

## Reigning in Prayer

Texts: Matthew 26:40, 41

Matthew 6:10: "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

Learn to pray to God as a servant and you'll talk to Him as a Friend. John 15:15: "Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you."

Abraham was called the friend of God in James 2:23. Exodus 33:11 informs us, "And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend...." We see in Scripture two men who were God's friends and they were both men that knew how to negotiate in prayer. Although they both spent much of their lives in tents, they truly knew how to reign in this present life.

Deuteronomy 28:13: "And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them."

There is a Kingdom of God in the earth as there is in Heaven. And we have a King. And the Church is acting under and in the authority of King Jesus. Romans 5:17: "For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ."

In the middle of the 1800s George Mueller prayed in 7½ million dollars. He said, "I don't ask a petition until I get happy in the Lord." We have entered into God's manifested presence through praise and now that we, too, have become happy in the Lord, we are ready to get down to the business of praying the price in intercession.

When we pray "thy kingdom come," we are not only praying for Christ to return and set up His physical reign upon the earth, we are also praying for God's kingdom to come in glory and strength in our lives and the temporal kingdom in which we live in earth.

There are four characteristics that are intrinsic to the Kingdom of God in the present day in which we live: Righteousness, Peace, Joy and Power. Romans 14:17: "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost" and I Corinthians 4:20: "For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power."

We begin with ourselves, then our family, the Church and the leaders in our nation.

### 1. WE ARE PRAYING FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

- I Corinthians 15:34: "Awake to righteousness, and sin not...."
- Micah 6:8: "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

### 2. WE ARE PRAYING FOR PEACE.

- John 14:27: “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”
- Colossians 3:15a: “And let the peace of God rule in your hearts....”
- Philippians 4:7: “And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

### 3. WE ARE PRAYING FOR JOY.

- Nehemiah 8:10c: “...for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”
- Psalm 51:12: “Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.”
- Philippians 4:4: “Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.”

### 4. WE ARE PRAYING FOR POWER.

- Psalm 62:11: “God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God.”
- II Corinthians 10:3-4: “For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)”
- Acts 4:33: “And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.”

### 5. WE ARE PRAYING FOR PROTECTION FOR OUR FAMILIES.

Nehemiah 4:14; Lamentation 2:19; Hebrews 1:13, 14

### 6. WE ARE PRAYING FOR THE HARVEST.

Matthew 9:36-38; Isaiah 43:1-7

### 7. WE ARE PRAYING FOR OUR NATION.

I Timothy 2:1-5

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