

Thy Kingdom Come

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Matthew 6:10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven.

We are entering into a time when the people of God are going to find this prayer on their lips more and more frequently. Forces are unleashed on this earth that are likely to cause the greatest of spiritual agony and sadness to believers. More and more, Christ's disciples are going to discover that wickedness and the forces of evil have greater and greater impact on any enjoyment of life they might expect to have here. While this is a tragic truth, it only highlights the prophecy of our Lord when He said (**John 16:33**) "...in the world ye shall have tribulation..." And, highlighting that truth leads us to realize that unfolding events will drive the people of God in a good and glorious way...it will uproot us from any attachment to this earth.

Christ teaches us how to pray in this portion of scripture and these two sentences are taken out of that instruction. During His own ministry on earth, He preached a gospel that said "...the kingdom of heaven is at hand." But He also taught this, our text, as something we were to continue to pray. I believe that was because, although the kingdom of heaven was at hand 2000 years ago, the kingdom of heaven was not fully come. But it is yet to come in fullness. And that is what we are to pray about.

In praying this prayer, I believe we are asking for something to occur in the present and are asking for the final culmination of that something at the earliest possible date. When we are praying this, we are essentially asking the Lord to bring the kingdom to complete fullness so that it impacts all the earth. I believe we are asking God to so mature the kingdom within us that we act as part of that collective force to bring His will to be done in earth in the same way it is in heaven. But, we are also praying for something even more complete. We are praying that His kingdom come in all its fullness and power. We read about this as prophecy in Daniel and Isaiah:

Daniel 7:13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, *one* like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

Daniel 7:14 And there was **given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him:** his dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:7 **Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be no end,*** upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

So our prayer looks for that great day of final subjugation for all of creation to the rulership of Christ. With that in mind, I want us to just think for awhile about this:

I. The Outcome of This Prayer Being Answered

- No more crooks, deceivers, power mongers, oppressors, or tyrants would sit in seats of government
 - > Scripture is given by David in Psalms 2:2-3 about rulers. We have to ask if this scripture isn't more than just a statement about the heathen rulers of his day, and the heathen rulers at the coming of Christ. Psalm 2:2-3 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, *saying*, 3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.
- There would no longer be crooked, deceptive, manipulative, self-serving lackeys serving those unworthy government leaders or themselves by manipulating laws and policies, and meting out retribution to those who do not obey their perverse schemes.
 - > **Prov. 28:15-16** "As a roaring lion, and a ranging bear; *so is* a wicked ruler over the poor people. 16 The prince that wanteth understanding *is* also a great oppressor...."
- No more powerful conspirators would connive to manipulate people's lives for their own gain or agendas.
- No more criminals would violate the freedoms and rights of people.
- No more organizations or businesses would fleece the citizens of the world.
 - > Free market enterprise is a great way to regulate the cost and distribution of consumer goods but it is also the perfect place for unscrupulous people to set up the right set of circumstances by which they can drain the resources of common citizens and make themselves huge financial kingdoms that are hard to tear down.
- Money would no longer be the predominant driving force for why men do what they do
 - > **1 Timothy 6:10** For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.
- A dollars worth of goods or services wouldn't cost you ten dollars.
- Guns would no longer be taken away from honest law-abiding citizens who want to protect themselves and be given to violent men and terrorist in black market deals made possible by twisted governmental laws.
- People would no longer bow down to false gods of a thousand different sorts in a million sites throughout the world.
- Terrorists would no longer mass murder innocent men women and children in acts of jihad in service to a false god and false prophet.
 - > **John 16:2** *They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.*
- You would no longer do daily battle with Satan, his legions and your own carnal tendencies to avoid sinning.
- You would no longer have reason to shed tears, to have sorrow, to have pain, to see death.
 - > **Rev. 21:4** And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.
- The curse upon the earth, which affects everything we do, the natural order of everything, the outcome of all events; this curse would be gone
 - > **Rev. 22:3** And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:
- **Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.**
 - > "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." (**Rev. 22:20**)