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For Thine is the Kingdom... Really?

So many individuals know the words of the prayer Jesus gave in the Sermon on the Mount. It begins by addressing God with the words, “Our Father which art in heaven. . .” and ends with “For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen” (KJV—Matt. 6:9-13). What can be so easily overlooked is the prayer of David as he discussed the building of the temple by his son, Solomon. He said, “Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power and the glory, and . . . the kingdom” (1 Chon. 29:11).

What does the expression “Thine is the kingdom” really mean? Look at the NKJV rendering of the words of David, “Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power and the glory. . .Yours is the kingdom, O Lord.” The kingdom is God’s. Thine (Yours) is the kingdom!

Now when we understand that John the Baptist, Jesus, the twelve and the seventy proclaimed that the kingdom of God was at hand, about to come in the first century (Matt. 3:2; 4:17; 10:7; Luke 10:9), should we be surprised that Jesus taught His disciples to pray, “Thy kingdom come”? Jesus said that the kingdom would come with power in the lives of those who heard His words (Mark 9:1). We know what that kingdom is. Those in the early church had been translated into the kingdom (Col. 1:13). Jesus said the kingdom would come in the first century. What came? That which came was the church.

Now note how the prayer the Lord gave said that the kingdom belongs to God! He said that kingdom is Yours (Thine). He planned it and the blood of Emmanuel bought the church (Acts 20:28). It is His and His alone! He is the King over the kingdom. He is the head over the church (Eph. 1:22-23). Look again at the prayer. The kingdom belongs to Him forever.

O the folly of any mortal, whose very life is dependent on the breath God gives him, to usurp the right of the King to govern His kingdom, to rule His church. But isn't that what has been done in Christendom?

The whole basis of denominational division is that God has abdicated His throne and given the kingdom to mortals and the right to change anything in the church any man desires. God did not give men the right to change His rules for His kingdom about worship, the Lord's Supper, congregational singing, church organization, baptism, and a host of other matters. Where is the authority for all these changes? Does it come from a church synod, the reverend pastor, the church board, etc.?

Read the Bible. Let God be King over your life. Let's return to the way He designed His kingdom, the church. Let's not just say the words, "Thine is the kingdom." Let's give the kingdom back to Him.

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Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Harold Davis, Mary Bolen
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Sandra Jordan, Fredie Stewart,
Cindy Kidder, Garmelia Ellis,
Roberta Donaldson, Lisa Dukes,
Doug Crouse, Norma Cogdell
Margie Montgomery, Sue Harris,
Betty Mosely, Teriyaki Anderson
James Morris, Freeman Kidder,
Andy Vaughn, Pearl Johnson,
Ken & Paula Wadley, Judy Ellis
Charles & Ruby Malone,
Jeff Bliss, Ronald Clouse

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood, Helen Morris
Beverly Martindale,
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,
Jeffrey Smith, Betty Turner,
Shirley Bolin, Brandi Rogers,
Jeanette Manley,
Jamie Rushing
Kenton Lancaster, Glenn Lovell,
Marilyn Ferrell, Justin Puckett
Ramona Thurston, April Richey

Today's Sermons

AM - Marion Thomas Speaking
PM - John Sawyer Speaking

Sympathy Extended

We offer our deepest sympathy
to John and Gwen Smith on the
passing of their son Jeffrey.

Happenings

South Jackson

November 6th

Remember to set your clocks
back one hour.

December 3

Gather to assemble
Fruit Baskets

Cards to Send

Margie Montgomery
C/O Karen Briscoe
168 Cotton Ridge Drive
Jackson, TN 38305

Andy Vaughn
87 Michelle Lane
Jackson, TN 38301

Weekly Record

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| 6 AM | 6 |
| Bible Class | 60/8 |
| AM Worship | 85/16 |
| PM Worship | 43/0 |
| Wed Bible Study | 46/5 |
| Contribution | 2448 |

Pantry Item

Canned Corn

Those Privileged to Serve

Oct 30 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Clouse, P. Hatcher

Lead Singing: Ray Pack
Read Scripture:
Costel Gimphu
Opening Prayer:
Mike Wages
Sermon: Marion Thomas
Closing Prayer: Carleton Kidder
Communion: Ken Ross
Contribution:
Jonathan Orr

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer:
Ray Pack
Sermon: John Sawyer
Closing Prayer: Mike Wages
Communion: Ken Ross

Nov 2 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer:
Mike Wages
Devo - Marion Thomas

Nov 6 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - M. Wages, J. Smith

Lead Singing: John Smith
Read Scripture:
Jonathan Orr
Opening Prayer:
Joe Venable
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Mike Wages
Communion: Carleton Kidder
Contribution:
Jeff Bliss

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages
Opening Prayer:
Paul Hatcher
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Ken Ross
Communion: Ray Pack

Nov 9 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Mike Wages
Opening Prayer:
Marion Thomas
Devo - Ray Pack

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Service Times

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| Early Worship | 6:00 AM |
| Sunday Bible Class | 9:30 AM |
| Sunday AM Worship | 10:30 AM |
| Sunday PM Worship | 5:00 PM |
| Midweek Bible Study | 6:30 PM |