



# THY KINGDOM COME.

Jesus gives a warning against vain repetition of prayer and then gives the Lord's Prayer. You would think, because of that, we'd be especially careful to avoid vain repetition of that prayer! Still, it is easy to fall into that trap. We often do not think about what we are saying. If we did, perhaps our lives would be different... because the Lord's Prayer is pretty radical!

When we pray for God's Kingdom to come, we are also saying we're willing to sacrifice our own kingdoms. We are willing to surrender and submit to the rule of God in our lives. We're not telling God to be our best friend or counselor in this particular prayer. Instead, we're telling Him to be our King. We're telling Him that we welcome His reign. We are servants in this prayer. Do we live this out?

## IN THE BIBLE.

### **Matthew 6:10**

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

### **Revelation 11:15**

The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said:

"The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever."

## **Isaiah 9:6-7**

For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

## **John 18:37**

Therefore Pilate said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say correctly that I am a king For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

# QUESTIONS.

1. How is the Lord's Prayer "radical"?
2. Are you willing to surrender your own kingdom for God's?
3. What does that look like?
4. What steps can you take to bring about the Kingdom of God?

**Whenever you read the Bible, ask yourself these three questions:**

1. What does this tell you about God?
2. What does this tell you about yourself and the world?
3. How is this going to change who you are and how you live?