

“Thy Kingdom Come”
Matthew 6:10

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Followers of Jesus Christ have been instructed by Him to pray for the kingdom of God to come. Identified by many as being the Lord’s Prayer, this prayer in the truest sense, is actually our prayer which Jesus said we should include as we pray. Part of this special prayer relates to asking for Christ’s kingdom to come. Note, it was while on earth that Jesus taught that this special prayer language be used and since He was speaking to human beings living on earth, it is logical to believe His concern was for the future of both mankind and the earth and, as the future unfolds, His kingdom would actually come to earth.

Kingdoms in various forms and expressions have been created during the course of human history. Some have lasted longer than others. This brochure, however, relates to three specific kingdoms: the kingdom of God, the kingdom of mankind, and, the kingdom of Satan.

The kingdom of God and the kingdom of heaven are different in the sense that the kingdom of God includes God and everything created by Him. It is infinity in the greatest sense and is indescribably great and measureless. No human eye has seen, nor have our minds comprehended, the vastness of God or His creation. The kingdom of heaven is more restrictive, though, and relates to heaven and all the amenities therein. It, too, is extreme when compared to human understanding. The Bible records many specific things that are included in heaven. Our understanding of eternal things is enlightened when we research this subject.

The kingdom of satan represents whatever is bad and all forms of evil. For as long as satanic forces have been in existence, both God and mankind have had to deal with sinister issues. The future, however, will reveal a termination of the powers of satan and he, personally, will be cast into hell at the end of this special dispensation. Never doubt God’s power nor His ability to bring to an abrupt halt all forces of evil. He will.

Jesus spoke often of the different kingdoms. Sometimes He addressed the kingdom of heaven; sometimes He spoke of the kingdom of God, and at other times He spoke of the kingdom of satan. All references relate to the here and now as well as the there and then.

Satan referred to his kingdom as being the “kingdom of this world” Matthew 4:8, 9. Jesus did not dispute satan’s contention. He did, however, send satan away and reminded him that the Lord God is the only one to be worshipped. As a matter of true understanding, one may logically ask: To whom do the kingdoms of the world rightfully belong? We know from David in Psalm 24, that “The earth is the Lord’s, and the fullness thereof, the world, and they that dwell therein”. No doubt, satan was claiming something that was not actually his. In describing the works of satan, Jesus categorized his work as being in three areas of concentration: stealing, killing and destruction. John 10:10. Most generally, we find his operational areas in one of these three. Imagine what our planet would be like if there were no theft, no murder and no destruction. Someday it will be free from all evil.

Daniel foresaw a radical change in future governments. He wrote, “and in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume

all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever” Daniel 2:44. This verse and following verses describe the kingdom of Jesus Christ which will come and become a Theocracy. It will never end, but will continue forever and there will be peace on earth and good will toward men. No doubt the angels and heavenly hosts had this special time in focus as they proclaimed this prophetic message at the time of the birth of Christ. Luke 2:13, 14. Since the birth of Christ there has never been peace on earth, although it has been invested in the hearts of followers of Jesus Christ. But, when Christ comes again it will be different. It will then be world-wide as well as in the hearts of people.

In Revelation 11:15, a seventh angel announces something spectacular. The text reads, “and there were great voices in heaven”, saying, “The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever.”

The wise person will understand that there is a Supreme Being, the Creator of this universe and the Creator of all people and good things and that attached to His creation is something we call “accountability.” Shakespeare said, “all’s well that ends well.” Millions will be assured of a happy ending but millions more may experience an unhappy one. Whatever our story of earth’s journey will reveal, remember, the Kingdom belongs to “The King” and ultimately He will be in control of everything.

There is no sanctuary in doubting the authority of Christ and there is no sanctuary in indulging oneself in religion. The human family has been replete with religion since the creation of man, but the coming of Jesus Christ to this world and dying was heaven’s demand for our salvation. There is no substitute.

With Jesus there is hope for us both now and for eternity. Without Him there is no hope. According to the Bible, there is only one way to God and that is through Jesus Christ, God’s Son. No church nor religious persuasion holds the only key to heaven. Salvation is free to all that call upon the Lord. Acts 2:21. He is neither denominationally, nor ecclesiastically bound.

The sincere prayer of every Christian should be two-fold: One, that His kingdom be established in our hearts, and two, that His kingdom be established throughout the world and then there will be peace on earth and good will toward men. This special prayer is important because Jesus taught us to pray for it to happen. It will.

When the eternal kingdom of Jesus Christ actually comes to earth, many wonderful things will be included. It will be instituted by Christ, Himself, and will be predicated upon three stated principles: namely, Righteousness, Peace and Joy. Romans 14:17. The government will be upon His shoulder and His peace will never end. Isaiah 9:6, 7. Believers in Jesus Christ have a great future. Heaven and a new earth await us and none can comprehend the splendor of being in eternity with Christ. It will be good. Don’t miss it! Always pray “thy kingdom come” not just in our hearts but also let the earth be filled with the person, Jesus Christ.