

## MISSION WEEK

REV. 21:5

### **YOUR KINGDOM COME**

This is the 2nd petition in the Prayer. Jesus After introducing God to us as Father, having revealed Him in his rightful place by hallowing His Name, Having recognized the awesomeness, the trusted form of perfection and the connection by a father-child relationship, he introduces us to the concept of "Your kingdom come"

What comes to mind when this is said?

Some think it is heaven

What is heaven? Describe something Heavenly?

The kingdom of heaven!

### **What does Kingdom mean?**

Its original idea started in the OT. God's intention with the nation of Israel was to make it his nation. Where he would be their king and they would be his people. Their God, his people. This was in light of what he was planning to do with this Kingdom. To bless all people tribes, tongues and nations; To bring all mankind under the ruler-ship of the sovereign God, the ancient of days.

Following through with the promise God gave Abraham, "I will make you a great nation", in Gen 12, God establishes a nation in slavery, then rescues it and has a covenant with them on Mt. Sinai.

In Deut. 8, Moses commands the nation *never to forget the Lord*, their God. In the preceding chapters, He prepares them to take over the Land He is about to show them, to destroy all that live there. Not on the account of righteousness of the Israelites, but on the account of the wickedness of those tribes. God was cleaning the evil in the land by bringing in a Holy nation following his directives, his plan and his purpose(Chapter 9).

This begins to paint a picture of what the Kingdom of God is meant to do. Eradicate evil. Establish a reign where evil and all that it represents is fought against and destroyed once and for all. Ushering in a perfect rule with no flaw or wrinkle

Malkuth (-hebrew) and basileia (Greek) means rank, authority and sovereignty exercised by a King.

George Eldon, a professor of New Testament says "we see the primary meaning of the word "kingdom" as describing a king's rule.

He goes on to point to God's kingdom.

## **God's kingdom**

This therefore refers to God's reign, rule and sovereignty.

*Psalms 103: 19 says "the Lord has established His throne in the heavens and His kingdom rules over all"*

*"Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom.." Ps. 145:13*

1. God's rule, reign and sovereignty lasts forever
2. Where(place) His rule, reign and sovereignty is established may not always be.... (it may not last) But his Kingdom, his power lasts forever and is most assured.
3. The kingdom of God is not a place or a people. It is God's reign.

I have often made a daunting statement. And I made it after studying revelations.

**I'd rather be in Hell where God is, than in "Heaven" where he isn't.**

What makes Heaven, Heaven is God alone. His reign, his rule, his sovereignty!

I'd rather remain in luck, I'd rather remain hungry, I'd rather suffer loss With Him as my king,  
than sit with kings in high and lofty places, eat to my fill, and suffer no apparent loss but not have Him.

"What does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and loose His soul," Jesus said.

The coming of God's kingdom as prophesied by the ancient prophets was a fore shadow of the real thing. Their understanding was a political reign by a Messiah, a descendant of David that will rule for whole world, with Israel at the helm. The king would have the government of the world on his shoulders and his Kingdom would have no end.

## **Reflection:**

The Israelites at the time Jesus lived expected dominion, power and influence exercised directly and forcibly by the prophesied Messiah.

Could it be that when we are asking for God's kingdom to be established, we are seeking for dominion and power? We are seeking for influence and authority... Besides, "we were meant to have dominion over the earth"

Could it be that our prayers have been misdirected to desire for more of what can make us feel less powerless over our situation... Over the daunting reality of poverty, sickness, even and especially the finality of death. !

Think about you personal prayers and petitions to the Lord?

Think about your understanding of faith and what role it plays in the events of your life... In God coming through for you!?

Think about how many times you have felt you don't have enough faith and so you seek to have faith to heal the sick, bring power and influence into the physical realm that usually is only a reality in the spirit.

If it doesn't work, then some just stay in the spirit and operate in the spirit, and see things in the spirit and appeal to people to see them and recognize they are in the spirit, performing wonders in the spirit, tearing down strong holds, bringing down the enemy, and coming off as victors in the spirit.

**Illustration:** There was a time during the phaneroo craze when an s6 vaccist told me that they have enough faith to walk through the wall...

These loose sight of the reality of pain and suffering as part of the human package as we break through to see His kingdom come.

### **The Kingdom of God today**

Jesus made the mystery of the Kingdom clear. What was unknown and hidden from the prophets was revealed in Jesus.

Paul said, in Rom. 16 that *"to Him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and preaching of Jesus Christ according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret for long ages, but is now disclosed and through the prophetic writings, is made known to all nations.... "*

The Mystery is revealed in Jesus. He is the image of the invisible God.

He is the king of Kings. Lord of Lords. And through Him, a new era, a reign, rule and sovereignty has began.

How then must our attitude be? Who will and who will not be part of the kingdom?

1. Evil doers will not inherit the kingdom. Their hearts are run by a different law. God isn't reigning, ruling or sovereign in their lives.... These will perish in their selfish desire where, self, the world and the devil are the gods.

*Or do you not know that **wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God**? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men*

*nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers **will inherit the kingdom of God.***

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

2. To be in the kingdom of God, one must **be humble** and trust in God's reign and final. No matter what. Just Coming to God because He is.

He is Father, He is Holy and therefore I want to be apart of His reign, heed rule, and submit to his sovereignty.

It demands humility for and complete trust in this God that calls us his own.

*But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, **for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.** Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."*

Luke 18:16-17 NIV

Innocent, complete and carefree trust ...

Knowing that it's only He who makes life worth living... Whether in plenty or in lack, whether in pain or in power, whether in shame or in fame,.... He makes all things beautiful just by being in all things.... He is all things .

Which leads us to the third petition ;

### **Your will be done.**

I have heard people claim that this is usually a marker of faithless people. You don't say let your will be done. You tell God what you want and you believe in your heart, and God will bring it to pass. This is humanism , imperialism, and narcissism all jumbled up under the banner of the Christian faith.

A misrepresentation of our faith!

Faith is not “believing God for something” until you get it.... That way , it becomes ideal to live by...

Faith is believing God.... Period. That way , it becomes the lifeline to live through

Jesus not only taught that we must allow for His will, to be done in light **of His kingdom, His Name** and **His relationship** with us,.. But he lived it out to the end.

He said " *Do not believe me unless **I do the works of my Father.***

John 10:37NIV

*For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but **to do the will of him who sent me.***

John 6:38 NIV

He submitted to His will. And challenged us to do the same... *“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but **only the one who does the will of my Father** who is in heaven.*

Matthew 7:21 NIV

In the darkest hour where he could have summoned the angels and re-written history, where he could have chosen to walk away and still not be perfect. What he was about to face, no god ever could, no deity ever did, no ideal ever tried ...

As he faced the dire need for man's Salvation against the brutality of his reality and in that moment, with at most humility, he said, *““Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.”*

Luke 22:42 NIV

Jesus preached the coming of God's kingdom in the hearts of men...

He was willing to do and be whatever it took to see this mission accomplished.

### **Our sure Hope.**

We now have a sure hope in the Kingdom of God which is now at hand and will fully be established when (as in Matt.24) the gospel of the Lord and his kingdom has been preached to all peoples in all the earth. Then the kingdom will come fully.

The Hope of His reign, his rule and His Sovereignty is established in the redemptive work of God through the Salvation story of the bible.

The pain and suffering Jesus underwent, the pain and suffering Paul joyfully shares with our Lord, is nothing compared to the Glory of God revealed in the hearts of those that let His kingdom come, and His will be done.

This is how we fight against evil. God's reign, God's rule, God's sovereignty in our hearts and our lives.

### **God's kingdom and Will**

We are most certain of His kingdom and His will when we are most willing to have him reign and rule.

Remember, prayer isn't doing God a favour, prayer isn't involving him in our affairs... It is not inviting God into the affairs of Man. Let's not get it twisted by our depraved self-absorbed notions of grandeur... He is sovereign He rules over everything.

Prayer is an open invitation the sovereign God has established for us to be witnesses and experience the greatest of all of life. Himself.

Prayer is joining God..this eternal immortal indescribable and incomparable God and participating with Him in His will to let His kingdom Come.

Conclude

We can do nothing to expedite his kingdom or delay it.

It is coming. We do him no favours by praying fervently. It changes nothing on his side. His will and his kingdom will come.

### ***This is our Hope***

*Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.*

Revelation 21:1-7 NIV

<https://bible.com/bible/111/rev.21.1-7.NIV>

Let's pray...

That we will make our minds up to see His kingdom come....

His will be done. No matter the cost.

This is the true power of a Christian.

God's reign, God's rule, God's sovereignty.

To live is For Christ. To die is Gain.