

Thy Kingdom Come

Introduction

Only God can create a desire for His interest. The importance of that is if you have such a longing for God's name to be honored and His Kingdom to come it is evidence of your relationship with Him.

This second petition turns our attention more fully to what God his interests are.

- I. Jesus talks to us about the Kingdom.
 - A. His first message to His disciples addresses this subject (Matthew 4-7).
 - B. The Kingdom Christ had in mind was different than that for which the disciples had hoped.
 - C. We can scarcely turn a page in the gospels that the subject is not addressed.
 1. It is a kingdom of peace.
 2. It has a present dimension.
 3. It has a future dimension.
 - D. To help us understand the kingdom, Jesus likens it to:
 - E. This cry for the kingdom has a two-fold meaning.
 1. It anticipates a Kingdom of Glory which is prophetic and future.
 2. It prays for a Kingdom of Grace which is personal and claims an experience now.
 3. There is a (1) invisible kingdom established in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, (2) visible kingdom in the world, which is the Kingdom of Christ, and (3) future kingdom.
 4. The invisible kingdom and the visible kingdom are part of the Kingdom of Grace.
- II. The Future Kingdom of Glory.
 - A. The Word of God leaves no doubt concerning this subject
 1. Isaiah 9:6-7
 2. Daniel 2:44
 3. Luke 1:32-33
 4. Matthew 25:31
 - B. Praying for the kingdom mean asking that all God's purposes will be fulfilled.
 - C. Here in this world one day reveal His glory.
 - D. This has been the prayer throughout all ages.
- III. The Visible Kingdom of Grace
 - A. This is a prayer for the extension of the Kingdom of Christ in the world.
 - B. The chief purpose of this kingdom is to save and not destroy.
- IV. The Invisible Kingdom of Grace
 - A. This is a prayer for the personal kingdom in our lives.
 1. Romans 14:17

2. Unless Christ reigns as King in my life and I am a born-again member of the Kingdom of Grace, I will never reign with Him in the Kingdom of Glory.
 3. This pray is asking that the authority of the future Kingdom of Glory operates within me right now.
- V. Important parallels between the Kingdom of Glory and the Kingdom of Grace.
1. The world cannot gradually merge into the kingdom or reach it by development and effort. Neither can we.
 2. When the Kingdom of Glory comes on earth, God will establish His righteousness and His justice. Jesus imputes righteousness in us with the Kingdom of God.
 3. In the Kingdom of Glory, God causes wars to cease. With the Kingdom of Grace Jesus ends our battles with the flesh.
 4. In the kingdom that is to come we will live according to the authority and principles of that kingdom. We operate by those principles which are the charter of Christ's kingdom now to get those kinds of results.

Conclusion: