

“Thy Kingdom Come”

Matthew 6:9-13 ASV

- 9 After this manner therefore pray ye. Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
- 10 **Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so on earth.**
- 11 Give us this day our daily bread.
- 12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
- 13 And bring us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

I. The Kingdom of Heaven

As prophesied –

2 Samuel 7:12-13 (NKJV) ¹²“When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

Isaiah 9:6-7 (NKJV) ⁶ For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of *His* government and peace *there will be* no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Daniel 2:44 (NKJV) ⁴⁴And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

John & Jesus said it was “at hand” –

Matthew 3:1-2 (NKJV) ¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”

Matthew 4:17 (NKJV) ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

Matthew 10:6-7 (NKJV) ⁶But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’

To come with power in their lifetime –

Mark 9:1 (ESV) ¹And he said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power.”

Acts 1:8 (NKJV) ⁸But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be [£]witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Peter’s “keys” opened it to all –

Matthew 16:18-19 (NKJV) ¹⁸And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth [£]will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Acts 2:36-41 (NKJV) ³⁶“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” ³⁷Now when they heard *this*, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?” ³⁸Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.” ⁴⁰And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.” ⁴¹Then those who [£]gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added *to them*.

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ONE KINGDOM / ONE CHURCH

Ephesians 1:20-23 (NKJV) ²⁰which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly *places*, ²¹far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. ²²And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the church, ²³which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

It was present in the 1st century –

Colossians 1:13 (NKJV) ¹³He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

Its ultimate fulfillment is in eternity –

Matthew 25:34 (NKJV) ³⁴Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

1 Corinthians 15:50 (NKJV) ⁵⁰Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.

ITS TERRITORY: Jesus’ rule is absolute in heaven and on earth.

Matthew 28:18-20 (NKJV) ¹⁸And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Go [£]therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.” [£]Amen.

ITS NATURE: Jesus’ rule is spiritual, within the hearts of spiritual people, who are given spiritual blessings.

John 18:36-37 (NKJV) ³⁶Jesus 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.” ³⁷Pilate therefore said to Him, “Are You a king then?” Jesus answered, “You say *rightly* that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”

Luke 17:20-21 (NKJV) ²⁰Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, “The kingdom of God does not come with observation; ²¹nor will they say, ‘See here!’ or ‘See there!’ For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.”

Hebrews 8:10 (NKJV) ¹⁰For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

Hebrews 8:12 (NKJV) ¹²*For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins [£]and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.*”

Ephesians 1:3 (NKJV) ³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ,

Romans 14:17 (NKJV) ¹⁷*for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.*

II. The kingdom of heaven (*Christ's rule*) has come, but we may still pray “*Thy kingdom come*” in the sense of praying for **Jesus to rule in our own hearts** and in the hearts of our fellow man. (*“Thy will be done.”*)

Isaiah 52:7 (NKJV) ⁷How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good *things*, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, “**Your God reigns!**”

Romans 10:15-16 (NKJV) ¹⁵...As it is written: “*How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!*” ¹⁶**But they have not all obeyed the gospel....**

Matthew 6:33 (NKJV) ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

(Seek first to **let Jesus rule in your heart** because it's the only way you can be right with God.)

Perfect example: Jesus in Gethsemane

Luke 22:41-44 (NKJV) ⁴¹And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed, ⁴²saying, “Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless **not My will, but Yours, be done.**” ⁴³Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. ⁴⁴And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

Hebrews 5:7-9 (NKJV) ⁷who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, ⁸though He was a Son, **yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.** ⁹**And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,**

III. Enter the Kingdom By Submitting to the King

The Great Commission –

Luke 24:46-47 (NKJV) ⁴⁶Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, [£]and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Mark 16:15-16 (NKJV) ¹⁵And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

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The Jews on Pentecost –

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The Ethiopian Treasurer –

Acts 8:34-39 (NKJV) ³⁴So the eunuch answered Philip and said, “I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?” ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. ³⁶Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, “See, *here is* water. What hinders me from being baptized?” ^{37£}Then Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.” And he answered and said, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.” ³⁸So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. ³⁹Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing.

Saul of Tarsus –

Acts 9:9-12 (NKJV) ⁹And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank. ¹⁰Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” ¹¹So the Lord *said* to him, “Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for *one* called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. ¹²And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting *his* hand on him, so that he might receive his sight.”

Acts 22:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.’

The Philippian Jailer –

Acts 16:29-34 (NKJV) ²⁹Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰And he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹So they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.” ³²Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³And he took them the same hour of the night and washed *their* stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. ³⁴Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.