

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?