

**Revelation 7; Lord's Day 52**  
**THE FOUNDATION AND GOAL OF PRAYER**

- I. The wonderful meaning.
  - A. To say that our heavenly Father has the "kingdom" is to say that He has all authority.
  - B. Also our heavenly Father has the "power," i.e. the ability to implement His authority and enforce His will.
  - C. And He is alone worthy of the praise: "the glory."
- II. That our Father possesses all authority, power, and glory serves:
  - A. As the foundation for this prayer and for all of our prayers.
    - 1. This implies that we do not ask for whatever we want because we know our heavenly Father - Who He is and What He is.
    - 2. With this conclusion we are assured that God can, does, and will answer our prayer.
  - B. As the goal for our prayers and for our life: this conclusion serves as the motive for our life and walk on this earth.
    - 1. This is what we will be doing eternally in glory (Rev. 7:12).
    - 2. We seek ever to have our motivation be the desire to serve and glorify God in gratitude.
- III. "Amen" expresses our confidence in praying this prayer (and all our prayers).
  - A. "Amen" is a transliterated Hebrew word into Greek and then into English which means, "certain" or "true."
  - B. "Amen" is a sign and seal to God that we prayed sincerely.
  - C. And "amen" is a sign and seal to us; it is a declaration of assurance that God will certainly hear and answer.