

COMMUNICATION WITH THE CREATOR

Luke 11:1-4

“The Principles of Prayer”



Luke 11:1 And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

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4 And **forgive** us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but **deliver** us from evil.

A person wearing a red long-sleeved shirt is shown from the chest up, standing in a field of tall grass. They have their hands clasped in prayer and their head tilted upwards. The background is a soft-focus field of grass under a bright sky. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent dark blue-grey rectangle that contains the text.

Our theme this year is...

GLORIFY THE CREATOR

A couple of weeks ago we began a new series...

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In what is commonly called “the Lord’s Prayer,” (which correctly should be called “The Model Prayer,”) Jesus gives us several principles of prayer. We began with...

I. THE EXAMPLE OF THE SAVIOR

Lu. 11:1b “...as he was praying...”

A. Jesus Prayed Publicly

B. Jesus Prayed Privately

II. THE EXPECTATION OF THE SAVIOR

Lu. 11:2b “...When ye pray...”

A. The Savior Expects us to Pray

- The first church, closest to the teachings of the Savior, practiced prayer.

B. The Savior Encouraged us to Pray

III. THE ENLIGHTENMENT OF THE SAVIOR

A. The Principle of Relationship – “...Our Father...”

- Jesus emphasized the value of a special relationship with the Creator, calling Him Father, which is primarily utilized in the New Testament – only about 15 times in the Old Testament.
- The term “Father” implies loving provision for His “children.”
- In order to call Him our Father, we must be *adopted* into His family.
- Spiritual *adoption* into His family is only available through the Lord Jesus Christ.
- This purification, known as sanctification, segues into the next principle.

B. The Principle of Righteousness – “...Hallowed by thy name...”

- God is holy.
- During His high-priestly prayer, right before Calvary, Jesus exemplified the address of “Holy Father.”
- When we pray, we must be aware of His holiness, and consequently, our sinfulness.
- When unconfessed sin reigns in a believer’s heart, prayers are an exercise of futility.
- In order to have fellowship with God, we must meet His standard.
- Salvation AND sanctification are requirements for answered prayers!
- We need the *imputation of righteous* from the Lord Jesus Christ, and His righteousness imputed to us, BEFORE we can enter into the holy presence of our Holy God.
- The Lord Jesus Christ is the propitiation for our sins, meeting God’s standard of holiness, providing His righteousness for us.
- As our Advocate, He is our Intercessor.
- The first principles of prayer emphasize relationship – salvation and sanctification.

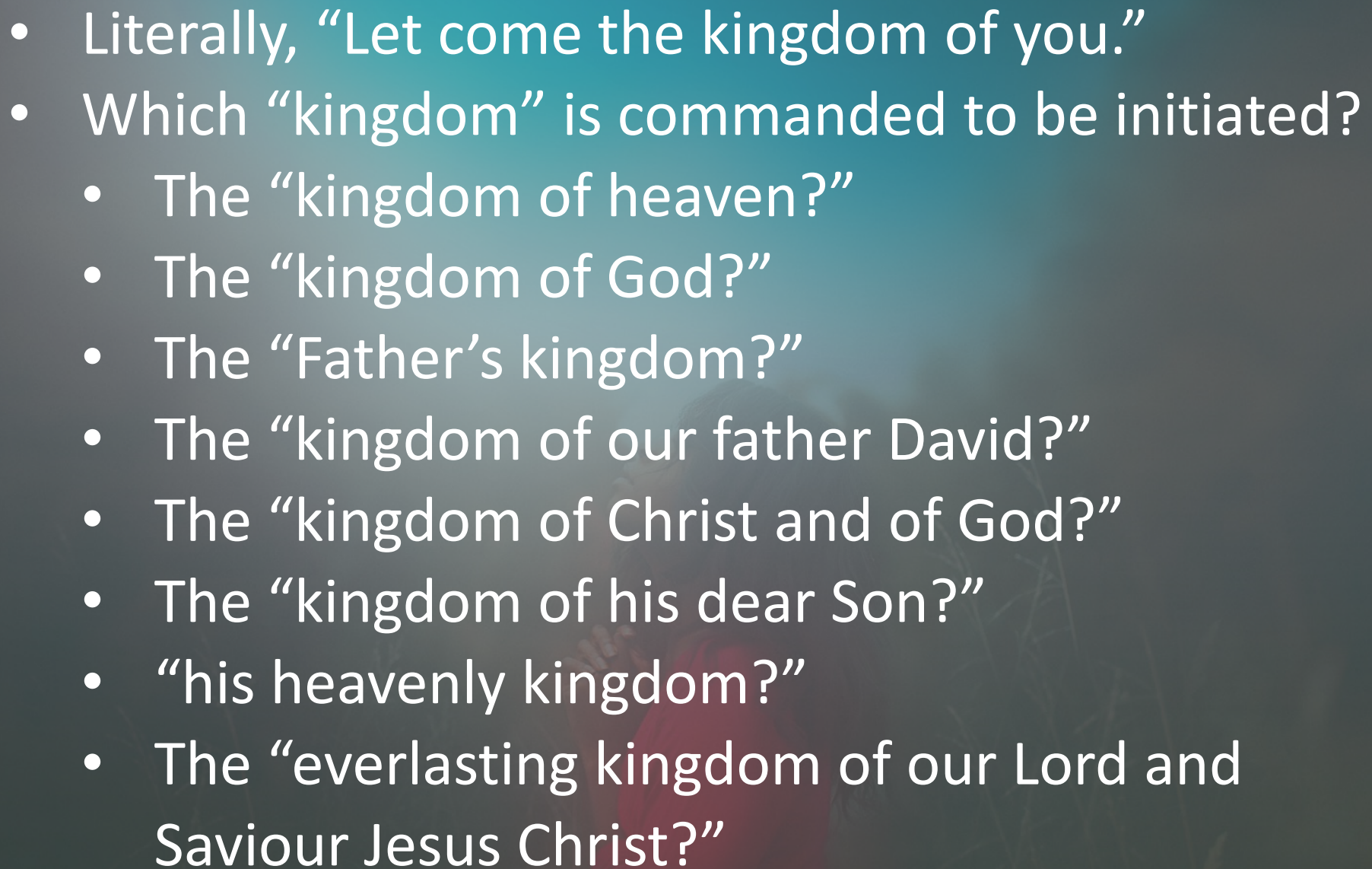
We continue our new series by focusing upon the Principles of Prayer that Jesus taught His disciples...

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C. The Principle of Reigning – “...Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done...”

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1. The Prophesied Reigning – “...Thy Kingdom come...”

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- Literally, “Let come the kingdom of you.”
 - Which “kingdom” is commanded to be initiated?
 - The “kingdom of heaven?”
 - The “kingdom of God?”
 - The “Father’s kingdom?”
 - The “kingdom of our father David?”
 - The “kingdom of Christ and of God?”
 - The “kingdom of his dear Son?”
 - “his heavenly kingdom?”
 - The “everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ?”

Jn. 18:36 Jesus answered, **My kingdom is not of this world:** if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but **now is my kingdom not from hence.**

2 Pet. 1:11 For so an entrance **shall be ministered unto you abundantly** into the **everlasting kingdom** of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

- Why pray about something in the future for which we do not know a time factor?
- **Productive prayer requires a proper perspective when we come to the throne of grace.**

Heb. 4:16 Let us therefore **come boldly unto the throne of grace**, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

- In order for prayer to be effective, we must meet God's standards.

Jas. 5:16b "...The **effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.**"

- We must remind ourselves that God is our Father, He is holy, and He has a future kingdom; that fact keeps our attention focused on eternity first, then upon the present.
- Faithful believers, presently, are priests, and one day, will be kings:

Ex. 19:6 And **ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation.** These *are* the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

1 Pet. 2:9 But ye *are* a chosen generation, **a royal priesthood,** an holy nation, a peculiar people; that **ye should shew forth the praises of him** who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

Rev. 1:6 And hath **made us kings and priests unto God and his Father;** to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Rev. 5:10 And hast **made us unto our God kings and priests:** and **we shall reign on the earth.**

2. The Present Reigning – “...Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.”

- Literally, “Let be done the will of you.” – presently!
- The Scriptures teach the relationship of prayer to the will of God:

1 Jn. 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, **if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:**

15 And **if we know that he hear us**, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

- Before we consider the will of God, let's look at the imperative verbs:

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- The Lord's model prayer contains several imperative verbs indicating we are to "command" God.

Isa. 45:11 Thus saith **the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me** of things to come concerning my sons, and **concerning the work of my hands command ye me.**

- When we “command” in prayer that we want God’s will to be done, we are expressing our desire to live our lives for His glory.

Psa. 37:4 Delight thyself also in the LORD; and **he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.**

- Once again, our focus is directed to the place of God’s standard for us – “...as in heaven, so in earth.”
- In heaven, angels have expressed “free will.” (Luke 10:18, Rev. 12:3-4, Isa. 14:12, Gen. 6 + Job 1:6, 2:1, 38:7)
- The primary lesson is OBEDIENCE.
 - In the garden, Adam and Eve disobeyed God.
 - Throughout the Old Testament, Israel constantly disobeyed God.

Rom. 10:21 But **to Israel he saith**, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto **a disobedient** and gainsaying **people**.

- Disobedience leads to unanswered prayer, as well as God's judgment.

Eph. 5:6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things **cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience**.

- The will of God was the focus of Jesus.

Jn. 4:34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is **to do the will of him that sent me**, and to finish his work.

Jn. 6:38 For I came down from heaven, **not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. ...**

40 And **this is the will of him that sent me**, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

- The Scriptures clearly give directions for the will of God.

Mark 3:35 For **whosoever shall do the will of God**, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.

Rom. 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, **that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.**

Gal. 1:4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, **according to the will of God and our Father:**

Eph. 6:6 Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, **doing the will of God from the heart;**

1 Thess. 4:3 For **this is the will of God**, *even* your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

1 Thess. 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for **this is the will of God** in Christ Jesus concerning you.

2 Tim. 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ **by the will of God**, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,

1 Pet. 4:2 That he no longer should live the rest of *his* time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but **to the will of God**.

1 Jn. 2:17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but **he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever**.

- The key to obedience is attitude of the heart.

Deut. 30:20 That thou mayest **love the LORD thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice**, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for **he is thy life**, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

- In the New Testament, obedience is joined to loving God.

1 Jn. 5:3 For **this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments:** and **his commandments are not grievous.**

Jn. 14:15 **If ye love me, keep my commandments.** ...

21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, **he it is that loveth me:** and he that **loveth me** shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. ...

23 Jesus answered and said unto him, **If a man love me, he will keep my words:** and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

Jn. 15:10 **If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love**; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

1 Jn. 2:5 But **whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected**: hereby know we that we are in him.



Conclusion

Luke 11:2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. **Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.**

Rom. 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, **which is your reasonable service.**

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that **ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.**

Deut. 6:5 And thou shalt **love the LORD thy God with all thine heart**, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Mt. 22:37 Jesus said unto him, **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.**

38 This is the first and great commandment.

39 And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

40 On these two commandments **hang all the law and the prophets.**