

Thy Kingdom Come – A Defining Moment

Jesus told us to **pray**, “**Your kingdom come**. Your will be done On earth as *it is* in heaven.”
He said, seek this first = this is your priority.

Prayer **allows the Spirit to create** God's "something" out of our "nothing." We need to reassess our prayers and attitudes in light of recognizing the **mission of the church is to quell the rebellion of sin and reflect on earth what the King-Dominion** really is.

Too often, prayer becomes **devil-focused**. We ought **never** drift into **fighting against** Hell rather than **warring with** Heaven. Satan-centered prayer is **defensive** protectionism rather than **offensive advancement** of the kingdom. We never score when we go into a protectionist mode. (War Dept. became Dept. of Defense and we had Korea, Vietnam...without victory.)

We're **here to make known the King's Dominion on earth (influence; government of men);**

Ephesians 3:10 to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be **made known by the church to the principalities and powers** in the heavenly *places*,

In Acts 3:21 whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things

Restoration will not cease until Christ's return. Through the church, this mandate of **redemption will advance relentlessly – as He sits and we stand and walk!**

Volunteers arrive at “the **womb of the morning**” (Ps 110:3) = a **new day!** Real **Christianity will bring the Kingdom of heaven to earth and enforce the dominion and authority of heaven upon everything evil...** until the restoration of all things.

It is **not the earth that will be prepared at His return but His Bride**: sanctified... cleansed, glorious... not having spot, or wrinkle ... holy and without blemish. It will be an **authentic and ongoing demonstration to the principalities and powers that the King and His Dominion are real & complete overthrow on earth will come at His return.**

This is the **original Dominion Mandate**. Jesus was ascending to the throne (Gov't) but left witnesses to **every territory** on earth to **establish the Kings Dominion = Kingdom.**

Acts 1:3 to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and **speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom.**

Acts 1:4-8 He commissioned them to enforce heaven's discipline throughout the whole earth!

Much is taught about spiritual war focused on defense but the **promises in Rev. are to overcomers, not defenders**. For a real war, go to war against the presence of the world, the flesh and the devil in the church. Go to war against **cosmetic Christianity!**

Use prayer to defeat **the force of sin** (the kingdom in opposition to God's) that presents itself **by the devil... through the world... and through our own human weakness of the flesh**. Use prayer to establish the Kingdom of God: **first in us; then through us.**

God is confronting passionless Christianity with no dedication to the cause of Christ and which is little different from a social club or civic organization. **Today's average Christian** can be described as one who made a decision, changed some outward behaviors and started to attend weekly meetings as opposed to someone on a journey into maturity in Christ.

Hebrews 11:9-10 ⁹By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as *in* a foreign country, **dwelling in**

tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; ¹⁰ for he **waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.**

Genesis 12:8 ⁸And he moved from there to the mountain east of Bethel, and he pitched his tent *with* Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; there he **built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the LORD.**

Genesis 13:3-4 ³And he went on his journey from the South as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, ⁴to the place of the altar which he had made there at first. And there **Abram called on the name of the LORD.**

This revelation must pass to the seed of Abraham, to every generation:

Genesis 28:16-17 ¹⁶ Jacob awoke from his sleep... ¹⁷And he was afraid and said, “How awesome *is* this place! This *is* none other than the house of God, and **this *is* the gate of heaven!**”

Abraham had it; Jacob got it. **What about Isaac? Today’s defining moment is like Elieazar with Abraham: find my Son’s Bride!** Holy Spirit is searching the earth...

Galatians 4:19 ¹⁹My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you,

Ephesians 4:15 ¹⁵but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—

This is the “kairos” moment for maturing the Bride of Christ: Bethel, not Ai; altars and calling on the name of the Lord, not running off to Egypt...

We must set about the business to convert the cosmetic members to functioning members of the Body.

Rev. 1:6 repeats the Dominion Mandate and defines us as a nation of Kings and priests (**BOTH**). Israel had this offer but refused it. Consider the **2 olive trees in Zech. 4: Joshua** the High priest and **Zerubbabel**, the Governor. They **both must flow into the lampstand or the light will not burn bright.** Kings **AND** Priests – in us **AND** through us!

Moses and Joshua are examples of **priesthood lingering** in the Presence of God **released into kingship**. Was not “**Tarry in Jerusalem...until clothed with power**” the same message?

The apostles were both Kings and Priests. (Peter said we are a Royal Priesthood):

Mark 3:14-15 ¹⁴ Then He **appointed twelve, that they might be with Him #1 and** that He might **send them** out to preach, ¹⁵ and **to have power** to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons:

Priests first – Kings second. The **Apostles understood**, obeyed, and **turned the world upside down**, saying, “**we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word.**”

Lk 19 (10 minas) w/ rewards that vary due to **fruitfulness**

Mt 25 (5 – 2 – 1) w/ rewards that are the same due to **faithfulness**

The Lord wants us each to be faithful (Priest) and fruitful (King)

The Defining Moment For The Church Is At Hand. Jesus is setting the cornerstone (two faces = prophets and apostles) for His dwelling on Earth!