

THE NAME, THE KINGDOM, THE WILL

April 28, 2013 Matthew 6:9-10 by Bob Branch
Connecting With God Through Prayer, Part 4

MAIN IDEA: Jesus gave us a prayer that embodies His mission and what is best for each of us. When you pray it and the themes within it, you tap into and unleash heaven's resources into every arena of life.

"On earth as it is in heaven" modifies all 3 phrases.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Matthew 6:9

"hallow" to treat a person or thing as holy/different/set apart/above.

The Name: Unspoken...

The Name: God revealing Himself & His nature

El Ro'I (Gen. 16:13) The God who sees me. (Is. 9:6; Ps. 23)

The Name: The Authority of the King, His kingdom and His reign (Ephesians 1:20-21)

The Name: The reputation of God (Jeremiah 34:16)

The Name: The essence of worship, adoration & praise.

Psalms 113:2-3 (149:3; Heb. 13:15)

God's names/titles are invitations to know Him in that way.

1. Pray (aloud) God's NAMES & TITLES back to Him. Practice.

Father, you have revealed yourself through your names and titles in ways that spark my imagination and ignite hunger to know you more. You are "the God who sees me." You see what is happening to me, around me and within me. Nothing has missed your attention. You care for me, watch after me, are there for me. Thank you!

Your kingdom come, Matthew 6:10a

When Jesus came, the kingly reign of heaven came with Him, but *did not replace* this present age, but invaded into it through Him.

"But if I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you." **Matthew 12:28**

"Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is within you." **Luke 17:20-21**

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

2. Acknowledge Him as your KING/LORD and submit to His reign in your life.

"Therefore God exalted him [Jesus] to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." **Philippians 2:9-11**

Lord, I come to you and acknowledge you as Lord and as my Lord. I willingly submit and yield myself to you. Come reign in me... in my thoughts, in my words, in my feelings, in my body, in my plans. Today, let your kingdom come upon me and reign in me; let your kingdom come near me, and reveal to me more of what that means.

3. Invite Him to bring His KINGDOM-REIGN EFFECTS (healing, justice, release, deliverance) into the lives of others through you.

"I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father." **John 14:12**

Acting for justice (Prov. 31:8-9; Is. 61:1-3; James 1:27; Mt. 25:34-40)

Healing the sick, delivering from bondage (Lk. 10:9,17-20; Mk.16:17-18)

Sharing the Gospel (Mk. 16:15; Mt. 28:18-20; Rom. 10:14-17)

Father, in praying Your kingdom come, I am partnering with you and your kingdom work in this world. Open my eyes and show me what you are doing. Let me be a kingdom-agent today. I will look for what you are doing and jump in when I see it. Lead on. (Jn 5:19; 2 Cor. 5:20)

Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Matthew 6:10b

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

CROSSROADS: My will/His will.

4. Recalibrate YOUR WILL to His (all the specifics) (agree, surrender)

"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." **Luke 22:42**

Lord, when I pray 'Your will be done' I am bringing my will completely into submission to Yours. I want Your will as my first priority. In my schedule today, at work, on the road, in my meetings, at my home, in my relationships, in my attitudes and emotions... in all my life, I want Your will, not mine. I believe Your will is the best pathway for me, and I gladly surrender to You today.