



KINGDOM PRAYER

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Scripture: Matthew 6: 5-33 (AMP)

From my previous message...

Define Kingdom:

Heaven is like country (designated area), **ruled** by a **King**. **King** is the only appropriate title to describe **God's place** in Heaven, no one voted Him into **power**. God rules His Kingdom by **divine right**, by **right of creation**.

Because God created all things, everything **belongs** to Him. He alone is the **rightful Ruler** of the universe. God's **original intent** was to extend His invisible heavenly kingdom to the earth to influence earth from heaven through the rule of His earthly children created in His image. Man was created as an **extension** of God himself in the earth, to govern and to be fruitful.

***Let Us make man in Our image, in Our likeness, and let them rule...
.. be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.***

Genesis 1:26, 27

In other words, we are His **delegated authority** on earth, to exercise dominion.

Psalms 115:16 says: ***The highest heavens belong to the Lord, but the earth He has given to man.***

We all know what happened in Eden! The rule and authority of earth was given over to Satan by Adam. Jesus came back to restore the kingdom to its original place.

The **life, burial and resurrection** of Christ Jesus **concluded** the **restoration** process!

NB: Kingdom is all about restoration!

How did we become part of this Kingdom?

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law that we might receive adoption as sons.

Galatians 4:4-5

As sons of the King **our will** should be the **will** of the **Father**. **Christ** taught us to **pray** and bring the following to fruition:

Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:10

So, being the only extension of Christ in the earth, He depends on us as kingdom sons to do as we are commanded.

We are talking about prayer!

PRAYER is a command:

... that they ought always to pray and not to turn coward (faint, lose heart, and give up).

Luke 18:1

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.

Philippians 4:6

Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit, with all (manner of) prayer and entreaty. To that end keep alert and watch with strong purpose and perseverance, interceding in behalf of all the saints.

Ephesians 6:18

Be unceasing in prayer [praying perseveringly].

I Thessalonians 5:17

As the extension of Christ in the earth, we need to bring **heaven** to **earth** through our prayers. In other words: ...**Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

We are the ones that should bring **restoration** to earth through speaking the will of God into action on earth.

Pray with simplicity:

... as simply and honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense His grace.

This is your Father you are dealing with, and he knows better than you what you need. With a God like this loving you, you can pray very simply. Like this:

Our Father in heaven

Reveal who you are

Set the world right

Do what's best-

As above, so below.

Keep us alive with three square meals.

Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.

Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil.

You're in charge!

You can do anything you want!

You're ablaze in beauty!

Yes. Yes. Yes.

In prayer there is a connection between what God does and what you do. If you refuse to do your part, you cut yourself off from God's part.

Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don't get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes.

Matthew 6 (MESSAGE)

With the command there is a promise. So, without prayer, nothing of lasting value is going to happen!

If prayer puts God to work on earth, then, by the same token, prayerlessness rules God out of the world's affairs and prevents Him from working.

- K.P. Yohannan

He promises that He will answer our prayers:

- **James 4:2**
- **Hebrews 11:6**
- **Matthew 7:7**
- **John 15:7**

My question to you is; *When last have you had a prayer answered?*

If you only remember something vaguely that happened 20 years ago, the problem is probably not with God that hadn't answered all this time, but rather that you haven't been continuously active in your prayer life. (We have read several scriptures where He promises to answer).

We have to keep in mind that although this is a command, it is **our Father** that we pray to. He longs for fellowship with us. He longs to reveal Himself to us through dialogue and answered prayer. How are we supposed to pick up His frequency, His heartbeat if we never make the time to pray (speak with Him)?

When we pray, God impregnates our spirit with His will through the Holy Spirit and we can start speaking the answers into existence (God's will for the situation).

Therefore it is very important when we pursue anything, to:

- first **PRAY**
- hear the Voice of God (Prophetic Voice)
- strategize (use the wisdom received)
- lastly **MOVE**

We cannot do anything; move in any direction unless we have made sure to PRAY first and seek God's face! The **shortest route** to getting things done is by prayer!

When we first pray, God **burdens** our hearts in which **direction** to start proclaiming and interceding. **Wisdom** comes as we spend time in the presence of God.

Our **faith** pleases God, and because we have been faithful in prayer, God moves on our behalf and we have the necessary wisdom for the situation. He is the rewarder of those who **diligently and earnestly** seek Him. (**Heb 11:6**)

Prayer is not an option!

You have heard the logical explanation...

Eg.: A young child refuses to pick up his toys. What would the consequences be?

- Short term
- Long term

God never gave us the option to pray, it is a command. What are we doing about it? Are we hearing the truth, but like a fool never becomes a doer of the Word?

Matthew 7 (MESSAGE) says: *Don't look for shortcuts with God. The market is flooded with surefire, easygoing formulas for a successful life that can be practiced in your spare time. Don't fall for that stuff although crowds of people do.*

The way to life- to God! - is vigorous and requires total attention.

...knowing the correct password- saying Master, Master, for instance-isn't going to get you anywhere with me. What is required is serious obedience- doing what my Father wills.

The heart of the Father

Two sides to the coin:

- Serious obedience expected
- Loving and merciful that longs for intimacy

Write this to Ephesus...

I see what you've done, your hard, hard work, your refusal to quit. I know you can't stomach evil, that you weed out apostolic pretenders. I know your persistence, your courage in my cause, that you never wear out.

But you walked away from your first love – why?

What's going on with you, anyway? Do you have any idea how far you have fallen? A Lucifer fall!

Turn back! Recover your dear early love. No time to waste, for I'm well on my way to removing your light from the golden circle.

You do have this to your credit: You hate the Nicolaitan business. I hate it too.

Are your ears awake? Listen. Listen to the Wins Words, the Spirit blowing through the churches. I'm about to call each conqueror to dinner. I'm spreading a banquet of Tree-of-Life fruit, a supper plucked from God's orchard.

Revelation 2 (MESSAGE)

Remember then from what heights you have fallen. Repent (change the inner man to meet God's will) and do the works you did previously [when you first knew the Lord], or else I will visit you and remove your lamp stand from its place, unless you change your mind and repent.

Revelation 2:5 (AMPLIFIED)

What was it that caused God to say that they have deserted their first love:

The Ephesians became self-sufficient in their own eyes. Reputation, money, resources, expertise and fine strategies caused them to rely on themselves. They started thinking that they no longer needed to come to Him, to fellowship with Him or depend on Him.

Isn't this quite the place where the church is at?

Non-praying is lawlessness! If we ignore a command from God we are being disobedient! Prayer is a spiritual law. Just like gravity is a physical law. If gravity stops working what will the outcome be? The church is not praying in an effective way. Are we to blame?

Make a decision today!

Repent and turn!