



Prayer and the Kingdom of God

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Have you ever wondered why Jesus instructs his disciples to pray, “Your kingdom come and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven?” In today’s message, we will unpack the significance of the kingdom of God and what relevance it has on our everyday lives—especially as it relates to prayer.

Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Matthew 6:10 (CSB)

What does the kingdom of God have to do with prayer?

- 1 Samuel 8:4-20 (CSB)

Therefore, you should pray like this: Our Father in heaven, your name be honored as holy. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. Matthew 6:9-13 (CSB)

- Order matters: The first half is God-oriented, the second half is us-oriented.
- If we get the order wrong, our needs and wants will begin shaping our worship, rather than our worship shaping our needs and wants.

What happens when we pray, “May your kingdom come and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven?”

1. **We are rejecting all other kings and kingdoms**
2. **We are recognizing that His kingdom is here, but not fully here**
3. **We are declaring that Jesus’ kingdom rule**

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you have confidence in God as Father? Why or why not?
2. How does knowing that God is powerful and personal help you pray?
3. What is God saying to you today about prayer?