



Whose Kingdom, Power, and Glory?

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In today's message, we will begin our journey toward unlearning the habits that so often distract us and cause our attention to drift away from Jesus and toward building our own kingdom, power, and glory.

- *For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.* Matt 6:13b (NKJV)
- In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus teaches us to both start and end our prayer with doxology.
- Doxology = an expression of praise, honour, and glory to God.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting.
1 Chron 16:36 (CSB)

To him who loves us and has set us free from our sins by his blood, and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father—to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Rev 1:5b-6 (CSB)

To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ—to him be the glory forever! Amen. Rom 16:27 (CSB)

Blessed be the Lord forever. Amen and amen. Ps 89:52 (CSB)

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord. Hallelujah! Ps 150:6 (CSB)

- Without doxology...
 1. We'll slip into making prayer all about us
 2. Prayer will become a cosmic counselling session
 3. Prayer will become more about building our kingdom, power, and glory than Jesus'
- Matthew 6:13b is based on 1 Chronicles 29:10-13

Then David blessed the LORD in the sight of all the assembly. David said, May you be blessed, LORD God of our father Israel, from eternity to eternity. Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the splendor and the majesty, for everything in the heavens and on earth belongs to you. Yours, LORD, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. Riches and honor come from you, and you are the ruler of everything. Power and might are in your hand, and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. Now therefore, our God, we give you thanks and praise your glorious name. 1 Chronicles 29:10-13 (CSB)
- Whose kingdom, power, and glory are you building?

Discussion Questions:

1. How do you know when your faith has become more about you and your kingdom, power, and glory, than Jesus'?
2. Will you commit to starting and ending your prayers with doxology?
3. What do you think would change if you began structuring your prayers the way Jesus taught us to in the Lord's Prayer?