

Thy Kingdom Come 4335

I. The Scope Of Prayer

- A. Requirement: *Faith* (Matt. 21:22)
- B. Requirement: *God's Word* (John 15:7)
- C. Requirement: *God's will* (1 John 5:14–15)
- D. Example of Elijah (James 5:16–18)

II. Fulfilling The Requirements

- A. Align with God's purpose: the kingdom (Matt. 6:9–10)
 - 1. Prayer addressed to a person: Father
 - 2. "Our"—collective, not self-centered
 - 3. In an attitude of reverence
 - 4. Petitions:
 - a. *Your* kingdom come
 - b. *Your* will be done
 - 5. Righteousness comes before peace (Rom. 14:17 [1 Thess. 4])
 - 6. The kingdom comes only with the King
 - 7. The marriage relationship—a model of the kingdom of God
 - 8. The kingdom of God is ultimately the *only* realistic solution to humanity's needs
- B. Embrace God's will personally (vs. *my* will) (Rev. 4:11)
- C. Pattern of Jesus: "Not My will . . ." (Matt. 26:39–44)
- D. Make the kingdom your first priority (Matt. 6:33)
 - 1. Align with God's priorities first
 - 2. *He* will meet your personal needs

III. How Can I Discover God's Will?

- A. Present your body (Rom. 12:1)
- B. Renew your mind (Rom. 12:2)
Transformed *lifestyle*
- C. Renewed mind is sober and realistic (Rom. 12:3)
Recognize appointed measure of faith
- D. Find appointed place in Christ's body (Rom. 12:4–5)
- E. Exercise appropriate gifts (Rom. 12:6–8)