

The Prayer that Changes the World and My Life

Matthew 6:9-13



Introduction

- As your pastor, privileged to serve you for this season, my greatest desire is that each of us will grow into a deep daily fellowship with God and live a victoriously productive life for God.
- This is also what Jesus desires for us on a daily basis. That is why He has given us this powerful tool and said, “**This is how you should pray.**”
- Through this prayer, we can avoid many of the things that draw us away from Him and lure us into mediocrity and ineffective Christian living.



“Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”



In this time together, I would like to answer three questions with the truth of Scripture:

1. What is the Kingdom of God?
2. How does it “come” to the earth?
3. How does this apply to my life?



1. What is the Father's Kingdom?

- Jesus has asked us to pray that God's kingdom come on the earth. He also taught that God's kingdom should be the greatest pursuit of our lives. (Matthew 6:33) In addition, the first thing that Jesus taught on the earth was to repent and prepare for the Kingdom of God.
- The Bible teaches that the kingdom of God (or heaven) is to be a major part of our daily lives and yet many followers of Christ have very little understanding about what it is.



1. What is the Father's Kingdom?

- The kingdom of God is not a physical territory on a map but it is extremely real - in fact it is more real than what we can see with our physical eyes. (2 Corinthians 4:18)
- God's kingdom consists of a king (that's God), obedient subjects (that's us), and the law of the land (the New Covenant of grace in Christ.)
- Therefore the kingdom of God exists anywhere in which our King is being exalted through our willing obedience to His commands.



1. What is the Father's Kingdom?

- “I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God.” 1 Corinthians 15:50
- “In reply Jesus declared, ‘I tell you the truth, unless a man is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.’” John 3:5
- “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.” Matthew 7:21



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- “The kingdom of God does not come visibly, nor will people say, ‘Here it is,’ or ‘There it is,’ because the kingdom of God is within you.” Luke 17:21
- “Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.” Hebrews 12:28-29
- Matthew 12:22-28



1. What is the Father's Kingdom?

- The kingdom of God is not easy - is the exact opposite of how this world works.
- In order to have life in God's kingdom you have to be willing to deny your life and lose it on this earth. (Mark 8:35)
- The kingdom of heaven has nothing to do with power and wealth, it belongs to those who are "poor in spirit" and "own" nothing. (Matt 5:3)
- To be first in God's kingdom, you must be willing to be a servant to all. (Mark 10:44)



1. What is the Father's Kingdom?

- Jesus fully brought the kingdom of God to earth and showed us what it looks like to live in it and advance it for God's glory.
- He has now invested that kingdom in us, His followers. (Luke 9:1-9, 10:1-25, 17:21, 22:29)
- have the responsibility to advance His kingdom of light into our homes, workplaces, sports teams, friendships, and spheres of influence so that others may know God and enter into His eternal kingdom. (Matt 11:12)



2. How does it “come” to earth?

- “This is how you should pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your Name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” Matthew 6:9-10
- In heaven, there is no resistance or rebellion toward God or His will. That was squashed when satan was cast out. This is why there is no death, sadness, or pain in heaven; because these are the natural consequences of being outside of God’s perfect will for us.



2. How does it “come” to earth?

- So how do we bring God’s kingdom (and therefore His will) to earth?
- Jesus was the perfect model that showed us how to bring God’s kingdom to this earth:
 1. Know the desires of the King by knowing the Scriptures and walking in fellowship with the Holy Spirit.
 2. Be obedient to what He commands.
 3. Have faith in His promises and His authority.



2. How does it “come” to earth?

- The kingdom of heaven is not always easy and comfortable, but it is simple.
- It's not that complicated. Simply hear what He says to do then do it with faith and in His authority. Congratulations! You just advanced God's kingdom on the earth!
- In this way, we get to spread the benefits of God's kingdom into every place that God leads us in our daily life. (salvation, deliverance, healing, prosperity, peace, joy, righteousness)



3. How does this apply to me?

- Jesus has asked us to pray and to live in this way, bringing our Father's kingdom to earth.
- Are you in God's kingdom? Is God your Father today? Have you been brought into the family by the blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ?
- If you are in God's family, how are you stewarding His kingdom? Our eternal future is completely based on how we are stewarding His kingdom on the earth in this life.



3. How does this apply to me?

- Everyone is building and advancing a kingdom. Are we advancing our own that will eventually crumble and lead others away from God? Or are we advancing His kingdom that will save and bless everyone who enters into it?
- What if we woke up every morning and took a few moments to submit ourselves to our Father's kingdom and will for the day?
- What if we prayed for His will to be done through us and actually took time to listen?



3. How does this apply to me?

- What if we were committed to reading His Word and walking with His Holy Spirit so that we are prepared for every life situation?
- What if we were obedient to do what He asks in that situation - big or small?
- It would change our lives forever! And it would change the world around us!

