

Prayer Instruction: Thy Kingdom Come – Matthew 6:9-10

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Review: “Hallowed be Thy Name”

Ken’s Story - p. 60 Prayer of Jesus

As Teen going off to college, only advice from dad, “don’t take my name anywhere you know I wouldn’t go.”

Like Ken’s dad, our heavenly father has passed his good name on to us.

Reputations of famous names:

Fighting Joe Hooker-Civil war, North’s top General under Abraham Lincoln provided “hookers” for soldiers. Name stuck.

Reputation beats talent Ask: Disgraced Lance Armstrong- 7 Tour de France wins revoked, ran doping program, return millions to sponsors.

Monica Lewinsky, Harvey Weinstein, Bill Cosby, Judas Iscariot.

Contrast Final story:

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Catherine Lawes cared for worst criminals beyond rehabilitation for over 20 years at Sing-Sing prison in New York. At her funeral, Hundreds of men – felons, lifers, murderers, thieves – men convicted of almost every crime conceivable, marched slowly from the prison gate to the bier, reassembled at the house and returned to their cells. There were so many that they proceeded unguarded. But not one tried to escape. If he had, the others may have killed him on the spot, so devoted were they to Catherine Lawes, the woman who daily walked into Hell to show the men a piece of Heaven. How does your name glorify God’s name’s as a Christian?

First of three expectations in prayer: **Worship Filled: Hallowed be Thy name.** Honor, glorify, thank and praise God’s name. Song: blessed be the name...

Today: The second of three expectations.

Holy Spirit Led: Thy Kingdom Come

Kingdom of God is a spiritual kingdom. Once, on being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, “The coming of the kingdom of God is not something that can be observed, nor will people say, ‘Here it is,’ or ‘There it is,’ because the kingdom of God is in your midst.”

Luke 17:20-21 NIV

Kingdom of God comes in three ways:

1. Already came - Jesus’ birth
2. Will come - at 2nd coming
3. Is come - John 14:23

The kingdom of God knows no borders. In the heart of each Christian. Comes and goes wherever we go!!! He lives in and through us if we asked him to, when we pray "Thy kingdom come." John 14:15-21

Illustrate with three stories:

1- The kingdom of God during war: The Angel of Antietam. "An-tee-tum" Prayer of Jesus p. 75

2- The kingdom of God at home: "A husband's wake up call." Prayer of Jesus p. 80 - How the Holy Spirit changes us when we are led by the Holy Spirit. Matthew 5:44; 10:36

3- The kingdom of God in concert: Steve Camp, Christian music artist on tour in Canada. Prayer of Jesus, p. 86.

The kingdom of God is manifested in the lives of Christians only as they are **led by the Holy Spirit**. (Prayer expectation #2) The true spiritual meaning of "Thy kingdom come."