Lord, Teach us to Pray: It's Not About You

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Matthew 6:9-13

9 "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. 11 Give us today our daily bread. 12 Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'

1. THERE ARE TWO KINGDOMS

Earthly Kingdom (Flesh) Heavenly Kingdom (Spirit)

Matthew 3:1-2

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

Matthew 4:17

From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

Matthew 10:7

"As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.'"

John 18:36

Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place."

John 3:5-6

Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit."

2. EACH KINGDOM IS IN CONFLICT WITH THE OTHER

- EARTHLY KINGDOM
  - Ruler: Satan is Prince of this world
  - Laws: There are no rules – Anything goes
  - Subjects: Demons & Those living in sin outside of Christ
  - Reign: The world (no authority in heaven)

John 14:30-31

"I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me, but the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me."

- HEAVENLY KINGDOM
  - Ruler: Jesus Christ, King of Kings
  - Laws: God's law (holiness, righteousness, justice, truth)
  - Subjects: Angels & Those redeemed by Christ
  - Reign: Heaven (ability to impact the world through the power of the Holy Spirit)

Galatians 5:16-25

16 So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. 17 For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law. 19 The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Matthew 6:33

"Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness..."

3. GOD'S KINGDOM AND HIS WILL COME FIRST

Matthew 6:9-10

"... your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Luke 22:42

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