

# God's Blueprint for Prayer: God is King, Not Us

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## Matt 6:9-13

9 "This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, <sup>10</sup> your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup> Give us today our daily bread. <sup>12</sup> Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. <sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'

### 1. THERE ARE TWO KINGDOMS

Earthly Kingdom (Flesh)  
Heavenly Kingdom (Spirit)

## John 3:5-6

Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

### 2. THESE KINGDOMS ARE IN CONFLICT

## Gal 5:16-17

So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other...

- EARTHLY KINGDOM (Flesh)
  - Ruler: Satan is Prince of the world
  - Laws: There are no rules
  - Subjects: Demons, those living in sin outside of Christ
  - Reign: The world (no authority in heaven)

## John 14:30-31

I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me, but the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me.

- HEAVENLY KINGDOM (Spirit)
  - Ruler: Jesus Christ, King of Kings
  - Laws: God's law (holiness, righteousness, justice, truth)
  - Subjects: Angels, those redeemed by Christ
  - Reign: Heaven (ability to impact the world through the power of the Holy Spirit)

## John 18:36

Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place."

### 3. GOD'S NAME, KINGDOM AND WILL MUST COME FIRST

## Matt 6:9-10

"This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

## Matt 6:33

... seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

## Luke 22:42

"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."