

**Providence Reformed Baptist Church - Sunday, July 4, 2021**

**Sermon Series: The Gospel of the Kingdom – Matthew**

**Message 39. Your Kingdom Come – Matthew 6:10**

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Intro: As Jesus gives His disciples instructions about how to pray by giving them “The Lord’s Prayer”, He is actually giving a pattern for us upon which to build all our prayers. More than reciting this one prayer we find in it principles and the purposes behind all prayer. The first 3 petitions are adoration of God!

- I. Your Kingdom Come – the Reign of God
  - A. Today’s Definition
    1. “The realm over which a king rules.”
    2. “The people over whom a monarch reigns.”
  - B. Archaic Definition – Ezra 8:1; 2 Chron. 12:1; Dan. 8:23
    1. “The authority and sovereignty exercised by a king.”
    2. “The authority to reign.”
    3. See an example of the transfer of rule - the kingdom was not destroyed because the kingdom was not the realm or the people, but the right to rule – Dan. 5:21, 25-31
  - C. The Right to Rule – Luke 19:11-12 (Herod/Rome)
  - D. God’s Reign, Rule, and Sovereignty – Ps. 103:19; 145:11; Dan. 2:37
- II. The Kingdom has Come and yet is Coming
  - A. It has Come – Matt. 3:2; 4:17
    1. It is in the World – Luke 17:20-21
    2. It is not of the World – John 18:36
  - B. It is Present Now
    1. In the World – Matt. 13:11, 18-23, 41, 43-50
    2. It is not of the World – Matt. 13:34-35
  - C. It is Coming – 1 Cor. 15:24-26
    1. At Christ’s Return – Matt. 25:31, 34; 2 Peter 1:11; Matt. 8:11; 1 Cor. 15:50
    2. In Power and Great Glory – Matt. 13:26
    3. It is the Kingdom of God and Christ – Eph. 5:5; Rev. 11:15
- III. This Age and the Age to Come – Eph. 1:21
  - A. This Present Evil Age (Death, Choking Out the Word of the Gospel) – Gal. 1:4; Eph. 2:1-2; Matt. 13:7; 2 Cor. 4:3-4
  - B. Between the Two (Parousia, Resurrection, Judgment) – Matt. 13:39, 43, 49, 50
  - C. The Age to Come (Eternal Life, New Heavens and Earth) – Matt. 24:3; Luke 20:34-36; Mark 10:30; 1 Cor. 15:24-28, 50
- IV. How Do We Enter the Kingdom?
  - A. You Must Be Born Again – John 3:3; 1:13
  - B. You Must Seek It – Matt. 6:33; Rom. 3:10-11; Luke 19:10
  - C. You Must Be Righteous – Matt. 5:20; Gal. 5:5; Rom. 3:21-23
  - D. You Must Be Obedient – Matt. 7:21; John 14:15; Matt. 7:24-27

Conclusion: 1) This is prayer that affirms that we are “looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God” – 2 Peter 3:11-13

2) This is a statement of fact and also a petition for the success of the gospel – an “all-inclusive missionary prayer.” “Our innermost and greatest desire should be the desire for God’s honor and glory. At the risk of being misunderstood I suggest that our desire for this should be even greater than our desire for the salvation of souls. Before we even begin to pray for souls, before we even begin to pray for the extension and the spread of God’s kingdom, there should be that overruling desire for the manifestation of the glory of God and that all might humble themselves in His presence.” – Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *Studies in the Sermon on the Mount*, pg. 339

## **Cross References**

### **Ezra 8:1**

1 These are the heads of their fathers' houses, and this is the genealogy of those who went up with me from Babylon, in the reign of King Artaxerxes:

### **2 Chronicles 12:1**

12 Now it came to pass, when Rehoboam had established the kingdom and had strengthened himself, that he forsook the law of the Lord, and all Israel along with him.

### **Daniel 8:23**

23 "And in the latter time of their kingdom, When the transgressors have reached their fullness, A king shall arise, Having fierce features, Who understands sinister schemes.

### **Daniel 5:21**

21 Then he was driven from the sons of men, his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. They fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till he knew that the Most High God rules in the kingdom of men, and appoints over it whomever He chooses.

### **Daniel 5:25-31**

25 "And this is the inscription that was written: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN. 26 This is the interpretation of each word. MENE: God has numbered your kingdom, and finished it; 27 TEKEL: You have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting; 28 PERES: Your kingdom has been divided, and given to the Medes and Persians." 29 Then Belshazzar gave the command, and they clothed Daniel with purple and put a chain of gold around his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom. 30 That very night Belshazzar, king of the Chaldeans, was slain. 31 And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.

### **Luke 19:11-12**

11 Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately. 12 Therefore He said: "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return.

### **Psalms 103:19**

19 The Lord has established His throne in heaven, And His kingdom rules over all.

### **Psalms 145:11**

11 They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, And talk of Your power,

**Daniel 2:37**

37 You, O king, are a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory;

**Matthew 3:2**

2 and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

**Matthew 4:17**

17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

**Luke 17:20-21 (ESV)**

20 Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, "The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, 21 nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you."

**John 18:36**

36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here."

**Matthew 13:11**

11 He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.

**Matthew 13:18-23**

18 "Therefore hear the parable of the sower: 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. 20 But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. 22 Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. 23 But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

**Matthew 13:41**

41 The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness,

**Matthew 13:43-50**

43 Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear! 44 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

45 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, 46 who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it. 47 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, 48 which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away. 49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, 50 and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”

### **Matthew 13:34-35**

34 All these things Jesus spoke to the multitude in parables; and without a parable He did not speak to them, 35 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: “I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter things kept secret from the foundation of the world.”

### **1 Corinthians 15:24-26**

24 Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. 25 For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. 26 The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.

### **Matthew 25:31**

31 “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.

### **Matthew 25:34**

34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

### **2 Peter 1:11**

11 for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

### **Matthew 8:11**

11 And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.

### **1 Corinthians 15:50**

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.

### **Matthew 13:26**

26 But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared.

### **Ephesians 5:5**

5 For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

### **Revelation 11:15**

15 Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

### **Ephesians 1:21**

21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

### **Galatians 1:4**

4 who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,

### **Ephesians 2:1-2**

2 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

### **Matthew 13:7**

7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them.

### **2 Corinthians 4:3-4**

3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

### **Matthew 13:39**

39 The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels.

### **Matthew 13:43**

43 Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

### **Matthew 13:49**

49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just,

### **Matthew 13:50**

50 and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”

### **Matthew 24:3**

3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?”

### **Luke 20:34-36**

34 Jesus answered and said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage. 35 But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage; 36 nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

### **Mark 10:30**

30 who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life.

### **1 Corinthians 15:24-28**

24 Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. 25 For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. 26 The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. 27 For “He has put all things under His feet.” But when He says “all things are put under Him,” it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted. 28 Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.

### **1 Corinthians 15:50**

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.

### **John 3:3**

3 Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

### **John 1:13**

13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

### **Matthew 6:33**

33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

### **Romans 3:10-11**

10 As it is written: “There is none righteous, no, not one; 11 There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God.

### **Luke 19:10**

10 for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

### **Matthew 5:20**

20 For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

### **Galatians 5:5**

5 For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

### **Romans 3:21-23**

21 But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

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### **Matthew 7:21**

21 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

### **John 14:15**

15 “If you love Me, keep My commandments.

### **Matthew 7:24-27**

24 “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. 26 “But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: 27 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”

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