

The Lords Prayer Part 2

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"Tavo Malkhutekha,"
Thy Kingdom come.

מַלְכוּת
הַשָּׁמַיִם

The Kingdom
of Heaven

The Kingdom of God is the manifestation of the rule of God over the hearts of men. Thus, when ancient Israel wanted a king like the other nations, the LORD reproached them for not wanting His rule within their hearts (see 1 Samuel 8:6-7). Later, the prophet Daniel foretold of the succession of world kingdoms destined to be destroyed by "a kingdom of God" that shall last forever (see Daniel 2:24), where the "Son of Man" (*bar enosh*) is given dominion, and glory, and an everlasting and indestructible kingdom (Daniel 7:14). Isaiah likewise foretold of the coming Prince of Peace (*sar shalom*) upon whose shoulders the reign of God would rest (Isaiah 9:6).

When Jesus began to preach, He declared Himself as the "Son of Man" who came to proclaim that the Kingdom of God was at hand (Matthew 3:2, 4:17, etc.).

Jesus taught that this Kingdom "cometh not by observation" (Luke 17:20), but is "within you" (Luke 17:21), meaning that it is evidenced by the working of your faith as you submit to the authority of the LORD. Identifying yourself as a subject of the King means that you are living out His reign and glory in your daily life, and sharing the rule of God with others you encounter.

"Ye'aseh Retsonekha," Thy will be done.

This phrase parallels the first, for being a subject in the Kingdom of God means doing the will of the

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Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven
(Matthew 6:10 KJV).

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Thy will be done Thy Kingdom let come

בָּאָרֶץ כַּאֲשֶׁר נַעֲשֶׂה בַשָּׁמַיִם
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va'shah-ma·yeem na·'a-sah ka·'a-sheh bah·'ah-rets
in heaven it is done as on earth

Sovereign of the Kingdom. This is decidedly not an appeal for stoic or passive resignation in the face of frustration or disappointment, since the modifying phrase, "on earth as it is in heaven" precludes this interpretation. Rather, "Thy will be done" involves active consecration or dedication to the cause of promoting the reign of God within our hearts. We fulfill the will of the LORD when we keep His *mitzvot* (1 John 2:3-4) and proclaim His Salvation (Matthew 28:19-20).

"Ba'arets ka'asher na'asah vashamayim," on earth, as it is in heaven.

God's kingdom is fully established in heaven, where His perfect rule is forever unchallenged. Yet His authority is not regarded here on earth, where the kingdoms of this world will ultimately be dashed in pieces like a potter's vessel (Psalm 2), and those who disobey His commandments will be subject to everlasting punishment (Matthew 25:31-46).

