

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power and the Glory Forever, Amen

Sermon 9 in The Lord's Prayer Series
Sermon 23 in the Matthew Series

Matthew 6:13b

I. Introduction

1. It goes beyond my calling as a Pastor to make a scholarly textual decision on whether or not to include this ending. It should be noted that this doxology does not appear in Luke's account of the Lord's Prayer.
2. It is also fair to note that the case has not been absolutely closed that this ending is not authentic to the words of Christ.
3. There are scholars who believe it to be authentic – and the Didache has an ending very similar to Matthew's account. *Didache 8:10 For Yours is the power and the glory for ever and ever.*

II. An Old Testament Parallel -- 1 Chronicles 29:10-11

David's prayer is also echoed in Rev. 4:11 and Rev. 5:13

Rev. 4:11 “ You are worthy, O Lord,
To receive glory and honor and power;
For You created all things,
And by Your will they exist and were created.”

Rev. 5:13 -- “And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying:
“ Blessing and honor and glory and power
Be to Him who sits on the throne,
And to the Lamb, forever and ever!”

1 Chronicles 29:10-15 are echoes of Psalm 8.

III. Outline for Matthew 6:13b

- A. Thine is the Kingdom – forever
- B. Thine is the Power – forever
- C. Thine is the Glory – forever

A. Thine is the Kingdom -- Forever

Isaac Watts in “A Guide to Prayer”

1. Because of the greatness of our need.
2. Because of the perfections of God’s nature.
3. Because of the various relations in which God stands to us.
He is our King. He is our Maker He is our Father.
4. Because of the promises of the covenant of grace. **Acts 4:23-31**
5. Because of the Name and honor of God Himself
6. Because of the past experiences of others and ourselves.
7. Because of the Name and the mediation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
We pray in Jesus Name. We are “in Christ”.

B. Thine is the Power – Forever

He is powerful and can do above and beyond what we would ever ask or think.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 -- God is more powerful than the sins that ensnare His people or the lost.

C. Thine is the Glory – Forever

He is an eternal king, powerful and worthy of all praise and glory.

Praise and worship is not just the music.

Each Sunday we have a “worship service” – which includes prayer, the reading of the Scriptures, the preaching of the Word, the singing of hymns and the observation of baptism and the Lord’s Supper.

Amen (so be it)

AW Pink notes, this closing word intimates the two things required in prayer.

1. A fervent desire for our God to hear us.
2. The exercise of faith – to believe that we have been heard.