

Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will be Done on Earth as it is in Heaven

LESSON 4: LOVING OBEDIENCE

At this point in our model prayer, we have affirmed that God is a Father to us. He reigns in heaven. His name is Holy. Now we look at the part of the Lord's Prayer that should give us hope and assurance. There are two kingdoms referred to here. One is the heavenly realm where God reigns supreme now. The other kingdom on earth dovetails into the heavenly kingdom in the life of Jesus. God's kingdom on earth will not be fully established until the second coming of Jesus when he will reign here.

1. What does Mark 1:14,15 say about the Kingdom of God? Looking at these verses whose appearance marked the fact that the kingdom of God is near? Read Matthew 13:44-46. What does it say about the Kingdom of God?

2. Reading Psalm 2 with a New Testament time frame. God is speaking in verses 1-3 to the kings of the earth. In verse 3 what do the kings of the earth want to do? Who is the King installed by God on Zion? In verses 7-9, the preincarnate Jesus Christ is speaking about what God has said to him. What does he promise? In verses 10-12, God is warning the kings of the earth. What does he say?

3. Read Mark 4:3-20, Mark 10:15,25-27, Matthew 13:24-29 and John 3:3-16. What do these verses say about the kingdom of God?

4. The words “thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven” are revolutionary. What does Matthew 12:17-21 say which quotes Isaiah 42:1-4? Do we see this in Revelation 19:11-19? What event do these verses describe?

5. How do the words “thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven” affect your life? See John 14:23. How does our obedience play a role in God’s will being done “on earth as it is in heaven”?

APPLICATION: Has there been a time in your life when you made a conscious decision to be obedient to God, and you reaped the rewards? Ask our heavenly Father to give you eyes to see the eternal consequences of your obedience to him.

PRAYER: Loving Father, thank you for your Holy Spirit (John 14:25-26). It is a gift. The presence of the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, will guide us in all truth. He will reveal where we have fallen short and will help us to be obedient so we can be all you have called us to be as kingdom builders. May your will be done in each of our lives. We claim the ancient words of Isaiah 30:19b, “How gracious the Lord will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears, he will answer you.... Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, ‘This is the way; walk in it.’” We lift up these words to you in the matchless name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen