

## Teach Us to Pray: “Your Kingdom Come”

*Matthew 6:10*

### ***Known, yet New***

- When Jesus taught on prayer, much of the content was known
  - Some is based on OT texts
  - Part may be based on the Kaddish, a synagogue prayer, some of which dates from the 1<sup>st</sup> century BC
- But the intimacy & directness of Jesus’ language is very different

### ***God’s Kingdom (v. 10a)***

- The statement “Your Kingdom come” was loaded with meaning
- The coming of the Kingdom of God was looked for by devoted Jews of Jesus’ day
  - They envisioned an age where Israel was free from the oppression of foreign powers, ruled by the Messiah, and set in a state of paradisaal bliss with earthly abundance
  - This is still reflected in the daily Jewish prayers
- However, when Jesus speaks of the Kingdom of God, He states that it has already begun through His death and resurrection (Luke 17:20-21; see Matt 12:28; 21:31; Mark 1:15; 9:1; Luke 9:27; 10:9, 11; 11:20)
  - And yet, the Kingdom of God has not come in its fullness
  - Inaugurated Eschatology: The concept that the Kingdom of God began at the first coming of Jesus and is now here, but will not be fully consummated until His second coming
    - “Already, but not yet”
- Basileia (βασιλεία): Kingship, royal rule
  - When we pray, “Let Your kingdom come,” we are asking for God to rule over us as King/Lord

### ***God’s Will (v. 10b)***

- How we experience God’s kingship is by seeking His will
  - Will (*thelema*): One’s desire or wish
- The prayer “Let Your will be done” means we are asking God to align our desires with His
  - Just like Jesus (Luke 22:42)
- These requests are declarations of surrender

### ***God’s Domain (v. 10c)***

- This is a declaration that God’s will happens in heaven
- And a desire to see it happen on Earth, too
  - This implies that some things that we do are *not* what God desires
    - God does not desire us to sin or live in rebellion
- But in His sovereignty, His ultimate plan shall come to pass

### **So What?**

- Are we seeking God’s rule over our lives?
- Do we surrender our desires to His?

**Meditation Verse:** *Matthew 6:10*