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Matthew 6:10

**We left off (this morning) with “Hallowed be thy Name”**

“Hallowed be thy Name”; or hallowed be the Person and Character, to include all the Attributes of God! Understand that the Names of God, as written in the Holy Scriptures are NOT just titles, (like our names are for us); they describe His Person and Character.

So when you say, hallowed be thy Name, what you are in effect saying is, hallowed by the Person of God! God’s Names contain ALL that is true of Him! Consider some of God’s Names:

Elohim: One of God’s most common Names: The God of strength and power. El Elyon: The Most High God; Adonai: Lord, Master; El Shaddai: God Almighty.

Jehovah: The Self-Existent One; and then, I am that I am, the eternally Self-Existent One.

Jehovah-Jireh: The Lord will provide; Jehovah-Rapha: The Lord healeth; Jehovah-Nissi: The Lord our banner; Jehovah-Shalom: The Lord our peace; Jehovah-Ra-ah: Jehovah our shepherd; Jehovah-Tsidkenu: The Lord our righteousness.

We left off this morning, with the beginning of the model or pattern of how our Lord teaching us to pray. The first order of business....reverently coming into the presence of the Person of God the Father.

“Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name”

**Text: Matthew 6:10: “Thy Kingdom come”**

When I consider, Thy Kingdom come; I think of Revelation 22:20:

“He that testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus”

We ALL pray for the coming of Christ’s Kingdom! What we are praying is: Let thy Kingdom come now, let thy reign come!

We do groan within ourselves (with great expectation) as we look for the eternal Kingdom of Christ to come, don’t we?

But at the present, we live in the realm of another kingdom; Satan’s kingdom; he is the god of this world. As God is our Father, Satan is father to all who reject Christ, and the message of His Kingdom! John 8:42-44

Yes, we long for that day when Satan will be cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, where they shall be tormented day and night forever and ever. Revelation 20:10

We long for that day when Satan's kingdom shall be no more!

2 Peter 3:9-18, Romans 8:18-23, 1 John 3:1-3

**When Jesus walked upon the earth, in the days of His flesh, the people of Israel had long waited for their Messiah and King to come and save them, (so they thought) from their earthly enemies, (Rome).**

But Jesus did not come to save them from the reign of the Caesars, He came to save them from the reign and captivity of Satan and from the dominion and power of their sins; to set up His Kingdom in their hearts!

The talk of Kingdoms was not a foreign concept for the people of Jesus' day to hear; so, when they heard Jesus teaching them to pray, "Thy Kingdom Come", what did they think? They looked for a Davidic type Messiah and King to come and conquer the Romans and return Israel to power!

Matthew 3:2: The message of John the Baptist, the forerunner of Jesus was: "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand"

What that meant was, get ready, the King is about to arrive! When Jesus began to preach, His message was no different than John's.

Matthew 4:17: "From that time, (the beginning of His public ministry) Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand"

When Jesus sent out His apostles to preach, He commanded them:

"And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand"

**Let us consider a few aspects of God's Kingdom for which we pray:**

To say the Kingdom of God or Kingdom of Heaven is the same as saying, the Reign and Rule of God the King, or the Reign and Rule of Christ the King. John the Baptist, the Lord Jesus, and His Apostles PREACHED the Kingdom of God is "at hand", which implies that it had not yet fully come. At hand means, it approaches and draws nigh!

Let me show you something in Luke 11:14-23

Jesus came to set up His Kingdom, right smack dab in the middle of the world, Satan's kingdom. The Kingdom of God IN THE WORLD is the church of Jesus Christ; it is STILL growing. Matthew 11:12, Luke 16:16

Matthew 16:13-19, Psalm 23:5

**The Pharisees DEMANDED Christ to tell them WHEN the Kingdom of God would come? Luke 17:20-21**

So when we pray, "Thy Kingdom Come"; not only we praying that God's eternal kingdom would come, but also that God would EXPAND the borders of His Kingdom in the hearts of sinners in the world, who turn from their sins and from Satan to Christ in repentance and faith!

Colossians 1:13-14

We OUGHT TO PRAY that God would EXPAND and ENLARGE His Kingdom in the world, His Church!

Genesis 9:27, Isaiah 9:6-7, Daniel 2:44-45, Matthew 13:31-33, Acts 6:7, 12:24, 19:13-20

THY KINGDOM COME: Enlarge your Kingdom, Oh God, in the hearts of sinners all around us as we spread the gospel of the Kingdom of Christ!

**THY KINGDOM COME:**

EVERY DAY in the world, Jesus is going forth conquering and to conquer; He is setting up His Kingdom in the hearts of sinners who turn from their sins to Christ!

THY KINGDOM COME: We also wait and expect that Jesus will come, as promised, and bring us home to forever be with the Lord! Comfort one another with these words.