hasn't yet come in all its glory.

Already

- already came through Jesus' arrival, death, and resurrection

Mark 1:15

and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Luke 11:20

But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

Luke 17:21

nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you."

Not Yet

- Jesus' rule will extend to its fullest extent in His Second Coming.

Philippians 2:9-11

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Revelation 22:20

He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Question: How do you become God's kingdom?

Answer: By becoming His disciple

- we become His disciple through the work of the Holy Spirit within our hearts as put our faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and continually seek to grow more Christ-like for His glory.

John 3:3

Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Ezekiel 36:25-26

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

God's kingdom comes through His power

Colossians 1:13

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

2 Timothy 4:18

The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

- As it is God's kingdom advances by His power, we need to only be faithful in proclaiming the Gospel.

Question: What is our responsibility?

Answer: We are called to seek God's kingdom

Matthew 6:33

But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

- God not only justifies us (judgment of sin has been fully paid) but also sanctifies us (be more like Christ)
- Contrast: We want things our own way.

Question: What are other kingdoms we pursue instead of God's kingdom?

Kingdom of success

- Recognition of our achievements. We don't feel happy unless we achieve something or some type of success
- How do we know?
 - What happens when you fail?
 - Are you jealous when others succeed?

Kingdom of stuff

- There is always something we can buy or obtain that will make us happy. We worship things we can buy.
- How do we know? Use our stuff to establish our identity

Kingdom of sexuality

- If it feels good, do it. Use your body as you please. Satisfying your pleasures is paramount.

Contrast

Our response: We are to submit to God's sovereign rule.

Matthew 6:33

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

What does it mean to seek the kingdom of God over our achievements?

- **Answer:** Our identity is based on our relationship with Jesus (not our achievements, possessions, or our pleasures)
- Remember you are loved by the King and you are an heir of the King.
- So when you feel you're not being enough or doing enough, be reminded of the Gospel: What God has done for you!

Ephesians 2:4-5

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together in Christ - by grace you have been saved

How does the kingdom of God transform the way we view our achievements?

- **Answer:** Every decision is based on our commitment to Christ.
- **Question:** When you buy things: given the work of the kingdom of God worldwide, is this the wisest way to use money?

How does the kingdom of God affect our sexuality?

- **Answer:** Surrender your sexuality to God's sovereignty - use them for Your purposes. Use them to bring me closer to You, not further away from you.

God must be uncontested sovereign over your life. He must be King of your heart before He rules in this world. Heaven must begin in our hearts.

Question: What does it mean to pray "Your Kingdom Come"?

- Jesus would be honored as King in every heart

- mercy of God in full justification of all sinners
- Seeing every knee bowed in surrender to Jesus as Lord
- praying history would come to a close with Jesus' Second Coming.