

Prayer – part 3

Your Kingdom Come

Our prayers should reflect our desire to see God's Kingdom here on earth.

This leads to the obvious question – What is His kingdom?

- The sovereignty or realm ruled by God.
- **John 18:36** Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here.”
 - The kingdom is not native to the earth.
- **Romans 14:17** for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
 - The kingdom is not made up of physical things, but spiritual things.

The people of Israel wanted a new kingdom to come. They were tired of Roman rule. And they thought the Messiah would rule as an eternal, undefeated king of a nation – Israel.

But that is not the kingdom of God.

The Kingdom of God exists within us now, and will be the complete rule of God when Jesus returns.

What we are praying is for God's Kingdom to rule and reign here on the earth.

Essentially, we are declaring submission. Submission to His Lordship.

- This is how we pray for our leadership – for them to be submissive to the rule and reign of God.
- For our businesses.
- For our country
- For our churches
- For others.

We will come back to that in a minute.

Your will be done on earth as *it is* in heaven.

- Our prayers should be inviting God's will to be done in whatever we are praying for.
- Not only do we ask for His Kingdom, but for His will to be done.

So when we intercede for others, we are praying for God's will to be done in their lives.

Or when we are praying for ourselves, we are praying for God's will to be done.

Note the order – His Kingdom come, His will be done.

First, there is submission to His rule, then a desire for His will.

There are a few things we know for certain about God's will:

1. He desires all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.
2. For us to operate in the wisdom of God.
3. To walk in the Spirit
4. For good things to come to us.
5. For every need to be met.
6. That we are equipped for every good work.
7. That we have everything we need for life and godliness.
8. That we are healed, set free and delivered.

There are so many more, but this is a sample from Scriptures.

On earth, as it is in Heaven

- God's will is most certainly being done in heaven. We are simply praying that what we are experiencing on earth will align with what is already happening in heaven.
- This should help increase your faith. Do you need healing? There is no sickness or disease in heaven. Pray that His will be done here just like it is already happened there.
- Do you need provision? There is no want or lack in heaven. Comfort? There is no sorrow in heaven. He has wiped away every tear.

What is heaven like? We can pray for those things to be done here on earth as it is in heaven. After all, we just asked for His Kingdom to come!

How does praying Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven affect the way we pray?

- We are praying from a place of submissiveness. We desire for God to rule and reign in our lives.
- We are praying for God's Kingdom to express itself in every area of our lives, and the lives of those around us.
- Our desire is not for our will, but His will. We surrender our own wants and desires because of His Kingdom in our lives, and then we ask that His will be done instead of ours.
 - Which means we must be listening to Him to know what His will is when it comes to specific things.
- This increases our faith since we know these things are already being carried out in heaven, and we are just asking for that to also be done here.
- We can know what kind of things to pray for by looking at heaven to see what life is like there and then praying for that to be imitated here.

Give us this day our daily bread

Matthew 6:11 Give us this day our daily bread.

- We are instructed to ask God to supply all of our needs.
- Bread represents both physical and spiritual needs.
- Jesus is the bread of life. And we need Him daily. We need His strength to make it each day.
- Just because we have Jesus in us, does not mean that we do not pray for His strength in us each and every day.
 - **Ephesians 3:16–19** that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,¹⁷ that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height—¹⁹ to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.
- Communion was established to remind us of this.

- Jesus also fed people with actual bread. Our physical needs are important too, and we should ask the Father for those provisions.
 - **Matthew 7:7&11** Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you... ¹¹ If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!
 - **Matthew 6:33** But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

But note the word **DAILY**

- In fact, continuing with that last Scripture:
 - **Matthew 6:33–34** But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day *is* its own trouble.

There are several things that **daily** suggests:

1. We are to be praying daily. How can we ask for daily provision and strength if we are not praying daily?
2. God's desire is for us to trust Him in our daily lives. When we do not need to trust Him for extended periods of time, we fall out of relation with Him quickly.
3. He intends on taking care of our needs constantly – so that means He does not tire of hearing from us, or get frustrated having to always take care of you.

Exodus 16:4 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not.

- Daily manna was given as a test of obedience.
- But also, if you look at all scriptures pertaining to manna, it also
 - Humbled the people
 - Was in answer to prayer
 - Exhibited God's glory

- Taught people to live by faith in God
- Taught about sufficiency
- I believe that we also learn these things as we learn to trust God for our daily needs.

How does Give us this day our daily bread affect the way we pray?

- We are praying for our spiritual needs – Jesus’ life and strength and wisdom
- We are praying for our physical needs
- We are praying for those things daily, and we do not become anxious or concerned about the future.
- We learn to trust God for today knowing that He will also be found faithful tomorrow.