

# The Lord's Prayer

“Thy Kingdom Come – Thy Will be Done”

River of Life Community Church

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Lord's Prayer - Part 9

# Summary so Far in The Lord's Prayer

- Our Father Who art in Heaven – Acknowledge God and our unique relationship to Him
- Hallowed be Thy Name – Praise the Lord and recount His Covenant and past deeds
  - **Psalm 9: 1-2 NIV**
  - I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart;  
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.  
I will be glad and rejoice in you;  
I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.

# Summary so Far in The Lord's Prayer

➤ Here are TWO key principles that we have learned so far:

1. When we come to God – We approach Him as our Heavenly Father

- A term of endearment – Abba Father (from all the names Jesus could have chosen)
- We don't need to earn His favor – We already have it! Think Prodigal Son!
- As His children – He desires to know us and for us to know Him
- We have His heart and favor because of His love – not our own works

2. We are to remember God's names and covenant with us

- To recount Who He is and all He has done for His people activates our faith!
- This also reminds of the Truth of who He is – We cannot pray contrary to God's person or character!
- There are more names! Whether Hebrew or English!
- Read and pray the Word! Especially the Psalms!

# Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will be Done – Part 1

- Notice the first priority as we begin to petition God!
  - God is concerned about His Kingdom Coming and His will being done!
  - This is His FIRST priority for us in prayer
- Prayer is not about us coming to God to get Him to accept our agenda or list of needs
  - True authority in prayer comes when our hearts and desires align with His will and kingdom

# Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will be Done

➤ **1 John 5:13** I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. **14** This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. **15** And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him. – NIV

# Let's Focus First on: Thy Kingdom Come

## ➤ So, What is “The Kingdom of God”

- Jesus message was about the Kingdom of God (Experience at Akron Springfield)
- **Luke 4:43** but he said to them, “I must preach the good news of the **kingdom of God** to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.” - ESV

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**Isaiah 9:6** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**7** Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end,  
on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this. – ESV

- What do we learn about the Kingdom of God in this key passage?
  1. The Kingdom has a King!
  2. The King is both human, who will be born as a human child

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What do we learn about the Kingdom of God in this key passage?

3. He will also be divine – “Mighty God” “Everlasting Father”
4. The Kingdom will increase for eternity and have no end
5. The King will fulfill the prophecies about King David’s line and will sit on the Throne of David centered in Jerusalem/ Israel – “on the throne of David and over his kingdom”
6. Only hope for true peace on earth will be the establishment of this Kingdom of God –7 “Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end.”
7. This Kingdom will be established in true justice and God’s righteousness
8. The Lord of Hosts (Lord of Heaven’s Armies) assures us that this will happen!



# The Kingdom of God on Earth began with Jesus' Incarnation

- From the moment Jesus came upon this earth – The Kingdom of God began to advance
  - **Matthew 6:33** But seek first the **kingdom of God** and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. – ESV
  - **Matthew 12:28** But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the **kingdom of God** has come upon you. – ESV
  - **Luke 16:16** “The Law and the Prophets were until John; since then the good news of the **kingdom of God** is preached, and everyone forces his way into it. – ESV
  - **Luke 17:20** Being asked by the Pharisees when the **kingdom of God** would come, he answered them, “The **kingdom of God** is not coming in ways that can be observed, <sup>21</sup> nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There!’ for behold, the **kingdom of God** is in the midst of you.” - ESV

# Thy Kingdom Come

- Prayer is first and foremost about establishing God's Kingdom on earth
  - His Kingdom starts in our own hearts and lives first of all
    - Is Jesus the Lord of your heart?
    - We are always growing and in process – but are you humble and teachable seeking what God wants to teach and do in you daily
    - If not, you may be merely religious and not walking as a true child of God!
  - His Kingdom needs to be central in our relationships
  - His Kingdom first in our marriage, our family
  - His Kingdom first in our Church
  - His Kingdom in our business – Does your business operate in God's ways or worldly ways?
  - His Kingdom in our Community . . .etc.

# Response

- **Discussion:** What did God reveal to you today from the Word?  
How will it impact your life?
- **Prayer Focus for House Church:** Pray for the Establishment of God's Kingdom in our lives, our homes, our Church, Our community, Our nation & The nations of this world