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# **THE LORD'S PRAYER AND THE LORD'S RETURN**

When he was on earth two thousand years ago, Jesus gave us a prayer that is well known as the Lord's Prayer. All of you I expect pray this prayer often. I want here to focus on the first half:

*Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.* – Matthew 6:9-10

Let's look for a moment at these words.

Certainly, Father God is in Heaven now as the first line states.

And certainly his name is hallowed – i.e., holy, consecrated.

Now come the three short clauses that fit where we are right now in time.

The prayer is that God's kingdom would come and that his will would be done on earth as it is in heaven.

When does God's kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven? After Armageddon, the battle at the end of the seven year Tribulation. At that battle Jesus totally defeats and eliminates all those who have come against him there. And God's kingdom is then set up in Jerusalem. Jesus will reign from Jerusalem. He will be the physical as well as spiritual King of the whole earth. Zechariah states this explicitly:

*...the LORD your God will come, and all the holy ones with him...* – Zechariah 14:5

*And the LORD will become king over all the earth; ...* – Zechariah 14:9

This is a good point to include the wonderful words in Isaiah 9:6-7 about Jesus:

*...the government will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

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*Of the greatness of his government and peace  
there will be no end.  
He will reign on David's throne  
and over his kingdom,  
establishing and upholding it  
with justice and righteousness  
from that time on and forever.*

Currently God's kingdom is in all true believers but it is not elsewhere on earth. You know that. Just look outside at all the evil that is in abundance in so many places, in the government and the media, in the crime in the cities, in the riots and confusion, in all those who are so confused they call evil good and good evil today.

People who are not believers do not have God's tools of protection and do not know how to use them. They do not have the Holy Spirit and the gifts, including the great gift of discernment, and thus they cannot discern the truth in situations or speeches or actions of leaders and others. They are truly lost. And they are ready victims of deception and eventually delusion as I have written about many times in the past.

We believers know we are at the end of this current age, and we are eagerly awaiting the return of the Lord to collect his believers and take us with him. Then after the seven year Tribulation Jesus returns to the earth with his holy ones – which includes us - to win the battle of Armageddon and to set up his kingdom rule from Jerusalem. God's kingdom will be on earth as it is in heaven, just as we all pray in the Lord's prayer. And we believers will be ruling with the Lord. That is one of the many gifts he has for his believers.

With God's kingdom physically on earth and with Jesus ruling from the throne of David, we would expect God's will to be done on earth everywhere and we surely hope that to be true. It is however interesting to note that at the end of the thousand years of Jesus' rule on earth during this millennium period, the devil is released from the pit and he is able still to put together an army and oppose God again! So there obviously are still some unbelievers on earth. Hard to believe, I know, but apparently true. The devil of course is quickly defeated in that rebellion at the end of the millennium and is thrown into the Lake of Fire. (It is at that point the new Jerusalem comes down as described at the end of Revelation in chapter 21. I will write about that another time. Both Jesus and the Father will be in that new Jerusalem.).

The relevance of the Lord's prayer is so apparent and ever more clearly understood! We should all be praying those lines of the first half with great enthusiasm! This is specifically praying that God's kingdom come and his will be done on earth as it is in heaven. What could we want more?

Of course the second half of the prayer should also be prayed with great enthusiasm too. That pertains more to our lives right now on earth and to God's provision for us. The second half finds us asking for God to provide for us, to forgive us, and to protect us from evil - fundamental blessings from God that we need every day of our lives on earth.

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But it is the first half of the prayer I have focused on here, for now at this time it is center stage. We all know the Lord's return is imminent. When you pray this prayer again, focus on this and the imminent coming of God's kingdom in a physical way. It is that time.

[NOTE: With regard to the Lord's gifts to his believers referenced above, I wrote about that subject many years ago and we produced one of our television programs and recorded a CD on this subject. Those gifts do include ruling with him. You can watch that television program called *GIFTS IN HEAVEN* on our website or on YOUTUBE, and you can order the CD anytime from the website. If you want to contact the ministry directly by writing or calling or sending an email or text right now to request this CD, we will send it to you free of charge. Please note our postal address is the one at the bottom of this page in Cary NC, not the old Wilmington NC address used on the television program.]

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