

V. The Lord's Prayer in Biblical Perspective  
"Petition #2: Thy Kingdom Come"  
Matthew 6:9–16  
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This is the word of God. Matthew 6:5-15.

**5** "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. **6** But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. **7** "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. **8** Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. **9** Pray then like this:

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

**10** Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

**11** Give us this day our daily bread,

**12** and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

**13** And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

*(For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever,  
Amen. – this is omitted in some manuscripts)*

**14** For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, **15** but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

The grass withers and the flower fades, but the Word of God abides forever. May God bless this His Word to the heart of His people.

Who was the preacher sent by God to make ready the way of the Lord? It was John the Baptist. What was his first sermon? It was "repent, for the Kingdom of God is near." Then Jesus comes and He gives His first sermon. His first sermon was "repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand." The study today is on the second petition in the Lord's Prayer which is "Thy Kingdom come." Notice how it says, "Thy Kingdom" and not "Our Kingdom." "Kingdom", what is that? Because Israel did not get the Kingdom right they rejected the King. Did you know that church history has been littered with those who do not understand the purpose of this petition? If the Kingdom is prayed to come what does it mean that it is not yet here at least in its completion? So what was Jesus preaching about when He said, "The Kingdom is at hand"? Over 170 times "the Kingdom of God" or "the Kingdom of heaven" is mentioned and almost all of times occur in the New Testament. What does it mean that Jesus went about preaching "the Kingdom"? What is this "Kingdom" we are to pray will come and what does it look like as it comes?

Since we are learning from Jesus how to build a private prayer life I would like to review what has already been taught. The Lord' Prayer can be used occasionally in worship but it is designed to teach us how to build a private prayer life. Like everything

else in the Christian life the first thing that was taught was that one does not just start living the Christian life. Because we have this instinct to pray the world has already disciplined us in prayer so we have to put off the prayers of vanity. Jesus said “don’t pray like religious hypocrites or superstitious pagans who thinking repeating a lot of phrases are going to get prayer answered. Don’t pray that way.” Put off the prayers of vanity to put on the Prayer of Prayers.

The second thing that was taught was that we need to pray. Many times we are powerless because we are prayerless. And sometimes when we are prayerless we pray meaninglessly. That is why it is said in James 4:2, “*You do not have because you do not ask.*” Then in James 4:3 it says, “*You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly.*” It is wrong purposes and a wrong prayer because it is to consume it upon oneself. So Jesus is saying, “I want you to PRAY, this way.” Do not be prayerless and do not be meaningless. “PRAY, this way...”

The third thing that was taught had to do with the first section of the Lord’s Prayer and it was the invocation of adoration. When we come into God’s presence, we can say “Our Father who art in heaven.” It is a family prayer. Do not pray like an orphan or a criminal but one prays as a son or a daughter, “Our Father.” One prays to their Father in heaven which is not His location but it is His exaltation. So one comes with familiarity, “Abba Father” but one also comes with reverence saying, “Our Father in heaven.”

The fourth thing that was taught was that the number one prayer request that governs every other prayer request is “Hallowed be Thy Name.” The number one request is that God will be honored throughout all the earth; in my thoughts, my words, my deeds, my life, my action and wherever I go I will bring the honor of Your Name. Now comes the next lesson in learning to pray. If one is praying for God’s name to be hallowed, the best way for His name to be revered, honored and praised is for the Kingdom to come.

When the Kingdom comes God will be glorified. Do we not want the praise of God to cover the earth, as the water covers the sea and from the rising to the setting of the sun? Yet everyone in this world is trapped in the kingdom of this world, the kingdom of darkness. They will not praise the Lord. They exchange the truth of God and His glory for serving creation and idols. So how can the praise of God move throughout the earth? It can move throughout the earth, only if the Kingdom comes and men and women are transferred from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light. So the way that God’s name is honored is for God’s Kingdom to come, be built and expand. So we need to understand that Kingdom and what it means for it to come.

The second petition, “Thy Kingdom come” spreads the Kingdom of grace and destroys the kingdom of darkness wherever it goes because the Kingdom of God is the Kingdom of Light. Wherever light comes darkness has to flee. If one wants the kingdom of Satan to disappear which is blasphemy, degradation, sexual perversion, injustice, racism to name a few, then it is not therapy it is the Kingdom. When the Kingdom comes and translates and transforms people then it begins to transform every place that it goes. We want God’s praise and the Kingdom to come. So here are five quick things for one to understand this.

Here is the first one. When the Bible uses the phrase “Kingdom of God” it is actually referring to two different things. The first thing is the Kingdom of God that is

assumed in the Bible by virtue of creation. God made everything, the heavens and the earth so when one says, "God in the heavens" then one is saying, "God the King" and that God rules over His creation. How does He rule? This is called Providence. God works in and through all things throughout His creation. He governs the angels and Satan is God's Satan. Satan cannot do more than God allows him to do. Satan is not a bad God and God is a good God. Satan is no God. He is a fallen angel. God is sovereign over all and God is the King over His creation. Then He made us in His image to be His vice regent over this creation. He made man, male and female, in His image to govern the creation that He rules over by His Providence.

There are many examples of this in the Bible. Here is one. The first hymn book for us to give glory to God as Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer is the Psalms. This is the kingdom of God's glory as Creator that He rules over by Providence given in Psalm 103:19; "*The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.*" The King is God by virtue of creation through His Providence and He rules over all. Do men and women recognize God as King? No because we want to be king. Adam and Eve were made to be vice regents but they decided they wanted to be king. Satan tells them, "If you eat from this tree you can be like God." So they believed a lie and disobeyed the King. Sin is cosmic treason against the King. After Adam and Eve did that all of humanity comes with a sin record and sin nature and we will not have God as King.

Here is an example of when God converts a person and that person recognizes that He is the King. There was a pagan king named Nebuchadnezzar and said, "God's not King, I am king. Daniel, if you want to have God as King in your private prayer closet that is fine, but I'm the king." So here is the time where God makes Nebuchadnezzar an object lesson. God shows Nebuchadnezzar what happens when he becomes king where he becomes nothing but an animal and he starts crawling around a pasture with his head down eating grass while growing out claws (Daniel 4:33). That is what is known as boanthropy which is a mental disorder where the victim believes he or she is an ox. After the seven year period of discipline God's grace transformed him. The conversion of a pagan king is recorded in Daniel 4:34, 35; **34** *At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever,*  
*for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation; 35 all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, "What have you done?"* The Sovereign is recognized. Nebuchadnezzar comes to his senses and says, "God is King over all."

Now because the Kingdom of the glory of God by virtue of creation ruled over by Providence has now an antagonist called the kingdom of this world with the usurper Satan, God has started another Kingdom. This is the Kingdom of God's grace. The Kingdom of God's grace that God initiated after our sin has got a King who is His Son, Jesus. It is this King and His Kingdom that is now at work and we pray for in this petition. We do not pray for the Kingdom of Creation and the Kingdom of glory to come. It is here. We are praying for the Kingdom of God's grace for King Jesus to come. So what is the Kingdom of God's grace in Jesus Christ?

The Kingdom is the King and this Kingdom is an interesting Kingdom. This is where we make unbelievable mistakes because we think the Kingdom of God is like the kingdoms of this world. Jesus comes and says, "The Kingdom is at hand." Why could Jesus say, "The Kingdom is at hand" in the midst of the Roman Empire, its oppression and the puppet governor of Herod? The reason He could do it is the King was there, Jesus. Where the King is, there is the Kingdom. When Jesus came into this world the Kingdom of God by grace has now come into the presence of this world. If one wants to understand this Kingdom then take a look at what Jesus said to Nicodemus in John 3:3, "*Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.*" This tells the reader that the Kingdom is not physical. Any kingdom that is in this world one can see. One can see their flags, their capitols, and their armies but this Kingdom one cannot see or enter it. It is a spiritual Kingdom and until one is born again spiritually with eyes to see and ears to hear, one cannot see it. The objective of prayer as one prays for the Kingdom to come is for people to enter this Kingdom. The Kingdom of God is not physical, temporal or a location. It is spiritual, eternal and a relation between you and the King. One enters into the Kingdom by coming to the King as Lord and Savior by grace through faith. Then Jesus says that Kingdom is entering into you. Jesus told His disciples the Kingdom was in them. The King by His Spirit is in you and the King rules and reigns by His grace in your life.

The third thing to note about this petition is the relationship between the Kingdom of God and the Church of God. As a local church what is our relationship to the Kingdom of God? The church of God is identified with the Kingdom of God but not interchangeable with the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God is bigger than the church. Just being in the church does not mean one is in the Kingdom of God. One can be in the church of God without being in the Kingdom of God. To get into the Kingdom of God one has to put their trust in the King who is not a tyrant but He is a King who died so that we might live. This King is a glorious, powerful King that one can know personally and who will never leave you or forsake you (Hebrews 13:5).

The church of God is at the core of the Kingdom. It equips and sends out ambassadors of the Kingdom. It evangelizes to bring people into the Kingdom by bringing them to the King. It equips those and disciples them so that they go out and serve the King and expand the kingdom by bringing others to the Kingdom. It helps people understand the implications of the King in their life as they live out their family life, their marriage life, their business life, their school life and every other area of their life. The church equips the army of the Kingdom. The church has a hospital so that when the servants of the Kingdom get wounded they are nurtured back to health to get back out to serve the King. The church is the family of the Kingdom. It is the army of the Kingdom. It is the armory of the Kingdom. It is the armament of the Kingdom where we are to put on the whole armor of Christ to serve the King. But it is not the Kingdom. If one is in the Kingdom one will love to be in the church and the church will be used as a testimony of the Kingdom. The church is even an embassy of the Kingdom.

The first time I was in Uganda I had some situations where I needed to get down to the embassy to make sure I could get back out of Uganda. When I was there, there was no water, no lights and AK47s were going off. I remember when I went to get my papers checked so that I could leave at the end of a couple of weeks and when I walked past that Marine at the Embassy of the United States I started feeling safe for the

first time in 12 days. Why? It was because when I walked in that Embassy I was in America. I was home. The church is supposed to be an embassy of the Kingdom of God. By the way, the church is also an entrance point to bring people to the King. The church is also an equipping station to know, love, serve and worship the King. Every time people meet on the Lord's day in church it is the Kingdom of God coming together to worship the King. That is what the church is supposed to be and do and that is the relationship of the church.

The Kingdom is bigger though because the King gets a hold of one's life. He uses the church in one's life. The church is called the body of Christ and Jesus is the King. He makes Himself manifest through the church. As a person gets equipped and goes to their family then the family is changed. Then when the family is changed the neighborhood is affected and the Gospel light begins to shine in one's neighborhood. When a person decides that their business is going to honor Jesus then that person has just brought the Kingdom to this corporate United States. When one begins to understand what it means to know the King and one goes into their classroom in truth, love and humility then one has brought the Kingdom to one's classroom. People bring the Kingdom to wherever they are and whatever they are apart of and that is how the Gospel light is spread. The church also trains up Christian leaders that will take the Kingdom into the government. The Kingdom spreads with its Gospel message and influence when it is brought into all these different areas. Christian doctors are different because they bring the Kingdom to work. Christian lawyers are different because they bring the Kingdom to their work. That is the dynamic that happens in the Kingdom in the church.

The fourth thing to note about this petition is that the Kingdom is always in conflict. From the time Satan brought the conflict against the Kingdom of God's glory in the garden he has continued that conflict ever since then. One needs to understand that the Kingdom of God is under assault. As the Bible says, the world would take it by force if it was possible (Matthew 11:12). The kingdom of this world and the kingdom of darkness has the Kingdom of God under assault but we have received a Kingdom that cannot be shaken (Hebrews 12:28) for we have a King who is victorious. Because God's Kingdom is constantly under assault our martyrs die and it costs to be a disciple or leader in this Kingdom. The assault plan of Satan is not simply the persecution plan although that is part of it. Right now I am so concerned about our brothers and sisters in Iraq because if and when this US government pulls out something will happen to those who are there. We have constantly been under assault for the last 2100 years.

The assault is not only the persecution but it is in penetration. George Washington was not all that successful when the war started for independence except in 1775. There were a number of reasons for this and one reason was he found out he had three Generals who were traitors. One of them is well-known and he was Benedict Arnold. He did not know until he found out. I must report to you that there are traitors to the Kingdom in the church, in pulpits. They betray the message. They betray our mission. I wish I could tell you that the church is pure but there are false sons and false leaders in our midst. This is why Paul warned the Ephesians Elders when he said in Acts 20:29, 30, *"I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them."* So we are under assault from the

outside and we are under assault from the inside. Now our victory is assured because of our victory of the King. He won the victory at Mount Calvary, He has been exalted in Mount Zion of heaven and He has been coroneted there. He now rules and reigns but we are still in the battle and under assault.

When Jesus came 2100 years Satan tried to kill the King. Satan thought Abel might have been the King so Cain was his instrument to murder Abel. Satan is a murderer from the beginning. Satan thought Moses might be the King so he raised up a Pharaoh to kill thousands of children trying to get at Moses. Satan is not omnipotent or omniscient, he does not know. Then all of a sudden some wise men come from a kingdom to a puppet king by the name of Herod and said, "We are looking for Jesus, the King of the Jews." The next thing that happens is 2000 are dead in Bethlehem because Satan is trying to murder the King. But he did not kill Him and he could not kill Him. The King of glory and His Providence protected His Son, the King. Then His Son rises up and Satan says, "If I can't murder Him then maybe I can bribe Him, test Him, tempt Him, taunt Him or get Him to make me King" when Jesus goes out into the wilderness. But the King was faithful. Jesus went about preaching the Kingdom and He made it very clear by saying, "*if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the Kingdom of God has come upon you*" (Matthew 12:28). The King and His power showed it. He did the deeds of the Kingdom and proclaimed the message of the Kingdom. Then He came into Jerusalem as a King "*humble and mounted on a donkey*" (Zechariah 9:9). But that is not the King or the Kingdom that they wanted. They wanted a political king, a military king, an economically superior prosperity king and when they found out He was not that king on the donkey they then set about to murder Him.

When Jesus went to the cross it was not a martyr's death though because it was an atoning death and the King defeated the real enemies of the Kingdom. The real enemies of the Kingdom are not the governors and tyrants of this world. The real enemies of the Kingdom are sin, death, hell, the grave, Satan and the principalities of the demonic world. When He went to the cross heaven's Champion rose up on that cross and defeated all of our enemies and the King then rose victorious. We now have life evermore. That is the King! That King is now ascended into the heavens and is now bringing His Kingdom by bringing His people who will fill the Kingdom, who love the King, obey the King and then one day will be with the King in a new heavens and a new earth.

We are not there yet and that is my last thought. The fifth thing to note about this petition is the Kingdom is now but not yet. The Kingdom is here because Jesus by the Spirit of God is within us. By faith you have come to the King and you are in the Kingdom and He is in you. He is working in your life and it is here but it is not yet in its fullness. Why? It is because the King has not yet returned. The King will not return until all of His people have been brought into the Kingdom and then shall come about the end. The end comes when the kingdoms of this world become the Kingdom of our God but we are not yet there and thus we pray "Thy Kingdom come." This is not only the gathering in of His people into the Kingdom but it is also the prayer, "Come quickly O King, come and reign upon us and in us and through us." We are about Kingdom work.

Do you remember the question the disciples had right after Jesus was raised? Their question is found in Acts 1:6, "*So when they had come together, they asked him,*

*“Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”* Jesus answers them in the next verse (Acts 1:7), *“It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.”* Basically Jesus is saying, “That’s not for you to know. You may pray for that Kingdom to come but that’s not for you to know.” God knows the time when the Kingdom will come and its consummation. But until then we bring the Kingdom. Acts 1:8 says, *“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”* That is the Kingdom work until the King returns.

So Paul went about like Jesus preaching the Kingdom. In fact, that is the last thing we know about Paul. He was a Kingdom man, preaching a Kingdom message. Acts 28:28-31 says, **28** *“Therefore let it be known to you that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen.”* **30** *He lived there (Rome) two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him,* **31** *proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.”* Whenever a king is coronated he gives a coronation speech or whenever our President’s are inaugurated they give an inauguration speech. Our King Jesus rose victorious and He has ascended to rule and reign so what does He say in His coronation? It is found in Matthew 28:18-20, *“And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*” By His Spirit He will be with us until the King returns at the last trumpet.

Here are three implications about this prayer petition in terms of the Lord’s Prayer. The first implication is that the Prayer of Prayers, the Lord’s Prayer is a missionary prayer. It was absolutely amazing how brilliantly we did this petition right before the mission’s conference. I had no idea it was going to work out this way. That had to do with the other Kingdom, God’s Providence. This mission’s conference is all about the Kingdom. We are going to spread the Kingdom. We are going to send missionaries around the world. This Prayer is a prayer for effective evangelism and intentional missionary enterprise to send the Gospel message of the Kingdom to all the kingdoms of this world.

“Thy Kingdom come,” how does the Kingdom come? It comes when the King is lifted up. When the King is lifted up He will draw men unto Himself. As He does His work of grace, they by faith believe in the King who delivers them from their sins and then they follow Him as He disciplines them and makes them ambassadors of the Kingdom. The Great Commission, the missionary enterprise, is the essence of this request, “Thy Kingdom come.” If we really mean that we will embrace missions and not just simply our cross cultural missions but even here in our state. Last week I was in a mission’s conference in Macon, Georgia and right before I preached I did not know if I was going to have anybody left to preach to because as the children left for children’s church the pastor said, “Will all the missionaries please go with the children.” One might be thinking, “Harry, what are you talking about?” If you are a believer you are a missionary so I thought I was going to lose the whole congregation. John 20:21 says, *“As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you.”* Any believer is a missionary.

We spread the Kingdom when we spread Jesus. We bring the Kingdom when we bring the Kingdom of God into this world.

With Evangelism Explosion (EE) one gets equipped to conversational share Christ to bring people into the Kingdom. They enter into the Kingdom and the Kingdom's coming. The Kingdom is moving. When we disciple people and they get into these small groups to learn about the King then something begins to happen that is absolutely extraordinary. That is the Kingdom. People do not know how I am praying for this upcoming Presidential election but I do not care who is elected because the Kingdom of God will not stop in this world. The Kingdom of God is not dependent upon the President of the United States or the governor of Alabama. I hope and pray we get some "King" followers into those positions but the Kingdom of God rules by the King through His people and when we go with that Kingdom message where people hear of Jesus and come to Him, the Kingdom comes whether it is a communist nation, a capitalist nation or whatever nation. The Kingdom of God is not an empire in this world. The Kingdom of God is not the handmaiden of any country just to make it a better country. The Kingdom of God is the Kingdom of our Savior. He is to be lifted up and any nation that honors Him God will bless them as He has promised to do. Those who bless His people He will bless them but our Kingdom is not the kingdoms of this world. Our Kingdom is the Kingdom of God and the kingdoms of this world will be taken by it, not with guns, not with tanks, but with the weapons of the Spirit and the armor of Christ as men and women are brought from death unto life. The Kingdom comes.

As a result of our EE a couple of years ago some people ran out of people to visit so they just went to some apartment doors and knocked on them. At one door a guy comes to the door with a beer in his hand with commotion in the back and the EE people said, "Hi, we're from Briarwood can we ask you a couple of questions?" The guy said, "Yea come on in and have a beer." The EE people never did tell me how they answered that but I think they said, "no." Then they began to ask questions and got around to asking this guy if he wanted to receive Jesus as His Savior and Lord. He laughed it off with some words of frivolity but the other boy that was sitting next to him who had been quiet the whole time said, "I do." The Kingdom had come. A man had been brought and entered it from death unto life. After he had prayed a door opened in the back and a young lady who had been hiding in the bedroom said, "God sent you here today." The story quickly came out that this lady's father was a preacher and she had rebelled against her dad and mom. She had gone to a single's bar and come to that apartment with those two boys knowing what was going to happen that night. Knock, knock, knock, the Kingdom came. She prayed and asked the Lord to forgive her, rose up and went back to her daddy. The Kingdom had come.

Secondly, this petition is not only a missionary prayer but it tells one that the Lord's Prayer is a reformation prayer. It keeps telling the church, "Reformation, stay focused on why I have got you here." Jesus says, "I've got you here for the Kingdom, to proclaim the King and send a Gospel. Don't get side tracked church. This is what I have got you here for." We are here to equip Christians to worship God and reach Birmingham to reach the world for Christ. We cannot get off message or off mission. Kingdom business is ours. This is why we are here. In Acts 17 a group of people got together to kill the Christians and I love what they said. Acts 17:6 says, "*These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also.*" They did not turn the



world upside down with a political movement, economic movement or a military movement. They turned the world upside down by a Kingdom movement. The Kingdom had come and the Word had gotten here. Everywhere they had gone everything had changed and now they have come here also. Then these words came at the end of Acts 17:7 where they said, "*that there is another king, Jesus.*" Oh that people would say that we say, "There is the King, Jesus" and that they know that He is our King because He is our Lord and Savior.

Thirdly and finally, the Prayer of Prayers is a prayer of transformation. When the Kingdom comes everything gets changed; lives change, families change, marriages change. If one will follow the King and be faithful to the King then God's grace that brings the Kingdom brings change and it is glorious change because it brings passion to one's life. Because one serves the King one will fight for their marriage, for their children, for their school, for their testimony, for their witness in a classroom. This is a fight of humility and grace but it is a fight. It is a spiritual war and one is right there in the midst of it with the armor of Christ and the weapons of the Spirit. God has hold of that one and it transforms that one but one cannot get there to bring the Kingdom until one first comes into the Kingdom. So maybe "Thy Kingdom come" is one's first prayer. "King Jesus come to me. I want to give my life to You." When a person gives their life to Christ, changes are unbelievable. That is why churches fight for Christ centered worship. We want the King to be exalted when we assemble.

I pray God works that in my soul and spirit in worship so that I am not just working my way through it but when I assemble on the Lord's Day, a day to commemorate our victorious King who has risen, ascended and coming again, then I am not just running through elements that He has prescribed for me to do. I am rising to bring everlasting glorious honors to Christ my King! That is what worship is. Then when we disassemble we take the Kingdom of God into this world and into every place that we live. What a transformation would begin to happen if we were embracing this Kingdom! Why? It is because the King came 2100 years ago and won the victory.

To quote the hymn writer of the song *It is Well With My Soul*;  
*My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!*  
*My sin, not in part but the whole,*  
*Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,*  
*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!*

I love that verse but I also love the next verse that brings me to the next time the King comes.

*And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,*  
*The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;*  
*The trumpet shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,*  
*Even so, it is well with my soul.*

The Kingdom come. Come King. The King is coming. Do I hear the trumpet sounding? Then I'll see His face. Oh see Him with me.

Prayer:

Father, thank you for the moments together in Your Word. Thank You for the privilege to examine it and to learn to pray for the Kingdom through missionary praying, evangelism praying, disciple making praying, and transformational praying. God allow us to see Your Name hallowed by Your Kingdom spreading by men and women coming

into it and turn from idolaters to worshipers of the King and then ambassadors to bring others. Lord make our missions conference Kingdom business and we tell the King "count me in." Thy Kingdom come in Jesus' name, Amen.