

THE LORD'S MODEL PRAYER_3

Intro: "The kingdom of God is that moral and spiritual kingdom which the God of grace is setting up in this fallen world, whose subjects consist of as many as have been brought into hearty subjection to His gracious scepter, and of which His Son Jesus is the glorious Head." JFB

"In one sense, the kingdom is here now, and Christians are in it. But in another sense—that of perfecting the display of God's grace in this world—the kingdom remains future, and awaits Christ's return." J I Packer

- I. **Thy kingdom come Vs 10 Petition #2**—"Let your Kingdom come _____!"
- A. God's Kingdom is known in the NT as the Kingdom of _____, and the Kingdom of _____. These are used interchangeably. Matt 3:2; 4:17; Matt 13:1-52
 - B. God is King due to the fact that He is the _____ of all
 - C. God's Kingdom is made possible due to the fact of His _____ Grace toward repentant sinners
 - D. God's kingdom is not just a place, but first and foremost a _____. It exists wherever people enthrone Jesus as lord of their lives. 1 Peter 1:5-11
 - E. Those who make up this Kingdom will live _____ with the Lord John 3:13-15
 - F. No one sees or enters the kingdom without a _____ inner transformation by the Spirit which he pictured as being "born again" John 3:3-8
 - G. Jesus as _____ over the Kingdom offers wonderful fellowship, strength, protection, provision, and comfort to His subjects in this present world while waiting for the World to come Matt 11:27-30
 - H. Asking God to have His Kingdom come is asking Him to complete its citizenship and make the visible Kingdom a _____ in the world. For the Kingdom to be complete those who will be citizens of the Kingdom must be _____. When the Kingdom comes, Satan will be _____, sin will be _____, true peace will be experienced for all eternity. Thus to pray for the Kingdom to come is to ask God to do all the things just listed.

II. _____ into the Kingdom of God:

- A. _____ and possessions do not ensure one's entrance into the Kingdom of God Matt 19:23-24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to *enter the kingdom of God* Mark 10:25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to *enter the kingdom of God* Mark 10:23-25 Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, "How hard it is for those who have riches to *enter the kingdom of God* 24 But Jesus answered again and said to them, "Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to *enter the kingdom of God!* 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. Luke 18:24-25 And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to *enter the kingdom of God* 25 For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye than for a rich man to *enter the kingdom of God*
- B. Being a part of _____ order will not ensure one's entrance into the Kingdom of God Matt 5:20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed *the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Matt 21:31-32 Jesus said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you 32 For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him.

- C. Entering the Kingdom is the _____ important decision one will ever make
Mark 9:47-48 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire 48 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.
Matt 5:29-30 And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. 30 And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.
- D. There is only _____ way to enter the Kingdom and those who enter that one way will demonstrate their citizenship by their _____-the New Birth John 3:1-7 - Born again
1. _____-like faith
Matt 18:3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.
Mark 10:15 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.
Luke 18:17 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.
 2. _____ to the King of the Kingdom
 - a. Submission, _____ change
Matt 7:21 Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.
John 6:40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.
 - b. No submission, _____ appearance only
Titus 1:16 They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.
James 2:20-26

Concl: "The Greek word translated "kingdom" (*basileia*) does not primarily refer to a geographical territory but to sovereignty and dominion. Therefore when we pray, "Thy kingdom come," we are praying for God's rule on earth to begin as Christ assumes His rightful place as ruler of the earth. "Come" translates the aorist active imperative form of *erchomai*, indicating a sudden, instantaneous coming (cf. Matt. 24:27). It is the coming of His millennial kingdom (Rev. 20:4) we are to pray for." (John MacArthur)