
Thy Kingdom Come; Thy Will Be Done on Earth as It Is in Heaven

- I. Preamble: Kingdoms and Humans

- II. God's Reign Portrayed in Scripture
 - a. The reign of God in essence (Gen 1; Exod. 15:11; 1Chron 29:11, Ps. 104)
 - b. The reign of God in relation to creation and humanity (Gen 1-2, Ps. 8, Ps. 111)
 - c. The reign of God in the face of rebellion and the Fall (Ps. 2)
 - d. The reign of God and the hope of His people (Is. 57; Ps. 67, 96)
 - e. The reign of God in the affairs of "the nations" (Gen 3; Dan 2, 4:34-37, Ps. 47)
 - f. The reign of God manifested and ultimately consummated (1Cor. 15:24-28; Dan 7:13-14; Rev 21)

- III. Discussion: The anticipation of the coming of God's reign was vibrant in the Old Testament. Looking at any of the pairs of OT passages below, do you think the Day of the Lord's coming is nuanced in any different ways?
Is. 24:21-23 and 40:1-5
Zeph 1:14-16 and 3:9-12

- IV. The Coming of the Kingdom in Matthew's Narrative
 - a. The Promise and Jesus' earthly life and ministry
 - b. The Kingdom and Jesus' teaching: An Apocalyptic Event versus an Unfolding Process
 - i. Inaugurated
 - ii. Advances
 - iii. Consummated
 - c. Already but not yet

- V. "Thy Kingdom Come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."
 - a. *Thy Kingdom Come* in the flow of the Lord's Prayer
 - b. *Thy will be done*: explanatory and resultant
 - c. *Thy Kingdom come!* – implications of praying this prayer