

The Lord's Prayer

SERMON NOTES

Week 2 March 13, 2022
"Whose Will Be Done?"
Revelation 21:1-5; Luke 22:41-42



I. Thy Kingdom Come

- A. When we pray "Thy kingdom come," we are asking our heart to let go of the kingdom and the world being all about _____.
- B. The point of the prayer is not to get God to do something, but to get God to do something _____ me.
- C. When scholars and theologians talk about the _____ of God, they say there is the 'already' and the 'not yet'.

II. Thy Will Be Done

- A. Adam and Eve were praying "not thy will, but _____ will be done."
- B. We would not have to pray for God's will to be done if everything that happens is God's _____.
- C. When we say Jesus is my _____, we are saying 'not my will but thy will be done.'

III. On Earth as it is in Heaven

- A. The _____ of the Christians life is that we pray and we work.
- B. As Christians, we are called to close the _____ between the world as it is and the way it's supposed to be.

Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message



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INTRODUCTION

In this series, we are examining the Lord's Prayer to get a better understanding of its meaning so that when we pray it, we will connect with God like never before. So what does the phrase "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" mean for us?

Monday: Matthew 3:1-2, 4:17-23

Jesus began his public preaching ministry talking about the Kingdom of God. How was it different to proclaim, "Here comes the kingdom of heaven!" (literally, "the Kingdom of heaven has come near") than to say, "God's kingdom will come someday"? In what ways is God's kingship a current reality in your life, not just a distant future hope?

Tuesday: Psalm 145:11-13; Isaiah 9:2-7

The psalmist and Isaiah wrote in the context of Israel as a distinct earthly nation. What do you see in their Old Testament promises about God's kingdom that might have helped people understand Jesus' Kingdom message? What parts might have led people to expect something different than Jesus meant when he talked about the Kingdom?

Wednesday: 2 Corinthians 4:5-7; Colossians 2:6-7

As scholar N. T. Wright put it, "Paul is very concerned that the Corinthians might have supposed he regarded himself as the head of the organization. He is simply a servant, a porter, a secretary, an assistant: he is merely someone who introduces people to the top man. He is one of the Messiah's office staff." What helps you resist the urge to try to impress people with your own good reputation or deeds, rather than introducing them to your Lord?

Thursday: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Romans 14:4-18

In Romans 14, Paul addressed Christian house churches who were highly critical of each other's different opinions about non-essential faith practices. He asked pointedly, "Who are you to judge someone else's servants?" A shared commitment to Jesus as Lord means we are not "Lord" over one another's lives. Do you struggle with judging others? Do you have a tendency to try and prove you are right about an issue?

Friday: Ephesians 5:8-13

Verse 8 did not say, as we might expect, something like "You belong to the light." It used a stronger phrase: "Now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light." What is the source of the light that shines from your life in your best moments? Can you recall one or more times when you realized Christ's light shining through you had brightened another life?

MOVING FORWARD

The point of the phrase "thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven," is not to get God to do something, but to get God to do something through me. As Christians, we are called to close the gap between the world as it is and the way it's supposed to be. The way the world is supposed to be is when the will of God is being accomplished. What can you do to close the gap in your circle of influence?

*Answers to the sermon notes: IA) me, B) through, C) kingdom. IIA) my, B) will, C) Lord.
IIIA) rhythm, B) gap.*