

Best Prayer Ever!

Week 2: My Kingdom Come

Weekly Summary: So much of our praying consists of asking God to do what we want. But Jesus shows us an ever better prayer! Instead of focusing on your kingdom and your will, Jesus teaches us to submit to the kingdom and the will of the Father enthroned above!

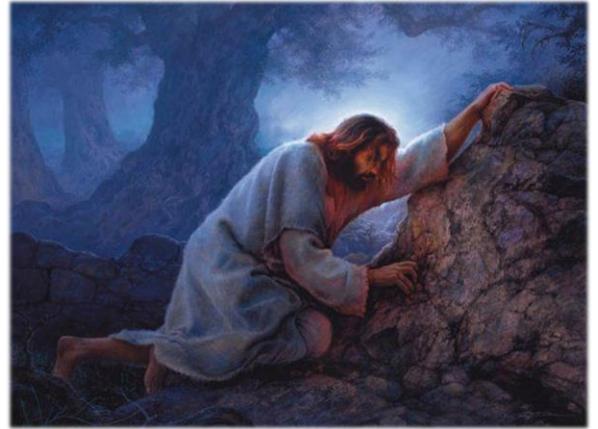


- ❖ **Ephesians 6:18a** – Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.
- ❖ **Matthew 7:11** – “If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!”

- ❖ **Matthew 6:9-10** – “This, then, is how you should pray: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.’”
- ❖ **Matthew 16:21-23** – From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. ²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!” ²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

➤ **Big Problem:** Insisting to God, “_____ kingdom come; _____ will be done.”

- ❖ **Matthew 26:36-39, 42** – Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.”³⁷ He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled.³⁸ Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.”³⁹ Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.” ...⁴² He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.”



- **Big Idea:** When you pray, ask God that your will would be _____ with his.

- ❖ **Tim Keller:** “God will only give you what you would have asked for if you knew everything he knows.”

- You want _____ things. God wants _____ things.

*My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!*

Digging Deeper

1. What are some serious deficiencies with your will?
2. Can you think of some serious problems that would result from God doing everything you wanted? Becoming subject to *your kingdom* and *your will*?
3. Is there a point when making requests to God becomes selfish and sinful? If so, when?
4. Why do you love God? If you're loving him for the wrong reasons, what will happen when God's will doesn't align with yours?
5. Read Romans 8:28. Can you recall a time when God said “no” to you, and now, looking back, you understand why?
6. Can you recall a time when God said “no” and you still don't understand why? Ultimately, does it matter whether you know? Why, or why not?
7. Consider Jesus' attitude toward his Father's will in today's stories from Matthew. Why were those both critical junctures for Jesus *and us*? What would have happened if Jesus abandoned his Father's will?
8. **Challenge:** When you pray this week, ask *only* that God's will for you would be done.
9. **Homework:** Read Matthew 6:25-34 in preparation for the next message in our series: *Best Prayer Ever!*