

Matthew 6:10: Your kingdom come

Intro: Jesus spoke about the Kingdom of God or the Kingdom of heaven or the Kingdom more than any other single topic. Around 50 times the word “Kingdom” is used in Matthew alone. Many parables about the Kingdom.

- **Matthew 3:1-2:** In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
- **Matthew 4:17:** From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
- **Matthew 26:29:** I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.
- **Luke 23:42:** And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."
- **Luke 23:50-51:** Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God.

1. What Is The Kingdom Of God?

Goldsworthy: God's people, in God's place, under God's rule and blessing.

The Garden Eden: Adam rejected God as King! **GOSPEL!**

Israel: Judges 21:25: In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

Israel Rejected God as King: 1 Samuel 8:7: And the LORD said to Samuel, “Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them.”

All Of Israel's Kings failed: They all failed to be the king we need!

Isaiah 9:6-7: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; & the government shall be upon his shoulder, & his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government & of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David & over his kingdom, to establish it & to uphold it with justice & with righteousness from this time forth & forevermore.

Jesus comes: He is the King we need! He comes and says “the Kingdom is at hand!”

Jesus is bringing in the fulfillment of the kingdom of God where God's people are submissive under God's rule.

- **Matthew 21:5:** Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden. (Zechariah 9:9)

- **Luke 17:21:** for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.

Kevin DeYoung and Greg Gilbert’s Book: *What is the Mission of the Church?*

a. In this present time, we focus on the Kingdom of God as God's reign or rule over us, rather than focusing on a particular place:

When Jesus came and spoke about the Kingdom, He’s saying: “the reign or rule of God is here as never before!”

b. The Kingdom of God is God's redemptive reign over His people, not His general reign over all things: God does indeed reign over everything in the whole universe!

- **Psalms 47:2-3:** For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth. He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

- **Proverbs 21:1:** The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; he turns it wherever he will.

- **Matt. 10:29:** Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? & not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will.

- **Eph. 1:11:** predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will

Redemptive Reign: Luke 18:17: whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.

1 Corinthians 6:9: Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?

c. The Kingdom of God is the reign of the Messiah – Jesus: 2 Samuel 7:12-13: When your days are fulfilled & you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, & I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, & I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

- **Col. 1:13:** He has delivered us from the domain of darkness & transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son

- **John 18:36:** Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world . . .”

d. The Kingdom of God involves the age to come breaking into the present age: Gilbert: God's kingdom has already broken into this world but has not yet been fully realized.

In this age we have God's Holy Spirit; we are new creations in Christ; we are in union with our dear Savior Jesus Christ!; We have a certain, unshakable hope that we will receive “an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for us” (1 Peter 1:4).

But there is an age to come! There is still suffering here, sin here, death here, trials here, hardships here!

Soon it will all be no more! Revelation 21:3-4: And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

e. The Kingdom of God is manifested in this present age in the Church: The Kingdom of God is not to be equated with the church, but they are very similar – there's overlap.

- **D. A. Carson:** Jesus' “church” is not the same as his “kingdom:” the two words belong to different concepts, the one to “people” and the other to “rule” or “reign.” But neither must they be opposed to each other, as if both cannot occupy the same place in time. The messianic reign is calling out the messianic people. The kingdom has been inaugurated; the people are being gathered . . . "The implication is inescapable that, in the establishment of the church, there was to be a manifestation of the kingdom or rule of God" (Stonehouse).

- **Gilbert:** the church acts as a sort of embassy for the government of the King. It is an outpost of the kingdom of God surrounded by the kingdom of darkness. And just as the embassy of a nation is meant, at least in part, to showcase the life of that nation to the surrounding people, so the church is meant to manifest the life of the kingdom of God to the world around it.

Ephesians 3:10: through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

f. It's God's Kingdom: Luke 1:32-33: He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.

America is temporary! Proverbs 14:34: Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.

2. What Does It Mean For Us To Pray To Our Father “Your Kingdom Come!”?

WLC 191: What do we pray for in the second petition? **A.** In the second petition (which is, Thy kingdom come) acknowledging ourselves and all mankind to be by nature under the dominion of sin and Satan, we pray, that the kingdom of sin and Satan may be destroyed, the gospel propagated throughout the world, the Jews called,

the fullness of the Gentiles brought in; the church furnished with all gospel-officers and ordinances, purged from corruption, countenanced [approved of by] and maintained by the civil magistrate: that the ordinances of Christ may be purely dispensed, and made effectual to the converting of those that are yet in their sins, and the confirming, comforting, and building up of those that are already converted: that Christ would rule in our hearts here, and hasten the time of his second coming, and our reigning with him for ever: and that he would be pleased so to exercise the kingdom of his power in all the world, as may best conduce to these ends.

a. Acknowledging ourselves and all mankind to be by nature under the dominion of sin and Satan:

- **Ephesians 2:1-2:** And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience
- **Romans 6:20:** When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.
- **1 John 3:10:** By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

b. We pray, that the kingdom of sin and Satan may be destroyed: “Your Kingdom come!” Is an imprecatory prayer!

Revelation 12:10: And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

This prayer is praying for an end to all idolatry and false religion, an end to blasphemy of God’s name, abortion, racism, slavery, murder, sexual assault, child abuse, poverty; an end to all sin, and an end to all death!

c. We pray, that the gospel will be spread throughout the world, the Jews called, the fullness of the Gentiles brought in: “Your Kingdom come!” is a prayer for missions to be fruitful throughout the world! Unreached saved!

- **2 Thess. 3:1:** pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you
- **Psalm 67:4:** Let the nations be glad and sing for joy

d. We pray, that the church will be furnished with all gospel-officers and ordinances, purged from corruption, countenanced [approved of by] and maintained by [supported by] the civil magistrate: “Your Kingdom come!” is a prayer for the church to have elders/pastors/bishops/overseers/shepherds and deacons who are Biblically qualified and faithful; that the church’s teaching would be biblical and faithful; that churches would be biblical and faithful; and that the civil government would approve of and support the work of the church.

1 Timothy 2:1-2: I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, & thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings & all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful & quiet life, godly & dignified in every way.

e. We pray, that the ordinances of Christ may be purely dispensed, and made effectual to the converting of those that are yet in their sins: “Your Kingdom come!” is a prayer for evangelism to happen and to be fruitful. May we put legs on our prayers and share the Gospel with lost sinners!

Matthew 28:18-20: All authority in heaven & on earth has been given to me. Go therefore & make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father & of the Son & of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. & behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

f. We pray, for the confirming, comforting, and building up of those that are already converted: “Your Kingdom come!” is a prayer for discipleship – helping others grow in their relationship with Jesus! Put legs on your prayers! Be deliberate in intentional about reaching out to others and help them grow in Christ.

g. We pray, that Christ would rule in our hearts here: “Your Kingdom come!” is a prayer for Christ and His Father to rule and reign more and more in our hearts!

Ephesians 3:14-21: For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith - that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

h. We pray, that our Father would hasten the time of Christ’s second coming, & our reigning with him forever: “Your Kingdom Come!” is a prayer for Jesus to come back!

- **Revelation 19:11-16:** Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. ¹² His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. ¹³ He is clothed in a robe dipped in¹ blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. ¹⁵ From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. ¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

- **Revelation 22:20:** He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

- **2 Timothy 2:11-12:** The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him

i. We pray, that he would be pleased so to exercise the kingdom of his power in all the world, as may best conduce to these ends: “Your Kingdom come” is a prayer for all of this to happen in ways that our Father sees fit and best! Your will be done!

Our Father made all of this possible by not sparing His own Son our horror: Philippians 2:6-11: though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Jesus purchased and won His Kingdom on that cross: J. L. Reynolds: WHEN Christ uttered, in the judgment hall of Pilate, the remarkable words? "I am a king," He pronounced a [truth filled] with unspeakable dignity and power. His enemies might [ridicule] his [assertions] and express their mockery of his claim, by presenting him with a crown of thorns, a reed and a purple robe, and nailing him to the cross; but in the eyes of unfallen [people], he was a king. A higher power presided over that derisive ceremony, and converted it into a real coronation. That crown of thorns was indeed the diadem of empire; that purple robe was the badge of royalty; that fragile reed was the symbol of unbounded power; and that cross the throne of dominion which shall never end.

Jesus Christ Is The King Who’s Come
The Kingdom’s Here He Is The Sum
Yet Still There’s More To Save Us From
Into His image We’ll Become
Christ Died For Evil, Wicked Scum
Then Rose All Sin To Overcome

He Saves From All Our Sinful Slum
By Faith Alone We’re His And Numb
To All The Sin He Saved Us From
Now To His Will With Joy Succumb
As We Await His Kingdom Come!