



Teach us to Pray - The Kingdom is both physical and spiritual Pt. 2

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Matthew 6:9-15 In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. 13 And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. 14 "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Praying the Lord's Prayer is actually a prayer pattern Jesus taught His Disciples and other Believers to follow concerning Prayer. (Matthew 6, Luke 11)

Praying like this takes discipline and trust.

Jesus's prayer model is Kingdom first, others second, and then us.

Pray for His Kingdom to Come and His Will to be Done

When we say, "Your Kingdom come, Your will be done," we are talking about the Kingdom of God manifesting here on the earth and in us as we, His people, do His will.

The Kingdom of God and the King of that Kingdom, Jesus Christ, is the New Testament Gospel that Jesus and His disciples preached. (Mark 1:14-15, Acts 8:12)

The Kingdom Manual (The Bible)

The Kingdom of God has a manual (**The Bible**), it is a guide for its citizens to follow. *This guide outlines the mindset of the King,*

The mindset of the King does not come automatically, this isn't something we are born with.

Psalms 51:5-6 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me. 6 Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts...

We see that we are born thinking one way, but God desires us to have a totally different way of thinking.

The reason for this is we are training for reigning!

Romans 8:6-8 (NLT) So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace. 7 For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, and it never will. 8 That's why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God.

Isaiah 55:8-9 For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. 9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

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Here, the Lord speaks through the prophet Isaiah to let us know that natural thinking is not on God's level.

The Bible challenges us to think on Jesus's level. **Philippians 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus...**

Notice thinking with the mind of Christ is our choice. "Let this mind be in you".

Our minds have to be renewed to this way of thinking. **Romans 12:1-2 (NLT) And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.**

Our real expression of worship is through our mental and physical behavior.

2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

We must change the way we think in order to do His will and the things that are pleasing unto Him.

This is what God's way of thinking looks like. **Philippians 4:8-9 And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. 9 Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.**

The Kingdom is both physical and spiritual.

The Kingdom of God represents territory, governmental rule and reign, and citizens.

Physical Kingdom of God

Physical Territory of the Kingdom - The universe and everything in it.

Revelation 11:15 Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, ...

The word "Kingdoms" here is the Greek word (basileía) which means Dominions, realm, i.e., a people in a territory under kingly rule.

Physical Governmental Rule and Reign- The word "World" is the Greek word (Komos), which means "the universe," "order," or "arrangement," but it also refers to the world, the people of the world, or a world system opposed to God.

What this scripture is saying is that the kingdoms of the universe that are under the rule of humanity and satanic forces will become the Kingdoms under the rule and reign of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Revelation 11:15 ...and He shall reign forever and ever!"

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Jesus is not fully reigning over this Earth as king at the moment. Even though He earned that right by defeating Hell, Death, and the Grave through the crucifixion process, He still allows Satan to maintain limited control as a prince over this world.

1 Corinthians 15:26-28 (NLT) And the last enemy to be destroyed is death. 27 For the Scriptures say, "God has put all things under his authority." (Of course, when it says "all things are under his authority," that does not include God himself, who gave Christ his authority.) 28 Then, when all things are under his authority, the Son will put himself under God's authority, so that God, who gave his Son authority over all things, will be utterly supreme over everything everywhere.

Citizens of the Kingdom- The Citizens of the Kingdom are saints who are the overcomers we are the ones who will rule and reign with Jesus Christ.

Revelation 2:25-26 But hold fast what you have till I come. 26 And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations

We need to keep in mind that this scripture is written to the church, not to the world.

Here is another scripture that confirms what this scripture was talking about. Revelation 3:21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

1 John 5:4-5 states, "For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world — our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?"

"For whatever is born of God overcomes the world". This part of the scripture **"overcomes the world"** has been interpreted by some as overcoming is a finished deal. But the phrase here is in the present tense, which identifies Born Again ones as "continually overcoming the world" or (at least they have that potential to overcome) this fallen world. This indicates that we have the ongoing capability to conquer and win every battle on our way to total victory.

"Who is he who overcomes (or has overcome) the world?" This part of this text, **"overcomes (or has overcome) the world"** on the other hand, is in the aorist tense (aorist tense - once and for all at Calvary), which signifies that victory is assured to the one who applies faith.

Just like healing by his stripes, we were healed, but the finished work doesn't manifest without us applying our faith! Only the overcomer will be able to rule and reign with Christ Jesus.

Daniel 7:27 Then the kingdom and dominion, And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And all dominions shall serve and obey Him.'

The headquarters of the physical Kingdom of God, which will be established at His second coming, is the earth, and it is the place where we, the saints, are destined to rule and reign. **Revelation 5:10 And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."**

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To "rule and reign with Jesus" means to share in His authority, power, and all things. **Revelation 21:7 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.**

Spiritual Kingdom of God:

Territory of the Spiritual Kingdom

Luke 17:21 "The kingdom of God is within you." This phrase means that God's reign and power are not merely a future event but are present in the hearts of believers by the person and work of the Holy Spirit.

We have not only the power and the authority of God in us, but we also have the very nature and character of God in us as well.

Romans 14:16-17 Therefore do not let your good be spoken of as evil; 17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

This is why God says in Luke 12:32 "...it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" God is saying receive the Kingdom and leave the provisions up to me.

The Kingdom of God in spirit is the Holy Spirit.

Luke 11:13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

The Holy Spirit allows us the kingdom life Jesus came to this earth to provide, a life of righteousness peace, and Joy, setting us free from daily fears and lust that come from the curse, our flesh, and ungodly forces.

In **Matthew 6:24-33** Jesus says that if we focus on the kingdom of God and His right way of doing things, everything else we need will be taken care of.

When teaching this significant text, it often begins at verse 25. The word "therefore" at the start of verse 25 means "for this reason," prompting us to ask why. This refers us back to verse 24.

So, let's look at **Matthew 6:24 "No one can serve two masters; either he will hate the one and love the other or be loyal to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon."**

This statement emphasizes the impossibility of divided loyalty. We are either loyal to God or loyal to the spirit of mammon (material wealth) that comes from satan.

The evidence of our loyalty to God is found in verse 25, 30 and 32. Jesus continues, **25: "Therefore, I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?" ...30 "If God so clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?" ...32 "For after all these things the Gentiles seek**

These verses suggest that if we worry about provisions, our faith is minimal, and we are driven by the spirit of mammon, the spirit of this world that leads to fear, worry, and anxiety, rather than the Holy Spirit, which leads us to have faith and trust in God.

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He reminds us that such worry and concerns are common among the world, the unsaved.

He shares a comforting truth: ...“For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.”

God knows and has provided everything that we need.

The condition that guarantees what we need will always be there

“33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”

Seeking the kingdom of God in Spirit is developing a relationship with the Holy Spirit. Jesus encouraged us here to seek after what he has called us to establish and to bring forth on this earth, which is to be witness for Him and the Kingdom of God. When we do this, we can just ask and keep moving by faith.

Humanity has been so programmed by satan through this world system that the only way to achieve it is that we must provide for ourselves or rely on this world system. Therefore, when our senses don't pick up that we have enough to meet our needs or our heartfelt desires will not be fulfilled, we fall into fear, worry, and even anxiety.

This type of thinking hinders our fellowship with the Holy Spirit and keeps us from our Kingdom's purpose and mandate, which guarantees the life that we are put here to live.