

Matthew 6:5-13

- ✓ Prayer had degenerated by the time Jesus walked the earth.
 - ✓ Prayer had been commandeered by the legalists, and Jesus was correcting that by giving us this model.
 - ✓ This model prayer is Jesus' answer to the statement, "Don't pray like the hypocrites" **Verse 5**.
 - ✓ Because this is a model or outline, we are taking each phrase apart carefully since each is a heading to a topic that we are supposed to be filling in when we pray.
 - ✓ We start with confidence that we are speaking to our Father. It sets our minds into the correct framework.
 - ✓ Then, our requests are tempered by the first and foremost of them all: "Hallowed be Thy Name."
 - ✓ The next phrase is critical, like all the others, but we tend to pass right over it rather lightly: "Thy kingdom come."
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1. We say it, but do we mean it? Do we know what we are asking when we say it?

- ✓ This request fulfills the first request, because this is how God intends to be hallowed, that His kingdom comes.
 - ✓ God's kingdom is permanent and eternal, and we aren't adding anything to it by saying this prayer just like we aren't adding anything to His glory by saying Hallowed be Thy Name.
 - ✓ **Psalms 29:10; 1 Chronicles 29:11-12**; The absolute sovereignty of God is never in question.
 - ✓ It exists outside of our space and time dimension but will not remain there.
 - ✓ "The Kingdom of God;" The most used phrase in the New Testament: **Luke 4:43; John 18:36** .
 - ✓ It is not of this world, but it is certainly in this world: **Luke 17:21**. A spiritual kingdom that will someday be imposed on this physical plain, in fact that is what you are seeking when you make this request!
 - ✓ Imposed, first in the heart of person praying it, then in the hearts of those we come into contact with, then, finally, it will be culminated in God's global intervention in the second coming of Christ.
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2. Let's start with the end and work backwards: Romans 14:11; Philippians 2:10-11.

- ✓ It is this event that needs to consume us and is the answer to the first request that God's name be hallowed.
 - ✓ This dominates all our other requests and all of our thinking: **Matthew 6:33**.
 - ✓ The first thing you pray and the first thing you do, the thing that dominates your life is this kingdom, **because its coming! Psalm 2:8-9**.
 - ✓ Everything and everyone, every tongue and every knee is inexorably moving toward the reign of Christ.
 - ✓ It **starts with me bending my knee: Romans 10:9-10**.
 - ✓ **"Thy kingdom come;"** It is an imperative in the original Greek, "Bring it God!," **Revelation 22:20** "AMEN, COME".
 - ✓ There is nothing in that about my personal kingdom or my personal agenda.
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Luke 11: Prayer Diagram, Part 3, Thy Kingdom Come

- ✓ **Luke 9:23**; This is what that looks like in my life and your life.
 - ✓ If this isn't you, then the kingdom isn't your priority and, therefore, you are not seeking what Jesus has clearly told you to seek and pray!
 - ✓ **It has a certain effect: Romans 14:17**; This is the kingdom advancing among us.
 - ✓ **It moves from me to those around me, 2 Corinthians 5:19-20.**
 - ✓ So, when we pray your "Your kingdom come" we are also praying a missionary prayer "whatever it takes to reach people" whatever the sacrifice, whatever the price, whatever the cost.
 - ✓ After seeing all the predicted cataclysm of Jesus' second coming in Revelation, John says: **Revelation 22:20** "AMEN, COME."
 - ✓ It's inevitable, **Isaiah 9:6; 9:7.**
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