

Series: Ready, Aim, Pray
Message: Prayer Target #2: God's Kingdom
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Prayer is the highest activity of the human heart and the ultimate test of its true condition.

Prayer Target #2
God's Kingdom

"Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven."

1. To Effectively Hit This Second Target We Must Have A Biblical Understanding Of God's Kingdom.

The Kingdom of God is the reign of Christ the King in the lives of His Kingdom people which grows extensively (broader) and intensively (deeper).

The Kingdom of this world is the reign of Satan in the lives of natural man.

- 1.1 The Kingdom of God came to earth in unique proportion at the end of Jesus' earthly ministry.

Mark 1:14-15

¹⁴ Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God,

¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Mark 9:1

¹ And Jesus was saying to them, "Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power."

Mark 15:43

⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea came, a prominent member of the Council, who himself was waiting for the kingdom of God; and he gathered up courage and went in before Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus.

Luke 10:17-18

¹⁷ *The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."*

¹⁸ *And He said to them, "I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning."*

John 12:31

³¹ *"Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out."*

Revelation 12:1-6 (ESV)

¹ And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

² She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth.

³ And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems.

⁴ His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it.

⁵ She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne,

⁶ and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days.

Revelation 12:7-12 (ESV)

⁷ Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back,

⁸ but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven.

⁹ And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

¹⁰ And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

¹¹ And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

¹² Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"

Revelation 20:1-3

¹ Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand.

² And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;

³ and he threw him into the abyss, and shut *it* and sealed *it* over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.

Acts 14:16

¹⁶ *"In the generations gone by He permitted all the nations to go their own ways;*

Psalms 2:8: Psalms 72:11

"All the nations will serve Him and will be given to Him"

1.2 The Kingdom of God is within believers, thus it is ever growing.

Mark 12:34a

³⁴ *When Jesus saw that he had answered intelligently, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." ...*

Luke 17:20-21

²⁰ *Now having been questioned by the Pharisees as to when the kingdom of God was coming, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed;*

²¹ *nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or, 'There it is!' For behold, the kingdom of God is in your midst."*

Romans 14:17

¹⁷ *for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.*

1.3 The Kingdom of God is in constant conflict with the kingdom of this world.

John 15:18-19

¹⁸ *"If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you.*

¹⁹ *"If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you.*

2. To Effectively Hit This Second Target We Must Pray For God's Kingdom To Be Extended.

"Thy Kingdom Come"

- 2.1 We pray "Thy Kingdom Come" when we pray for the salvation of non-kingdom people.
- 2.2 We pray "Thy Kingdom Come" when we pray for the growth of God's church.
- 2.3 We pray "Thy Kingdom Come" when we pray for the realization of a fully redeemed universe.

Ephesians 3:9-10 (ESV)

⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things,
¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

3. To Effectively Hit This Second Target We Must Pray For God's Reign To Be Intensified.

"Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven"

- 3.1 We pray "Thy Will Be Done" when we pray for God's will to be known.
- 3.2 We pray "Thy Will Be Done" when we pray for God's will to be believed.
- 3.3 We pray "Thy Will Be Done" when we pray for God's will to be obeyed.

Matthew 6:33

³³ "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."