

Three Good Reasons (Matt 6:13)

The Textual Problem

“And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen!” (2Ti 4:18). “Blessed are You, LORD God of Israel, our Father, forever and ever. Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, *the power and the glory*, the victory and the majesty; for all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; *Yours is the kingdom*, O LORD” (1Ch 29:10-11).

Introduction: ‘For...’ - Arguing with God?

“Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked? ... Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?” (Gen 18:23-25, see Exod 32:11-12). “Do not delay *for Your own sake*, my God, *for Your city and Your people* are called by Your name” (see Dan 9:15-19)

‘...Yours...’ - Arguments in prayer are usually God-centered

“Help us, O LORD our God, for we rest on You, and in Your name we go against this multitude. O LORD, You are our God; do not let man prevail against You!” (2Chron 14:11).

a. ‘Yours is the Kingdom’

“The kingdoms of this world are the rightful property of our God and father and of his Christ” (J. C. Ryle, *Expository Thoughts on the Gospels*).

b. ‘Yours is the Power’

“They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, *and talk of Your power*” (Ps 145:11).

c. ‘Yours is the Glory’

“For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea” (Hab 2:14). “Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me” (Ps. 50:15).

“O LORD God of our fathers, are You not God in heaven, and do You not rule over all the kingdoms of the nations, and in Your hand is there not power and might, so that no one is able to withstand You? ... For we have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon You” (2Chron 20:6-12).

Conclusion: Amen

“We are selfishly running after God’s blessings without running after him. We are even worse than the man who wants his wife’s services—someone to come home to, someone to cook and clean, someone to sleep with—without ever making the effort really know and love his wife and discover what she wants and needs; we are worse than such a man, I say, because God is more than any wife, more than the best of wives: he is perfect in his love, he has made us for himself, and we are answerable to him” (Carson, *Spiritual Reformation*, p. 16).