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For Thine is the Kingdom... Really? ***Dan Jenkins***

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.

Today's Sermons

AM - The Lord Must Build the House
Psalm 127:1

PM - The Great Invitation
Matthew 11:28-30

Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Mary Bolen, Luther Merritt
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Fredie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,
Roberta Donaldson, Lisa Dukes,
Doug Crouse, Carolyn Callis
Margie Montgomery, Sue Harris,
Betty Mosely, Teriyaki Anderson
James Morris, Freeman Kidder,
Andy Vaughn, Pearl Johnson,
Ken & Paula Wadley, Judy Ellis
Phillip Mullins, Jerry Crabb,
Karen Chance, Mary Lewis
Gaylon & Betty Cooper
Carleton Kidder, Shirley Puckett

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood, Shirley Bolin,
Beverly Martindale,
Allen Thompson, Glenn Lovell,
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,
Brandi Rogers, Marilyn Ferrell,
Jeanette Manley, Corey Allen
Kenton Lancaster,
Justin Puckett, Ruby Malone,
Margaret Davis, Lee Simpson

Happenings

South Jackson

April 14

Duncan Baby Shower following
evening services. Bring finger
foods.

Think Pink!!!

Cards to Send

Carolyn Callis
201 North Tennessee Street
Jackson, TN 38301

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Weekly Record

6 AM	3
Bible Class	43/15
AM Worship	97/18
PM Worship	40/0
Wed Bible Study	52/9
Contribution	3662
Budget	4014

Those Privileged to Serve

Apr 7 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Pack, R. Clouse

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Jeff Bliss

Opening Prayer:

Paul Hatcher

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Roanld Clouse

Communion: Joe Venable

Contribution:

Charlie Richardson

Apr 14 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - J. Butcher, P. Hatcher

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Chgarlie Richardson

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Carleton Kidder

Communion: Greg Long

Contribution:

Tommy Williams

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Ken Ross

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Greg Long

Communion: Joe Venable

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ken Ross

Communion: Greg Long

Apr 10 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Devo - Mike Wages

Apr 17 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Devo - Marion Thomas

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Service Times

Early Worship	6:00 AM
Gospel of Christ - Fox 16	9:30 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