

# Transformational Praying Pt. 3

*“Lord, Teach us to Pray.”* Luke 11:4; Mt. 6:9

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Prayer is foundational to understanding God’s Perspective! (Is. 55:6-8)

The middle of the Sermon on the Mount is specific instruction about how to practice “transformational” prayer. Jesus modeled this so often that his disciples asked him

*“Lord, teach us to pray.”* (Lk 11:1-4) Mt. 6:9 *“After this manner ...pray ye:”*

1. *“Our Father”* Prayer is based on a Relationship that’s Personal!
2. *“Which art in heaven”*: Based on a Perspective that’s Eternal.
3. *“hallowed be thy name”*: Based on an awareness that’s “awe-ful”!  
hagiaz’ō: Sanctified, Venerated, Holy. Not something to be avoided, but anticipated!  
Not troubling, but Transforming!
4. *“Thy Kingdom Come”* βασιλεία (Basilei’a) has 3 dimensions:
  - A. **Royalty**: from basileus’: Sovereign King. from bas’is foundation of power.  
There’s Ultimately only 2 “Kings”:
    - 1) Satan is called *“The prince of this world”* (John 12:41; 14:30; 16:11)  
Also called *“the god of this world”* (2Cor 4:4) and *“the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:”* (Eph 2:2)
    - 2) Jesus, who is the:
      - a) Great King Ps. 95:3 *“the LORD is a great King above all gods.”*
      - b) Glorious King. Ps. 24:10 *“The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.”*
      - c) Gracious King. Heb. 4:16 *“Let us come boldly unto the throne of Grace”*
      - d) *“The King of Kings”* Rev. 19:16  
(See Col. 1:16-18) *“That in all things he might have the preeminence”*  
Since *“no man can serve two masters”* (Mt. 6:24)

**Who’s Your King?**

**B. Realm**: Region, sphere or domain in which someone prevails or dominates.  
There’s ultimately only 2 “Realms”.

- 1) **The Kingdom (Realm) of Darkness** Col. 1:13 *“Who hath delivered (rescued) us from the power (exousia: influence/control) of darkness, (obscurity)”*
- 2) **The Kingdom (Realm) of Light** Col. 1:13,14 *“and hath translated us (metis’tēmi: Deposited) into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:”*
  - a) Paul described this as his calling to King Agrippa in Acts 26:16,18  
Since a “Realm” is a domain in which someone or something prevails:

**Which Kingdom (or realm) “prevails” in your life?**

## C. Rules (or Laws governing it's citizens)

*“a set of explicit or understood regulations or principles governing conduct within a particular activity or sphere.”*

Ultimately there are 2 “Royals”, 2 “Realms”, and 2 sets of “Rules.”

1) Rule of “self”. Jdg 21:25 *“In those days there was no king ... every man did that which was right in his own eyes.”*

- a) “Self” rule is ultimately the rule of Satan! Gen 3:5 *“Your eyes shall be open, you shall be as gods, knowing (recognizing and determining) good and evil.”*
- b) “Self” rule is ultimately short-sighted! Pr. 14:12; 16:25 *“There is a way that seems right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death” (also Mt.7:13)*

2) God’s “rules”! Lk 6:46 *“why call me Lord, and do not the things which I say?”*

- a) Are good for us. He then told the parable of the wise and foolish men!  
What was the difference between the wise and foolish? Vs 47 (See Deut. 10:12-13)
- b) Related to the quality of our relationship. Jn 14:15  
*“If you love me, keep my commandments” (See also 1 Jn 5:1-3)*
- c) Related to our calling. Titus 2:14 *“Christ...gave himself for us, that he might redeem us ..., and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.” (Also Eph. 2:10)*

## Conclusion:

Joshua asked Israel to *“choose this day who ye will serve.”* Jos 24:15

This is ultimately a choice between

- Two “Royals” (Satan or Christ)
- Two “Realms” (Darkness or Light)
- Two “Rules” (Your own or Christ’s)

Not to choose, is to choose! (Luke 11:23) Many spend their lives “uncommitted”:  
Phil. 3:18,19 *“Many walk... Whose end is destruction, (Waste) whose god is their belly, (Wrong Royal) Whose glory is their shame, (Wrong Realm) who mind earthly things.” (Wrong Rules)*  
(James 1:8 *“A doubleminded man is unstable in all his ways.”*)

For those who choose wisely: Ph 3:20 *“our conversation is in heaven; (Citizenship, community) from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ”*

## Application

In Lk 19:11-> Jesus told a parable about God’s Kingdom: *“because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear. He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. And he called his servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said, Occupy till I come.”*

Occupy literally means to “busy yourselves with trade”

What are you busy “trading” to prepare for the Kingdom of God?