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Part 2 • TWO KINGDOMS

Matthew 6:10 *Your Kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.*

In the same way that the five-sided Pentagon is the center for our national defense, the five sided prayer pattern given by Jesus in **Matthew 6:5-15**; Luke 11:1-4 is our spiritual “command center.” It is a strategic plan to live life in all of its fullness and victory! (John 10:10)

In the Disciples’ prayer pattern Jesus told us to pray that His Kingdom would come on earth as it is in Heaven. In the Greek language the word Kingdom is *basileia*, and has two meanings: 1) a king’s rule, reign, authority, and 2) the territory or people over whom a king reigns.

The Kingdom Forfeited

1. In Genesis 3, Adam’s rebellion separated him from his relationship with God and forfeited rulership (stewardship) over creation to Satan. As a result, rebellion and sin spread and mankind became increasingly more the god over his life (“You will be like God...” Genesis 3:4-5), serving our enemy’s plans.
 - **But God...** Romans 5:12-21 *...Therefore, as through one man’s offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man’s righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous.*

The Kingdom Brought Near

1. Christ began His ministry by proclaiming that the Kingdom of God/Heaven is at hand or near. (Matthew 4:17) Although the Kingdom of God is both present and future, spiritual and invisible, Christ’s coming in human form brought the Kingdom of God into our realm (John 1:14).
2. The Kingdom of God is light and offensive while the kingdom of darkness is, in essence, powerless and defensive. Notice the power of the Kingdom...
 - Matthew 4:23-25 *And Jesus went about all Galilee,... preaching the gospel of the Kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and diseases among the people.... and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them (all)...* (Matthew 8:16; Mark 3:10, 6:56; Luke 6:19; Acts 5:15-16)

Benefits of the Kingdom

Luke 12:31-32 *...Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.* (2 Peter 1:3)

1. Deliverance. Colossians 1:12-14 states that we have been delivered from the power of darkness into the Kingdom of His Son! The word power is “authority” in the original language!
2. Provision. In Matthew 16:15-19 Jesus stated that, we, the Church, have been given keys to/of the Kingdom. These keys are Kingdom principles which open the promises of God.
3. Power. The Kingdom is also the means to *undo satan’s damage*. Because we are joint-heirs with Christ (Romans 8:17) we have been given authority to bring the entry of His Kingdom into the brokenness of life (Luke 9:11)! It truly is a clash of the Kingdom of Light against the kingdom of darkness in Matthew 4:1-11, 8:28-34, 12:22-30, etc.

Action -- Read a few of Christ’s Kingdom parables in Matthew 13 and Mark 4:1-34. Then, in prayer, bring everything in your life under His Lordship and pray that His will be done in your life, your family, church, nation and beyond.