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Praying for the Kingdom

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Today's Scripture: Matthew 6:9-13

Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples."

In this manner, therefore, pray:

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be Your name.

¹⁰Your kingdom come.

Your will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹Give us this day our daily bread.

¹²And forgive us our debts,

As we forgive our debtors.

¹³And do not lead us into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil one.

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

PRAYING FOR THE KINGDOM HAS IMPACT IN ETERNITY

- When Jesus comes to carry His own to the Father's Kingdom, every promise in the Bible will be fulfilled.

"Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven, from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God." Revelation 21:1-3

“And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of nations. And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.” Revelation 22:1-5

PRAYING FOR THE KINGDOM HAS IMPACT IN THE HERE AND NOW

- “Your kingdom come...on Earth as it is in Heaven.”
- We are praying for God’s kingdom to be very real in the world we live in today
- You are a citizen of one of two kingdoms
 - You can be a citizen of the natural kingdom
 - That Kingdom is the Kingdom of darkness
 - You can be a citizen of the Kingdom of God
 - Citizenship in the Kingdom of God requires a choice to surrender to the Lordship of Christ
- We are commanded to submit anew to the Kingdom of God whenever we pray

PRAYING FOR HIS KINGDOM MEANS PUTTING HIS WILL FIRST

- “...Your will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven.”
- Jesus is our model for constantly seeking to fulfill God’s will through our actions
“O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.” Matthew 26:39

“My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” Matthew 27:46.

- In the Lord’s Prayer, Jesus says we are to actively pray to see the Father’s will fulfilled, in our world and in our lives.
- How do you know you are praying for God’s will to be done?
 - You know if you are closer to the Lord today than you were at this time last year
 - You know if the events you have faced in your life, have brought you closer to the Lord
 - You know if you make a deliberate commitment to know and follow God’s guidance in your life