

The Most Important Pattern of Prayer in the Bible, Part Four

The Father and His Kingdom: Matthew 6:10

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1. In calling us to pray in this manner, Jesus teaches us to focus on _____
to the Father and He gives us extraordinary _____
to see that or those things accomplished!

2. The simplest answer is that the kingdom of God is _____,
because He's involved in every aspect of life.

3. "It is a clear teaching of the New Testament that God's will is not to be _____
_____ in this age."¹

4. Now, considering our authority and influence in prayer and what's at stake every day around us, consider
also with me the _____ that we have in seeing that
His kingdom come and His will is done on earth as it is in heaven.

5. Here's another profound and sobering matter to consider: The very fact that our Lord tells us and gives us
the authority to pray Matthew 6:10 is an indication that God's will _____
_____; it is not _____.

¹ George Eldon Ladd, *The Gospel of the Kingdom* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1990), 24.

6. God doesn't need our prayers to accomplish what He wants to accomplish, but He clearly tells us in the Lord's Prayer and in Luke 18:1-8 that He _____ our praying.

7. Sometimes – indeed often – we find out _____.
And the truth is that the Bible teaches us that the day is coming when we'll know all things.
(1 Corinthians 13:9-12).

What are at least three things we can take away from this message?

QUESTIONS

1. What are the three areas of the Lord's Prayer that focus upon God and why is this "healthy" for us?
2. Let's return to Matthew. 6:10 and ask (and answer) the question, "What is the kingdom of God/heaven?"
3. What are the implications of us praying v.10?
4. What are the implications of us not praying v.10?
5. Considering the fact that the kingdom is "already but not yet" – that is, that it is here now, but not in its fullness – how do we handle the disappointment of unanswered prayer (or what we perceive to be unanswered prayer)?
6. What role does Romans 8:28 have in what we perceive to be unanswered prayer?
7. What things did we learn from the sermon that showed us how we can be confident with God in prayer?
8. In what areas of your life can you see God's kingdom advanced in the earth?