

THY KINGDOM COME - PART II
“ON EARTH AS IT IS...”
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INTRODUCTION

- Last week we talked about who we pray to and how prayer works.
- What is Prayer? Talking to God
- Have to settle an issue. Why pray?
- Prayer is a spiritual act, by spiritual people.
- Genesis 1:26 - We are spiritual.
- Prayer requires partnership. There is no partnership with someone we don't know.
- We pray silent and in solitude.

I. PROBLEM WITH PRAYER

- It is an act of faith.
- It assumes two things:
 1. That He is real!
 2. That He cares and wants to be part of our story.
- Prayer pre-supposes there is a God.
- When it's hard it feels like He is not there.

II. THE LORD'S PRAYER

- Model from Jesus about how to pray not what to pray!
- Matthew 6:9-13, "Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. ¹⁰May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. ¹¹Give us today the food we need, ¹²and

forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. ¹³And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one."

- Vs. 5 – When you pray don't be hypocrites.
- Vs. 7 – Don't be like Gentiles, repeating their words again and again. Your Father knows.
- This is about us submitting our will to His.
- Vs. 9 - "Our Father." An expectation of us being together.
- Vs. 10 – It is His Kingdom and He has invited us in!
- Vs. 11 – It all comes from Him and it is all His!
- Vs. 12 – Don't get up until you are forgiven and have forgiven.
- Vs. 13 – This is a commitment, not about emptying a sin bucket.

III. WE DON'T PRAY BECAUSE

- It became religious, not spiritual.
- We don't believe anything will happen.
- We don't see the point.

IV. ALL OF US NEED TO PRAY BECAUSE

- Incarnation - God became human and made a way for us.
- Prayer is our path accessing the mystery of God.
- Unique intimate hand-crafted relationship.
- It was in prayer Jesus begins to discover His identity and mission.