

## **"THY KINGDOM COME"**

### **Matthew 6:10**

**Introduction:** This petition is the most magnificent blessing the world can ever receive. It is asking for Christ to be active, effective and triumphant in every area of our lives.

What would happen to us if this prayer was answered in our own lives? What effect on our attitudes, actions, ambitions? We are asking that all oppression be removed, that corruption be destroyed, inwardly as well as outwardly, that truth and righteousness be supreme in all forms of leadership from our national government down to the personal life.

There are almost a billion people who can say this prayer and so on a short time, 15 seconds and a large congregation can do it in 30 seconds, YET Jesus spent all night praying this prayer.

Thousands know how to say this prayer, but few have ever learned HOW TO PRAY IT.

### **I. JESUS SPEAKS ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

1. At age 12, Jesus first mentions the Father's business: ("I must be about my Father's business").
2. At age 30 Jesus locked His carpenter shop door for the last time and began to "be about His Father's business." His first sermon was "The kingdom of Heaven is at hand." (Mt. 4:17)
3. On every occasion, Jesus taught His disciples about God's Kingdom.

### **II. GOD IS ON A THRONE IN HIS KINGDOM**

1. Jesus wants us to realize that God, our Father, occupies THE throne of the Universe. Before getting to the kingdom, Jesus showed us that the God of the Universe is high, holy, sovereign, and supreme, but He is also our Heavenly Father.
2. Men have the wrong ideas about God, warped opinions, ONLY a sovereign Lord, the creator, ruler of earth, serving Him would be like slave labor, don't want to submit to anyone mightier than themselves, service to God is blind, fate, and painful.
3. Lost or carnal people cannot grasp the "Fatherhood" of God or the attitude or relationship of Family.
4. Knowing of a new birth, a new nature, a new attitude, a delight to serve the Lord is alien to the world.
5. Jesus wants us to pray for God's ways to be done on earth.

### **III. GOD'S KINGDOM IS NOW**

1. The Bible speaks of God's Kingdom of being past, a reality of today and a coming thing in the future.
  - God has been working in the past to bring about His rule among men.
  - God is leading people today to accept His will for their lives.
  - There will come a day, perhaps very soon, when God's rule will be done on earth as it is now being done in heaven.
2. To pray for God's kingdom to come is:
  - an evangelistic petition, we are asking for salvation for those around us.
  - a missionary petition, we are asking for salvation for a lost world.
  - a dedicatory petition, we are pledging cooperation with God's will for our own individual lives.
3. We cannot pray this prayer and refuse to let God's will be done in our own life!

### **CONCLUSION:**

1. This is a petition that should be made constantly.
2. This is a petition that should be made daily.
3. This is a petition that all of us should pray now.