

The Ministry of Prayer X

This then is how you should pray...

"Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Prayer to our Father in heaven is first and foremost worship as we saw last week. Then there is this powerful desire that Jesus has to see his kingdom demonstrated on earth. He has asked us to join in by praying that this manifestation would happen. Many believers have prayed this prayer throughout the generations since Jesus was taken up to heaven in a cloud. Many have not just prayed this prayer but have had an intense desire to see the power and presence of heaven unleashed on this earth, in our nation and around the world.

Never has there been so much anticipation as there is today of the coming kingdom. Believers everywhere are talking about it. God is on the move. What He is doing around the world is phenomenal, but it's just the beginning. We want to see what the early church leaders saw, the Holy Spirit healing the sick, opening blind eyes, the lame walking, the prisoners set free and the gospel being preached and souls being saved daily. It all starts with prayer.

I hope you will join with other believers and daily ask the Father for His kingdom to come. Actually, the way Jesus put this prayer is more than asking. If you look at the sentence you will see that it is more of a demand than a request. Can we actually demand something of God? I think so, especially if He gives us the right to do so. It is not the cry of spoiled children. It is the cry of people in love with Jesus who want to see His presence known by those who are being held captive to worldly lusts and possessions. It is the shout of the faithful followers for the revelation of Jesus Christ on earth. It is the fire in the heart of the redeemed to see the glory of our God fall and bring a great awakening. This is not a passive prayer.

Take a few moments and read Isaiah 6:1-8. Take your time and read it several times. What you are reading about is an encounter that Isaiah had that changed his life. Somehow the skies rolled back or Isaiah was caught up to heaven and he saw what goes on around the Throne of God. There were many beings worshipping God. The kingdom is about beings, live spirits, thousands and thousands of angels of many kinds, the souls of those gone on before us, the Father and Creator of all things, Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, the Holy Spirit who joins all the souls of those around the world who are gathered to worship the Lamb of God. What a force! How awesome and fearful we are! Now, imagine that down here on earth. Is there anything we cannot do for Jesus? When the call goes out for someone to go for God, Isaiah says, "Here's your man, send me." After seeing, Isaiah is ready to go for the Lord. That is what the manifestation of the kingdom on earth does; it sets hearts at liberty to go for Him. Let's join with the cry of the Holy Spirit. Let's pray with boldness the prayer Jesus gave us. I believe that the enemy hears it and shudders. Let's put a demand from earth on the power of heaven.