



Sunday, April 10, 2011: Thy Kingdom Come

Scripture: Matthew 6:10, Daniel 4:34-37

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Sermon Notes:

1. To pray rightly we must be God-centered, as the first three petitions indicate.
2. Our priority in prayer is to seek God's purposes. This is right and it is for our good.
3. We will worship that which we declare to have highest priority in our lives.
4. The world doesn't exist to service me or my will. All things are for God. That's the most offensive thing about the faith.
5. We're asking that God would align our prayers and our lives with His purposes.
6. The kingdom of God is men subduing the flesh and willingly submitting to the rule of God in their hearts, minds and lives.
7. The opposite of the kingdom of God is disorder, confusion, rebellion.
8. God reigns until He overcomes His enemies, until all accept His authority.
9. Paradoxically, the kingdom of God is here, it's coming and it will come.
10. The meaning of the cross is not a grand example. Rather it is the victory of Christ over sin, death, and all opposition.
11. In the cross the justice of God, the mercy of God, and His complete victory are made manifest.
12. Our task is to pray, to work, to long for that kingdom.
13. We glorify God when our desire is to do His will. If the cry of our hearts isn't to do His will there's a deficiency in our lives.
14. As Christians we're to lament and oppose everything that's contrary to the kingdom of God.

15. We are to hate that which opposes God. When we hate what God hates, we hate what destroys people's lives.
16. Our desire for the manifestation of the Kingdom and glory of God should be higher than our desire for the saving of souls.
17. Islam is a counterfeit kingdom patterned after the example of Mohammad, seeking to dominate all people.
18. You will be enslaved to another ideology if you are not set free by the Son (John 8:36).
19. All things are presently under Christ's authority (Ephesians 1:18-23). The extent of Christ's rule is total.
20. The doctrine of dualism falsely limits Christian activity to personal, spiritual matters.
21. Dualism leads to lawlessness and rejection of our Christian duty to seek God's kingdom and righteousness.
22. The essence of spirituality is to know God's presence and power in our daily lives and activities.
23. We're praying that God would make us obedient and manifest His kingdom in our lives, in the care for our families, care for aging parents, the tithe, the education of our children, in seeking justice, and in the cultural sphere.
24. We're to spread God's wholeness and healing in every life and in every sphere of life.
25. We need an eschatology of the kingdom, a biblical hope of Christ's subduing all things under His feet.
26. Your kingdom come is the manifesto of Scripture.

Application Questions

1. What are the general principles of prayer drawn from Matthew 6:10?
2. What is the priority of my life?
3. Are my prayers man-centered, or is God's glory the focal point of my desires?
4. Are God's purposes thwarted when men unwillingly submit to Him? See Psalm 103:19-22.
5. How am I working toward the vision of Revelation 11:15?
6. What do the following verses reveal about the nature of the kingdom of God? Matthew 12:28-29, 13:31-33.