

Thine is the Kingdom

Some people believe that the church chose and added this benediction to close the prayer and added the words in later manuscripts. It is possible that Jesus incorporated it in His teaching. Many of us have prayed these beautiful words and I will continue to do so. After all the words are absolutely true

The origin of this phrase goes back to King David. When David praised the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly, he said: **“Praise be to you, O Lord, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.” 1 Chronicles 29:11**

A summary of King David’s words of adoration bring the Lord’s Prayer to a magnificent benediction.

The Kingdom

- A. When David said, “Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all,” this was Israel’s king acknowledging the kingship of God. King David humbly and rightly acknowledged that he was under God who was Israel’s true king.
 - 1. What Israel failed to affirm; King David made up for. He always remembered that God was his and Israel’s king.
 - 2. We need to remember that Jesus Christ wears two crowns: one pertaining to the state, one pertaining to the church. God is both ruler over the nations and is the head of the church. God is sovereign over everybody and everything.
- B. He is also the head of the church. **“He is head of the body, the church” (Colossians 1:18)**. All pastors and all church officials are under the headship of Jesus Christ.
 - 1. **“The earth is the Lord’s and the fulness thereof”, say the Psalmist, “the world, and they that dwell therein” (Psalm 24:1)**.
 - 2. Jesus is not going to be king; He is King right now.
 - 3. Some people seem to think that God has lost control of this world but that is not the teaching of Scripture.
 - 4. The Bible teaches us that Satan is Prince of this world and it is in revolt against the authority of God at present, but all rebellion will be destroyed.

Think of what it means to really praise God

- A. **Praise is an essential element of all real praying.**
- B. **Based is based on sound arguments**

1. We petition God with our needs, and we expect Him to hear us and meet our needs, not because of anything in us, but because of His promises.
 2. The true foundation of all our hopes and confidence is not in our faith but in God alone.
 3. The glory of God is at stake in our prayers.
 4. Therefore, praise is the foundation of all our praying, for faith itself is praise
 5. Jesus stood at the tomb and Lazarus while he was still dead and prayed, “...**Father, I thank you that you hear me...**”
 6. Likewise, amid our difficulties we are lifted above our sorrows and conflicts and we can lose ourselves in rejoicing with Him in anticipation of the day when we shall be joining in the songs of angels around the throne of God.
 7. Faith is not only believing that God can meet our needs now, but it is wonderful anticipation of what God has in store for those who trust Him.
- C. **How precious is the praise of God?**
1. How precious is this new song we sing, this breath of the Holy Spirit we breathe, this voice of the living Christ in the church, the undercurrent of all our praying, this argument behind our requests and this anticipation of heaven.
 2. What a precious thing is to praise God like that.