

Sermon Handout

Thy Kingdom Come

Matthew 6:9-13

I. The Second Petition v. 10a

- a. The catechism's three elements (Q 102)
 - i. Satan's kingdom to be destroyed
 - ii. The kingdom of grace to be advanced (people brought into it)
 - iii. The kingdom of glory to be hastened (I Cor 15:22-26)
- b. In short, we pray for all things to be subject to Jesus Ps 110:1; Phil 2:9-11

II. The Third Petition v. 10b

- a. It is *on* earth, but not *of* this world
 - i. The extent of Jesus' authority Mt 28:18 *cf.* Mk 13:10
 - ii. Jesus is Lord of all the earth Rev 17:12-14; 19:16
 - iii. His kingdom reigns over all Rev 11:15-17 *cf.* Rev 5:8-10
- b. Jesus came to establish his kingdom Mk 1:14-15
 - i. Predicted by the prophets – Isa 9:6-7
 - ii. A new nation w/o geographic boundaries I Pet 2:5, 9 (Ex 19:6)
- c. A kingdom *like* heaven
 - i. Angelic creatures Rev 4:8-9
 - ii. The perfected church Rev 4:10-11 *cf.* 5:14; 21:12-14
See also Mt 19:28; Eph 2:20; Ps 118:22; Is 28:16; Act 4:11; I Pet 2:6
 - iii. WSC Q 103 “make[s] us able & willing to . . . obey” *cf.* Jer 31:33 (Heb 8)

III. The Evidence of Luke 16:14-18

- a. A new message is proclaimed v. 16
 - i. The *law and prophets* (OT) were until John (the Baptizer)
 - ii. Now, the **Kingdom of God** is preached *see* Mk 1:14-15 (Mt 3:2; 4:17)
- b. The OT not set aside, but brought to fruition v. 17 *cf.* Mt 5:17-20; I Tim 1:8
Leon Morris: “Jesus never cast doubt on the validity of the Law. It was the way it was interpreted, particularly by the Pharisees, that drew His criticism.”
- c. “You justify yourselves before men” – set themselves up as righteous
 - i. But their standard is false – God looks on the heart I Sam 16:7
 - ii. Their religious hierarchy is based on their interpretation of the Law
- d. *Everyone* crowds into the Kingdom v. 16b Lk 7:28-30
 - i. It will no longer be the domain of scribes & Pharisees
 - ii. The gospel's Kingdom call is for all manner of people Rev 5:9; 14:6

Advent is the announcement of the Kingdom. The Incarnation is but the first phase.