A PATTERN FOR DISCIPLES TO PRAY

Lesson Three – Matthew 6:10

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done

Why are we studying the Lord's Prayer?

THINK: Is God satisfied with the way I pray?

Thy Kingdom come.

- "kingdom" Greek is *basileia*
 - Sovereignty
 - Royal Power
 - Dominion
 - The emphasis is upon the "reign."

Basileia

A prayer for the coming millennial kingdom. (Revelation 20:4)

The millennium will blend into God's eternal kingdom. – John MacArthur

Thy Kingdom come.

A kingdom requires a king.

Psalms 10:16

Psalms 103:19

Authority – Realm – Subjects

How do you define the Kingdom of God?

William Barclay – Parallelism in the text The second line explains, amplifies, and defines the first line.

'Thy kingdom come, is defined by 'Thy will be done.'

Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done

The Kingdom of God is a society upon earth where God's will is as perfectly done as it is in heaven.

To be in the kingdom demands obeying the will of God.

Jesus conveyed the same truth in Matthew 7:21

Thy Kingdom come.

Differing interpretations –

- Christ's Second Coming
- A call to Social Action
- Reaching lost souls

Kingdom of God / Heaven

Terms are used interchangeably

- Matthew uses Kingdom of Heaven
- Mark and Luke use Kingdom of God

Kingdom - A significant topic

- √ 49 occurrences in Matthew
- √ 16 occurrences in Mark
- √ 38 occurrences in Luke
- **√ 103 Total Gospel Occurrences**

Kingdom Personified

During the first advent, Jesus brought the kingdom within Himself.

Matthew 4:17 "repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Kingdom Personalized

- A. REPENTANCE
- B. COMMITMENT Luke 9:62
- C. SUPREME PURSUIT Matt. 6:33
- D. PROFOUND DEPENDENCE Matt.5:3

ONE MORE THOUGHT

What ultimately brings man face to face with God's eternal kingdom?

- Death
- Tragedy

"Thy will be done"

> What is God's will?

> Can God's will be known?

3 Senses of "will."

From John Broadus' commentary on Matthew

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- 1. God's will of PURPOSE.
- 2. God's will of **DESIRE**.
- 3. God's will of COMMAND.

"Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

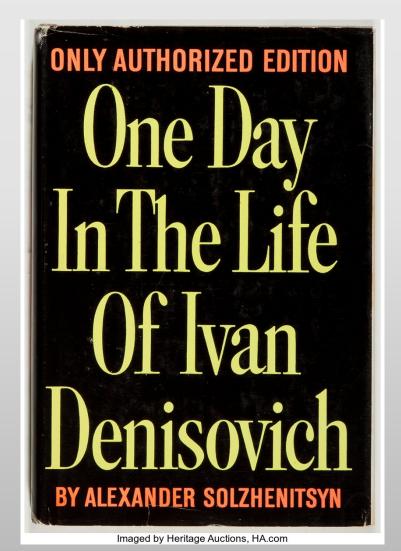
"This is a fearful prayer. If people realized what they were praying, their words would get stuck in their throats!" – Martin Luther

"Thy will be done"

It's a matter of Surrender, Submission.

"Lord, take me; break me; mold me; make me into what you want me to be."

"Prayer is laying hold of God's willingness."



"I do not pray to get out of prison, but to do the will of God."

PRAYING - "Thy will be done."

- 1. His will becomes my supreme desire.
- 2. Our obedience will reveal "as it is in heaven." [Rom. 12:2] good, acceptable, and perfect

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Doing God's will

- requires knowing God's will
- requires pursuing God's will

Romans 10:17 – The Word of God

ALL I EVER WANT TO BE

All I ever want to be Is what you want of me, Lord I give my life to You. And all my hopes and dreams and plans I place within Your hands Lord And give my life to You