

For Yours is the Kingdom, Power, and Glory Forever

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Matthew 6:9-13 (NKJV) ⁹In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as *it is* in heaven. ¹¹Give us this day our daily bread. ¹²And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. ¹³And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

This prayer, taught to the Disciples by Jesus, can lead us into revelation about God and about ourselves.

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So, why have we prayed this prayer after all?

“For” is how this phrase starts. It is linking this phrase to what has already been said. The “for” means “for the following reasons” or “because”. We have prayed all these things because the Kingdom, Power, and Glory are Our Father’s forever.

In other words, it’s not so much what we have prayed at this point, but who have prayed to. It as if we are saying, “ It’s not what we have asked, Father, that is important to us—it is the fact that You are who we ask because the Kingdom is Yours, all Power is Yours, and all Glory is Yours. Who else would we pray to?”

This statement to me is a declaration of being captivated by the Person of the Father. Father, of who else can it be said that the Kingdom, Power, and Glory belong to them forever? You are The One. There is no other!

Jesus is demonstrating Worship in Prayer with this statement. We recognize Who He is. We bow to Him. We speak of His Glorious Splendor.

I believe that Psalm 145 is a Key that unlocks the Awesome Revelation behind this phrase that Jesus taught is to pray.

Psalms 145:1-21 (NIV) ¹I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. ²Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever. ³Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. ⁴One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts. ⁵They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works. ⁶They will tell of the power of your awesome works, and I will proclaim your great deeds. ⁷They will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness. ⁸The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. ⁹The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made. ¹⁰All you have made will praise you, O Lord; your saints will extol you. ¹¹They will tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, ¹²so that all men may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. ¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made. ¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down. ¹⁵The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. ¹⁶You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. ¹⁷The Lord is righteous in all his ways and loving toward all he has made. ¹⁸The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. ¹⁹He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them. ²⁰The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy. ²¹My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

This is the God to whom we pray.

I would encourage you to meditate, pray, and sing over this passage of scripture. Let it get into your spirit.

Within Us

The three things that Jesus mentions here at the end of this prayer are very intimate to us. What do I mean by that? Well, all three of these things are said in scripture to dwell in us.

The Kingdom

The Kingdom is within us.

Luke 17:21 (NIV) nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is within you."

Luke 10:9 (NIV) Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God is near you.'

Luke 12:32 (NIV) "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.

Luke 22:29 (NIV) And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me,

The Power

The Power is within us.

Acts 1:8 (NIV) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

1 John 4:4 (NIV) You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

Ephesians 3:20 (NIV) Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,

The Glory

The Glory is within us.

Romans 8:18 (NIV) I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

John 17:22 (NIV) I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one:

2 Corinthians 4:6-7 (NIV) ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. ⁷But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

Our Responsibility: A Great Honor

The fact that these three things are within us should greatly impact the way that we live our lives. In light of the teaching before this on temptation, sin, and mercy—we should consider how a Christian should live.

Yes, God has mercy and patience with us, and we should have the same with one another when we live in immaturity and weakness. However, the Christian heart should want to live in a way that takes these three things that are within us, and release them back out—which will greatly impact the way that we live our daily lives.

Consider how your current lifestyle would need to change so that releasing what God has put into you becomes a reality. Releasing these three things is actually tightly woven together in a single reality. It is nearly impossible to release one without the others; however, we will look at them somewhat separately for the sake of discussion what each of them mean.

Releasing the Kingdom

If the Kingdom is within us, then God's realm of authority is within us. His rule is within us. We should be releasing the rule and authority of God in our daily lives.

Our behavior, thoughts, and speech should be constantly influenced by the fact that we let God have authority over every area of our lives. If He is King, then he should rule over every thought and behavior:

Psalms 19:14 (NIV) May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

2 Corinthians 10:4-6 (NIV) ⁴The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. ⁵We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. ⁶And we will be ready to punish every act of disobedience, once your obedience is complete.

God's authority should be absolute in our lives, conquering every thought and every action. How would the reality of this change the way you live your daily life?

Releasing Power

The word for "power" in this prayer is the Greek word "dynamis" (pronounced doo-na-mis). This is the word we get the English word "dynamite". It means force, or you may think of it as explosive power. It is the same Greek word used to describe what we receive when the Holy Spirit comes on us:

Acts 1:8 (NIV) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

The power within us should cause us to be witnesses of Jesus. Now to be clear, this doesn't mean feeling a compulsion to set aside time each week to go knocking door-to-door, handing out tracts, and asking "if you died tonight do you know where you would spend eternity?"

Not that there isn't any merit at all in doing that; no doubt some people have come into the kingdom because of it. However, I believe that it most often, and more naturally, should come from a stirring of compassion within us that reacts to the needs of other people in our daily circumstances, and making ourselves available to others. This can look like any number of things; I just don't want people to think that "witnessing" only looks like handing out tracts and asking rehearsed questions. However, it will often take boldness and willingness to present Jesus to people, which is something that many of us may not actually do on a regular basis.

Matthew 10:8 (NIV) Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

Mark 16:15-18 (NIV) ¹⁵He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. ¹⁶Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷

And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

As an aside: note that the above scripture doesn't say that we orchestrate situations to show our commitment to God by picking up snakes and drinking poison. The will be signs that "follow" believers. If you have to handle a snake it will not hurt you. If you are poisoned you won't be harmed.

Releasing Glory

Our goal should be for everything that we do to give glory, or honor, to God. We should not seek our own good, but the good of others and the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:23-33 (NIV) ²³"Everything is permissible"--but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible"--but not everything is constructive. ²⁴Nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others. ²⁵Eat anything sold in the meat market without raising questions of conscience, ²⁶for, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it." ²⁷If some unbeliever invites you to a meal and you want to go, eat whatever is put before you without raising questions of conscience. ²⁸But if anyone says to you, "This has been offered in sacrifice," then do not eat it, both for the sake of the man who told you and for conscience' sake-- ²⁹the other man's conscience, I mean, not yours. For why should my freedom be judged by another's conscience? ³⁰If I take part in the meal with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of something I thank God for? ³¹So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. ³²Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God-- ³³even as I try to please everybody in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved.

Forever

The last word in the phrase we are studying is "Forever." God is everlasting. His Kingdom, Power, and Glory are everlasting. What you do now to release these has an eternal impact, and will be a great factor in what your assignment is during the Millennial Kingdom. Mike Bickle has some great teachings on the Millennial Kingdom on his website: www.mikebickle.org that I would encourage you to listen to.

<http://mikebickle.org/resources/category/end-times/millennium-new-jerusalem/>

For now, let it suffice for me to say that our current life, the seventy or eighty years that we have in this age, should be viewed by us as a short internship for what our assignment will be when Jesus comes and fully establishes his authority on the earth and we begin to reign with him:

Revelation 5:9-10 (NIV) ⁹And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. ¹⁰You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

Revelation 20:6 (NIV) Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

Thank God that He is an Everlasting Father with an Everlasting Kingdom. We can rest assured knowing that the Kingdom that we are now a part of will last forever. We have a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11-13 (NIV) ¹¹For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹²Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

The Millennial Kingdom

The Father has bestowed upon us the awesome honor of delivering to the world around us all that belongs to Him. Through Brokenness, Humility, Prayer, Preaching, Singing and Prophecy we release His Kingdom, Power, and Glory in the earth until One Day when Jesus returns to establish everything in full. Look at these descriptions of the time of God's Kingdom on Earth that is yet to come:

Isaiah 11:1-10 (NIV) ¹A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. ²The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him-- the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord-- ³and he will delight in the fear of the Lord. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; ⁴but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. ⁵Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist. ⁶The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. ⁷The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. ⁸The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest. ⁹They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious.

Isaiah 9:6-7 (NIV) ⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

Isaiah 2:1-22 (NIV) ¹This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: ²In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. ³Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that

we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ⁴ He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. ⁵ Come, O house of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord. ⁶ You have abandoned your people, the house of Jacob. They are full of superstitions from the East; they practice divination like the Philistines and clasp hands with pagans. ⁷ Their land is full of silver and gold; there is no end to their treasures. Their land is full of horses; there is no end to their chariots. ⁸ Their land is full of idols; they bow down to the work of their hands, to what their fingers have made. ⁹ So man will be brought low and mankind humbled-- do not forgive them. ¹⁰ Go into the rocks, hide in the ground from dread of the Lord and the splendor of his majesty! ¹¹ The eyes of the arrogant man will be humbled and the pride of men brought low; the Lord alone will be exalted in that day. ¹² The Lord Almighty has a day in store for all the proud and lofty, for all that is exalted (and they will be humbled), ¹³ for all the cedars of Lebanon, tall and lofty, and all the oaks of Bashan, ¹⁴ for all the towering mountains and all the high hills, ¹⁵ for every lofty tower and every fortified wall, ¹⁶ for every trading ship and every stately vessel. ¹⁷ The arrogance of man will be brought low and the pride of men humbled; the Lord alone will be exalted in that day, ¹⁸ and the idols will totally disappear. ¹⁹ Men will flee to caves in the rocks and to holes in the ground from dread of the Lord and the splendor of his majesty, when he rises to shake the earth. ²⁰ In that day men will throw away to the rodents and bats their idols of silver and idols of gold, which they made to worship. ²¹ They will flee to caverns in the rocks and to the overhanging crags from dread of the Lord and the splendor of his majesty, when he rises to shake the earth. ²² Stop trusting in man, who has but a breath in his nostrils. Of what account is he?

Habakkuk 2:14 (NIV) For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

Zechariah 14:5b-9 (NIV) ⁵ ... Then the Lord my God will come, and all the holy ones with him. ⁶ On that day there will be no light, no cold or frost. ⁷ It will be a unique day, without daytime or nighttime--a day known to the Lord. When evening comes, there will be light. ⁸ On that day living water will flow out from Jerusalem, half to the eastern sea and half to the western sea, in summer and in winter. ⁹ The Lord will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one Lord, and his name the only name.

What we do now is intimately involved with the time described in these passages and with our position in the Kingdom during this time.