

Prayer: Your Kingdom Come
Luke 11:1-4; Matt. 6:9-15; Rev. 11:15ff.

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Introduction

The word for Kingdom is found 162 times in the NT, mostly in the Gospels.
The phrase “Kingdom of heaven is like”...repeated 11x in Matthew.

A definition of the Kingdom of God –

Jody Dillow suggests the following: *“the kingdom of God is the future establishment of God’s rule over the earth which begins in the millennium and extends into eternity future and into the new heavens and the new earth”*¹

Different ways in which the Kingdom can be understood in Scripture:

1. A reference to the Power of God, Matt. 12:28
2. A reference to Permeating influence, Matt. 13:24, 31, 33, 38, 47
3. A reference to a Kingdom way of life, Matt. 5:3, 10; Romans 14:17
4. A reference to the Messianic Kingdom, Matt. 3:2; 4:17; 22:2; Acts 1:6
5. A reference to New Heavens and New Earth, Matt. 6:33; 1 Cor. 15:50
6. A reference to Personal Salvation, John 3:3-5; Col. 1:13
7. A reference to the Messianic Banquet, Isa. 25:6; Matt. 8:10-13

The Gospel of the Kingdom

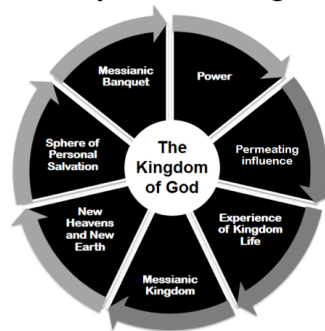


Fig. 1 Diagram from Final Destiny

Entering into a Rich Experience of Life

1. **We enter into this Rich Experience through Discipleship**
 - a. Learning from the example of the Lord Jesus, Matt 11:28
 - b. Living for the interest of others, sacrificial, Phil. 2:3; Luke 9:23
 - c. Suffering persecution, 2 Cor. 11:23ff.; 2 Tim. 3:12
2. **We enter into this Rich Experience through Prayer**, Luke 11:2-4; Matt. 6:9-15
 - a. Recognizing who God is as our Father
 - b. Recognizing who God is – He is Holy
 - c. Recognizing God’s rule throughout history and anticipating His future reign on earth and into eternity.
 - d. Recognizing today our dependence upon Him for our daily sustenance.
 - e. Recognizing our need for forgiveness and thanking God for His forgiveness.
 - f. Recognizing that our request to not be tempted, stems from the fact that we recognize the weakness of our earthly existence without God being present.

Prayer is the language of faith, believing the promises of God.

Conclusion

When you pray “Your Kingdom Come”, are you prepared to live as a citizen of that future Kingdom? It may require a radical change, not only in your circumstances, but in your outlook. It may just turn your personal little kingdom upside down. His Kingdom Come will result in a complete transformation of this world. Today that transformation needs to begin in me! Read Rev. 1:5-7; 11:15ff.

¹ Joseph C. Dillow, [*Final Destiny: The Future Reign of the Servant Kings, 4th Edition*](#) (Houston, TX: Grace Theology Press, 2018).