

"The Kingdom of the Lord"

Revelation Chapter 11:14-19

- I. The king's dream (Daniel 2).
 - A. Nebuchadnezzar's dream of a colossus statue representing a succession of world empires.
 - B. Daniel interprets the dream as four empires that will all come to an end except for one.
 - 1. God will cause that kingdom.
 - 2. That kingdom will put an end to all future kingdoms.
 - 3. That kingdom will be an eternal kingdom.
 - 4. God will Himself enthrone the king.
- II. The arrival of the eternal kingdom.
 - A. Revelation 11:15-19—the arrival of the final kingdom.
 - B. The seventh trumpet unveils *the Kingdom of our Lord and His Christ*.
 - 1. The seventh trumpet will eventually bring forth the seven bowls judgements.
- III. The transference of kingdoms (V.15).
 - A. One of the most important verses in the Bible—completion of the redemptive message.

The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.

- B. Exchange of ownership—From Satan's Kingdom to *the Kingdom of our Lord and His Christ*.
- C. This kingdom is presented in the present tense—"has come".
 - 1. *Proleptic statement* is when Scripture speaks of a future event as though it has already happened.
 - a. Example—Romans 8:30 "...*He also glorified*" the Christian will not be glorified until death, but is considered by God as already done.

II. The praise and thanksgiving to God the Almighty. (11:16-18)

- A. The 24 elders—Arguably the raptured church of all believers.
- B. The natural response to the supernatural exchange to the eternal kingdom of our Lord would be worship (V.16).
- C. The object of worship— **God the Almighty, who is and who was** and no longer *is to come*, He's here!
- D. The nations are enraged (V.18) See Psalm 2.
 - 1. The nations want a world where there is no God at all.
 - 2. The nations are enraged because they want control.

MAN IS INCAPABLE OF GOVERNING HIMSELF SUCCESSFULLY FOR VERY LONG— Man is doomed to fail from his sin nature.

- 3. The myth of “utopia”— "*ou-topos*" translates to "no place": ***a place that doesn't or cannot exist.***
- 4. The myth of “Christian Nationalism”—please don't leave the church!

THE ONLY KINGDOM THAT WILL MAKE IT IS THE KINGDOM WHERE JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF IS KING!

- 5. The nations are enraged, and God is raging—Who will win? (V.18).
- E. Judgement and wrath (V.18b).
 - 1. Revelation 20:12-13—The Great White Throne of Judgement?
 - 2. Who will be thankful for this wrath?
 - a. **“Those who have been slain because of the word of God”** (6:9-11).
 - 3. In the end—"*God is going to destroy those who destroy the earth.*" (V.18b).

III. The anticipation (V.19).

- A. God is faithful to keep His promises.
 - 1. The ark of the covenant—“Covenant”!
 - 2. Psalm 89.

**For I have said, “Lovingkindness will be built up forever;
In the heavens You will establish Your faithfulness.”**

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Let's talk kingdom...

The king of Babylon had a troubling dream... so troubling he became full of anxiety...**his spirit was troubled and his sleep left him...** King Nebuchadnezzar considered "one of the most powerful rulers ever to appear on the world stage" some 600 years before Christ... conqueror of nations now a dream was bringing him to his knees...

He desperately sought after his sorcerers and soothsayers to have his dream interpreted...all the kings wise men were unable to describe much less interpret the dream...Nebuchadnezzar became very frustrated and threatened to kill all the wise men in Babylon...he went so far as to issue a law to have them all executed...

A Jew named Daniel who had been taken into captivity by the Babylonians intervened and offered to interpret the dream...all this is recorded for us in Daniel chapter 2... Daniel seeks God's help (19) **then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a night vision, then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.**

What was revealed to Daniel was a massive, statue whose parts represented a succession of world empires... kingdoms... listen to what Daniel says to Nebuchadnezzar:

31 "You, O king, were looking, and behold, there was a single great image; that image, which was large and of extraordinary splendor, was rising up in front of you, and its appearance was awesome. 32 The head of that image *was made* of fine gold, its breast and its arms of silver, its belly and its thighs of bronze, 33 its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.

What did that dream mean?... listen to Daniels interpretation:

36" *This was* the dream; now we will say its interpretation before the king. 37 You, O king, are the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, the strength, and the glory (what's missing is the word "forever"!...this kingdom is temporary!);38 and wherever the sons of men inhabit, *or* the beasts of the field, *or* the birds of the sky, He has given *them* into your hand and has made you rule with power over them all. You are the head of gold.

39 But *after you* (every kingdom that has ever existed will have "an after you kingdom") there will arise another kingdom inferior to you, then another third kingdom of bronze, which will rule with power over all the earth.40 Then there will be a fourth kingdom as strong as iron; inasmuch as iron crushes and shatters all things, so, like iron that breaks in pieces, it will

crush and break all these in pieces.⁴¹ Now in that you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron; it will be a divided kingdom; but it will have in it the toughness of iron, inasmuch as you saw the iron mixed with common clay.⁴² And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so some of the kingdom will be strong and part of it will be brittle.⁴³ And in that you saw the iron mixed with common clay; they will combine with one another in the seed of men; but they will not cling to one another, even as iron does not combine with clay.

Now looking back through history...we can see the Bible knows what it is talking about...the kingdoms represented in Nebuchadnezzar's dream are widely interpreted as a succession of major empires that actually ruled the ancient world. The head of gold is understood to symbolize the Babylonian Empire, ruled by Nebuchadnezzar himself.

The chest and arms of silver represent the Medo-Persian Empire, which followed Babylon. The belly and thighs of bronze are generally seen as the Greek Empire established by Alexander the Great.

The legs of iron correspond to the Roman Empire, known for its strength and dominance... Finally, the feet partly of iron and partly of clay are often interpreted as later divided kingdoms—sometimes thought to be a fragmented continuation of the Roman Empire, marked by instability and lack of cohesion.

Many... believe that the clay/iron empire is yet to come: the kingdom of the Antichrist will be a “revived Roman Empire.” We know, according to Revelation 17:12-13, that the Antichrist will lead a coalition of ten nations (the statue's ten toes?). And we know that Christ will defeat the forces of the Antichrist (Revelation 17:14)...all this we are working toward...

As important all those “kingdoms” are to history... and as disturbing that must have been for Nebuchadnezzar to hear...his kingdom would be replaced... the most important part of Nebuchadnezzar's dream is what happens at the end of it...I skipped over verse 34 of the dream:

34 You (Neb.) continued looking until a stone was cut out without hands, and it struck the image on its feet of iron and clay and crushed them.³⁵ Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed all at the same time and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that not a trace of them was found. But the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

What did all that mean Daniel?...

44 And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will cause a kingdom to rise up which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself stand forever.⁴⁵ Inasmuch as you saw that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the

clay, the silver, and the gold, the great God has made known to the king what will happen in the future; so **the dream is certain, and its interpretation is trustworthy."**

A kingdom to end all kingdoms is coming...an eternal kingdom...a kingdom that replaces all the kingdoms of mankind... Christians...including us have been praying for this kingdom for nearly 2000 years...**Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be Thy Name THY KINGDOM COME.**

That kingdom arrives in Revelation 11...the stone that will crush all kingdoms arrives in verse (15) **Then the seventh angel sounded...** remember... we began with seven seals being opened one at a time, and with each of the seals, some of God's judgement and wrath would be released onto the world...

As the seventh seal was opened... the seven trumpet judgements were released... we've made it through six of the trumpet judgements and here in verse 15... the seventh angel blows the seventh trumpet.

Many things happen during the seventh trumpet as we will eventually see...but the worse thing that happens during the seventh trumpet is the release of the seven bowl judgements... but not until chapter 16.

The seven seals, seven trumpets and the seven bowls all reveal what is going to take place during the entire seven year tribulation period... from beginning to end... the difference is the intensity of God's wrath increases as we move to the most severe wrath seen in the seven bowls. If all this is a little confusing... Danny Aiken in his commentary simplified it a bit:

"The seventh seal brings us to the end... the seventh trumpet to the very end... and the seventh bowl to the very, very end." ...we are at the very end on our way to the very, very end! chronologically...last week...we left the two witnesses going up in the clouds to heaven at the middle of the tribulation period... the first 3 ½ years... with the seven bowls released.... We go through the final three ½ years...the worst part of the tribulation called *The Great Tribulation*.

With the seventh trumpet sounding...we are given insight into the future...the final kingdom at the end of the seven years of tribulation...chapter 19

Read chapter 11:15-19

We can divide this short passage...verses 15-19 into three movements:

1. The transference of kingdoms (11:15) an exchange of kingdoms
2. The praise and thanksgiving to God the Almighty. (11:16-18) the proper response
3. The anticipation. (11:19)

1. The transference of kingdoms (11:15)

(15) Then the seventh angel sounded... the seventh trumpet sounded... **and there were loud voices in heaven saying...** I have noticed, and I think I mentioned a few chapters back... everything in heaven is loud...have you noticed?

Back in chapter 1... John hears a **loud voice like a trumpet...**in chapter 4 when John is called up to heaven... it is a **loud voice like a trumpet...**chapter 6 **a voice of thunder...** here are **loud voices...**if you think heaven is going to be all quiet and peaceful... think again!...worship in heaven will be very loud...

What comes next in verse 15 is perhaps the most important verse in understanding the whole Bible... But then... I say that almost every week with every verse don't I?... But this truly is a most important verse...**The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.**

If I were asked to summarize the message of the Bible... it might go something like this:

- God created the universe and man for His glory
- He created man to be in fellowship with Him and to rule, take dominion over the earth. (Genesis 1:26)
- Man through his sin broke fellowship with God and forfeited his dominion over earth, and Satan usurps the title (Genesis 3)
- God sent His Son to pay the penalty of that sin to reunite man in fellowship with Him.
- God and "His Christ" will take dominion away from the evil one and **the Lord and His Christ** will reign forever and ever...with His people... the redeemed in Christ.

The kingdom of the world **has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.**

It **has become the kingdom of the Lord** because it is to be taken away from Satan...an exchange in ownership...right now... it is still Satan's...I got in a "discussion" with one who claims that Satan has been bound since Christ's ascension nearly 2000 years ago... and verse 15 is history... we are now living in that eternal kingdom of Jesus Christ...This view is gaining popularity... I don't see it!

Writing far past the ascension of Jesus, John wrote in 1 John 5:19 **We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.**

Satan is referred to as the "**Prince of this world**" in John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11...**the god of this age** in 2 Corinthians 4:4...**the Prince and power of the air** Ephesians 2:2...it is Satan that is running this world system... that is why Paul tells us to **put on the full armor of God** why?

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, HUMANS but against NON-HUMANS... the rulers, against the authorities, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.... Satan is not bound!...that is why Peter

called him a **roaring lion** in 1 Peter 5:8 **he's roaming around seeking someone to devour**...he must have a very long chain!

This is not to say God is not fully sovereign... Of course He is...God intervenes whenever and however He wants... and He will... that is what we see here throughout Revelation...I don't know if you've noticed.. but I've noticed the world is not getting any better... since Jesus went to the cross until now... nothing has improved in regards to man's wickedness...Satan is not bound...we are not living in the completed kingdom of our Lord now....

This world is under a hostile leadership... it's a mess...but this verse... tells us that in the future... at the end of the tribulation... there is going to be a leadership change... a change of ownership...authority is being transferred.... The world will be under new management!

Ok... why does this verse say that **the kingdom of the world HAS BECOME** past tense...**the kingdom of our Lord** isn't that a problem?... no...the Bible... especially the New Testament uses this tense often... it is called... are you ready?...**a proleptic statement**... a proleptic statement is when Scripture speaks of a future event as though it has already happened, emphasizing the certainty of God's promises.

This is often seen in prophecies and declarations about God's ultimate victory, reminding us that His plan is as good as done, even if we are still waiting to see its fulfillment in our present experience.

Romans 8:30

30 and those whom He predestined, He also called; and those whom He called, He also justified; and those whom He justified, He also glorified.... Are any of us glorified yet?... I don't look glorified... from up here you look good but you don't look glorified...

Believers WILL be glorified when we leave this earth... we're not glorified yet... but it is a done deal... it is certain... as far as God is concerned... we're as good as glorified....what is being celebrated here is the certainty of the future kingdom replacing the current evil one.

How long will this kingdom go on?... Forever...just in case you are confused how long that is.... God adds **and ever...forever and ever!** (He does that so someone won't allegorize it)...*Doesn't the millennial kingdom only last 1000 years?*

Yes... but we will see when we get to the last two chapters... that the 1000 years will give way to the eternal state which will know no end...

Daniel 7:14

14 And to Him was given dominion, glory, and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations, and men of every tongue might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion which will not be taken away; and His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed.

27 Then the reign, the dominion, and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him.'

So trumpet seven ushers in a transference of kingdom ownership... **what should happen after such a magnificent verse?...** everything should erupt in praise and thanksgiving.

2. The praise and thanksgiving to God the Almighty. (11:16-18)

Read verse 16

Who are these twenty-four elders?... remember?...I won't go into the details... go back and listen to chapters 4-5 (July 13 and August 3) and you'll get more details...after the letters to the seven churches in chapters 2-3... there were many similarities with some of the churches and the twenty-four elders...

They were crowned...clothed in white...redeemed...enthroned (angels were never enthroned)... kingdom of priests... so I believe, as many others... that the 24 elders represent the church...where is the church?... can we find the church anywhere in Revelation after chapter 3?... no!

Do we find twenty-four elders mentioned anywhere before chapter 4?... no!... The church was raptured after chapter three and now it is represented by the 24 elders... here they are again...still in heaven sitting on thrones...

Remember what Jesus said *to the churches* back in chapter 3:21?... **He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.**

Both the overcomers in the church... and these 24 elders receive enthronement from God... I think they are one and the same... this verse shows us our destiny with God...we will be enthroned in heaven with Him... we will worship Him!

Back when I preached on chapter 4... I said something like *we will be rewarded with crowns* for our faithfulness to Christ... but then we will cast the crowns... our rewards... to the feet of Christ... then we will spend eternity worshipping Him...

Some of you were honest and remarked "*Is that really what heaven will be like?... God will reward us and then we toss them at Jesus feet... fall down on our faces and worship Him for eternity?...*"

We cannot comprehend how magnificent that will be!... We are too of this world to realize that being in the presence of the Almighty is going to be the greatest pleasure unimaginable to us now...

The 24 elders, representing the redeemed, continually fall before Him in adoration and gratitude, praising Him for His power, His sovereignty, and His marvelous plan of redemption....they fall on their faces....humility towards God and recognizing His greatness...

I read somewhere that ***the gospel is free but worship is expensive***... worship costs something... it costs us being at the center of things... humility costs us our pride... sometimes our desires over His.

Read verse 17

This is a song...a hymn...notice it is a thanksgiving service...a major part of worship is thanksgiving a thanksgiving for what?...here... His taking over the reigning of the world.....and verse 18 for His coming judgement...

Notice it says **...God the Almighty, who is and who was...** is something missing?... Back in chapter 4, the classic passage... **“Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, *and is to come*.’”**

And is to come is missing because after the seventh trumpet sounds... He has come!... not only are they thanking Him for His reign over the world...they thank him for His justice....

Read verse 18

This is at the end of the seven years... we’re getting a peek into the future... note the nations aren’t going to like the judgement of God... **the nations were enraged...** Turn to Psalm 2... this is the background to this... Remember... The Psalms were written over a period of about 1,000 years, from around 1400 BC (time of Moses) to 450 before Christ... incredible prophesy!

Psalm 2:1-6

1 Why do the nations rage and the peoples meditate on a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers take counsel together against Yahweh and against His Anointed, saying,

What are the nations upset about?...they want to create a world that God has no place in at all... Does that sound familiar at all?... why would they want to do that?... because Satan is the ruler remember?

3 “Let us tear their fetters apart and cast away their cords from us!” 4 He who sits in the heavens laughs, the Lord mocks them. 5 Then He speaks to them in His anger and terrifies them in His fury, saying, 6 “But as for Me, I have installed My King Upon Zion, My holy mountain.”

All the nations rage because they want to be in control... they do not want God to be in control...All of those kingdoms in Daniel 2 have passed... gone... **any nation with man as the head has an end date**...why?

MANKIND IS INCAPABLE OF GOVERNING HIMSELF SUCCESSFULLY FOR VERY LONG....man is doomed to fail from his sin nature.

The reason utopia...man's attempt for a perfect kingdom...*eliminate inequity...live communally...live in peace and love...* is not feasible or possible is because man is in it...interesting that the very name "utopia" coined by Sir Thomas Morre in the 1500's...

He had tweaked a couple Greek words to create "utopia" "ou-topos", translating to "*no place*", and it was a play on the word "eu-topos", meaning "*a good place*"....so the guy who coined the word "utopia" to mean this place of absolute peace and happiness literally made it up to mean "nowhere", or *a place that doesn't or cannot exist*.

Maybe it would work if we're all Christian Nationalist...

I've been asked if I'm a Christian nationalist... that's a loaded question... I'm a pastor I must be a Christian nationalist...if you mean I would like everyone in the nation to be a Christian my answer is call me what you want....

And we should go into all the world and preach the gospel...not to make Christian nations but to make disciples for Jesus Christ...God can put them in any nation He likes... but there is a fast growing movement in our country to make the nation Christian.... Nations can't be Christian only people can....

The movement wants a theocracy or a theonomy... to basically legislate Christianity....specifically the Old Testament Law...the problem?...even though under the name of Christ... human men are still the leaders... it's just a *Christian by name utopia*...

If I could assemble all the authors of my 12 or so Revelation commentaries together...these are fine men... smart men... as far as I know godly men... who do not agree on anything regarding Revelation....If I got them all together and said "*thanks for all your ideas on Revelation... I want to challenge you to do something different...make a theocracy*"...*make us a Christian nation*... we would be in a 12 way civil war before the constitution was ever signed.....man will NEVER build a lasting kingdom!

THE ONLY KINGDOM THAT WILL MAKE IT IS THE KINGDOM WHERE JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF IS KING!

18 The nations were enraged and *Your wrath* came...wrath is an interesting Greek word... it is *orge*...it literally means *passion without limits*...**remember I said the church is exempt from divine wrath?**... God's angry passion without limits?... 1 Thessalonians 1:10; Romans 5:9; Revelation 3:10...

The church is absent in verse 18!... I don't care what other Bible teachers say...the church is not appointed unto wrath!... the church... you if you're a Christian will not go through His wrath!... we will have tribulation.... Probably a lot of it... but not His wrath!

So the nations are raging.... And God is raging... who would you rather be with?

It says (18) **and the time came for the dead to be judged...** I think this is what plays out in Revelation 20:12-13...during the millennial reign of Christ... **Then I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.**

13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them, and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds.

Who's going to be thankful for this wrath?... 18b ...to give reward to Your slaves—the prophets and the saints and those who fear your name, the small and the great...

Remember back in chapter 6:9-11... after the fifth seal was opened there were these **“souls of those who have been slain because of the word of God”**...these were those who have been martyred for their faith in Jesus Christ.... What do they say under the alter?

Will You not avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth? When will You judge those who have done this to us?... in 11:18... God is answering their prayer!... the wicked are being judged and the righteous are being rewarded.... There is going to be justice in this world!

We live in a world that hates God... and hating God they hate His people.... You will be/ are hated for your connection to Jesus Christ... it is vital to keep your eyes on His promises and not to compromise from discouragement....keeping your eyes fixed on the present.

And notice the end of verse 18... when the kingdom comes... God is going to **destroy those who destroy the earth**...and all the environmentalists say AMEN!...God is going to destroy those who do not recycle... God is going to destroy those who owns internal combustion automobiles...

God is going to destroy those who are the greatest polluters in the world...the greatest environmental disaster to ever happen in the history of the earth is not Chernobyl... is was not the Exxon Valdez oil spill... (many of you have no idea what I'm talking about! 1989)...

The greatest ecological catastrophe that has ever happened... took place in Genesis 3... yes...Adam's sin contaminated all of us spiritually... but the physical world was irreparably contaminated...

Genesis 3:17

Then to Adam He said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat from it’; **cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you will eat of it all the days of your life. 18 Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; and you will eat the plants of the field;**

Romans 8:19-23

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the anxious longing of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. 20. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. 23 And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.

God will destroy those who destroy the earth...Satan himself?...John 10:10 **The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy...**

3. The anticipation. (11:19)

Read verse 19

This is loud also!... sounds and peals of thunder...earthquake...hailstorm...the heavens are open and what do we see?... the ark of His covenant... sitting in His sanctuary, the temple... I thought the Ark was in a warehouse in Hanger 51!

Why was the ark shown here?... it is the ark of the what?....**covenant**....why is it shown here?... because God has made a promise...and He will never go back on it...God is going to fulfill His word...

God made a covenant and He will fulfill it!... He made a covenant to Abraham...passed on to Isaac and Jacob... down to David and Solomon...all the way to King Jesus... the Ark of the Covenant is a reminder to the Jews and to us of God's promises He will fulfill... through His Son Jesus Christ.

Many have said the Ark of the Covenant is the mark of His covenant...you can count on God to do what He said...Let's look at Psalm 89 and we'll close...

Psalm 89

**1. I will sing of the lovingkindnesses of Yahweh forever;
From generation to generation I will make known Your faithfulness with my mouth.**

2

**For I have said, "Lovingkindness will be built up forever;
In the heavens You will establish Your faithfulness."**

3

**"I have cut a covenant with My chosen;
I have sworn to David My servant,**

4

**I will establish your seed forever
And build up your throne from generation to generation.” Selah.**

**8. O Yahweh God of hosts, who is like You, O mighty Yah?
Your faithfulness also surrounds You.**

**24 My faithfulness and My lovingkindness will be with him, and in My name his horn will
be exalted.**

33

**But I will not break off My lovingkindness from him,
Nor deal falsely in My faithfulness.**

34

**My covenant I will not profane,
Nor will I alter what comes forth from My lips.**

35

**Once I have sworn by My holiness;
I will not lie to David.**

36

**His seed shall endure forever
And his throne as the sun before Me.**

37

**It shall be established forever like the moon,
And the witness in the sky is faithful.” Selah.**

The ark reminds us...God is faithful!...

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**