

When We Pray, Pray This Way

#3: God's Will

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Concerning God – Duty to God

First table of the Law

Your name

Your Kingdom

Your Will

Concerning Man's need – Duty to Man
Second table of the Law

Give us

Forgive us

Deliver us

Principle 1

Prayer is God-centered. In prayer, we speak to God, our Father in heaven.

Principle 2

There is a place for self-interest in prayer. Indeed, Jesus commands his disciples to pray for their needs. But there is a God-given priority and pattern for those needs.

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Mark 1:14-15

“¹⁴ Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.’”

Luke 4:43

“⁴³ But He said to them, ‘I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, for I was sent for this purpose.’”

Luke 8:1a

“^{1a} Soon afterwards, He began going around from one city and village to another, proclaiming and preaching the kingdom of God. ...”

Luke 13:28

“²⁸ In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but yourselves being thrown out.”

Matthew 8:11-12

“¹¹ I say to you that many will come from east and west, and recline at the table with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven; ¹² but the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Luke 17:21

“²¹ Nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or, ‘There it is!’ For behold, the kingdom of God is in your midst.”

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“The Now and Not Yet”

Matthew 24:27

“²⁷ For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be.”

The verse could be translated as:

“Let thy kingdom come now.”

“So thy kingdom come” means
the full revealing of God’s
sovereign rule over the world.

Parallelism

Psalm 46:1

“God is our refuge and strength
– a very present help in trouble”

Psalm 46:7

“The Lord of Hosts is with us
– the God of Jacob is our refuge”

Psalm 23:1-2

“The Lord is my shepherd
– I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures
– He leads me beside still waters”

Thy kingdom come

– Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.

Revealed Will

Hidden, Secret, or Providential Will

Deuteronomy 29:29

“²⁹ The secret things belong to the LORD our God (*secret will*), but the things revealed (*revealed will*) belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law.”

Isaiah 14:24

“²⁴ The Lord of hosts has sworn saying, ‘Surely, just as I have intended so it has happened, and just as I have planned so it will stand.’”

Psalms 115:3

“³ But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases.”

Psalms 22:28

“²⁸ For the kingdom is the Lord’s and He rules over the nations.”

**Praying for the
revealing of God's kingdom
and
His will be done
is to cry out as David or as saints
before God's altar.**

**Praying for God's will to be done
is also a prayer
for God's will to become our will.**

**The value of the kingdom
is infinite, and
we have a taste of it now.**