

# THE KINGDOM OF GOD

WHAT IS IT? [PART 3]

Reading: **Matthew 6:9 - 13**

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## Introduction/Recap

- There are 3 types of kingdoms referred to in the Bible.
- The kingdoms of men, Satan's kingdom & the Kingdom of God.
- We pray for the coming of God's Kingdom in all its fullness at Christ's return.
- When Jesus worked miracles/exorcisms etc He was giving a **'foretaste'** of what's to come.
- When miracles and revivals happen today we are experiencing a **'foretaste/sample'** of what's to come.
- When a person is truly saved a seed of the Kingdom of God is deposited within them which grows and shows itself.
- Then the Kingdom of God is **'within'** us.
- If someone is a citizen of the Kingdom they will live in a way that befits the Kingdom being within them.

## 1 The Definition Of The Kingdom

- The word **'Kingdom'** is translated from the Greek word **'basileia'** which means, **'the reign/rule of God.'**
- **'Thy Kingdom come.'** The next line explains what **'Thy Kingdom come'** means.

- ***'Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.'***
- The Kingdom of God can be anywhere where His will is being perfectly done just as it is in heaven.
- When we say ***'not my will but Your will be done'*** our heart becomes an ***'enclave'*** of the Kingdom.
- Note the lyrics of the song: ***'Reign in me, sovereign Lord reign in me.'***
- Is the ***'Kingdom of God'*** within you? If it is, the evidence of the Kingdom will be seen.

### **3 The Characteristic Of A Forgiving Spirit**

- Consider the parable of the Kingdom in [Matthew 18:21 - 35].
- The one who the King has forgiven will have the characteristic of forgiving others. [Ephesians 4:32].

### **3 The Characteristic Of A Serving Spirit**

- Consider the request of the mother of James and John to Jesus and His response to her.
- The Kingdom is not about being served but about serving others.
- Consider the example of the King Himself in [John 13]. Note the 7 things He did.
- The Kingdom is about a towel, not getting the best seat or position.

### **5 The Characteristic Of A Child-like Spirit**

- Consider the example of Christ and the child in [Matthew 18:1 - 4].
- A child is **HUMBLE** [James 4:10]
- A child is **TRUSTING**. Trust what your heavenly Father says.
- May the Kingdom of heaven be withing us.

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