

Jubilee: Thy Kingdom

Theme: YOUR KINGDOM COME (Matt. 6:10a)

Bible verses: Matt 6:9-13; John 18:33-37; Acts 1:6-8; Luke 17:20-21

Among Jesus' many teachings, there exists much confusion and misunderstanding about what the "kingdom of God" means. Even before Jesus was taken up into heaven, his disciples were asking, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

The "kingdom" in "your kingdom come" is referring to God's kingdom in the sense that God takes ownership of this kingdom, not man. Jesus said, "my kingdom is not of this world." Even so, over the course of church history, there were countless times when Christians still mistakenly cared about worldly kingdoms more than God's kingdom, just like the disciples did. It's also important to note that the "come" in this week's verse means it is already happening. The incarnation of Jesus marked the beginning of the coming of God's kingdom. May we be reminded that whenever we feel bewildered and confused about where the kingdom of God is, Jesus told us "the kingdom of God is in your midst."

REFLECTION

Do you acknowledge that the kingdom of God is where God reigns? Are you able to see the kingdom of God dwell in our church and in our fellowship groups?

RENEW

Based on Jesus' teaching, there are two ways in which we can partner with Him to expand His kingdom. First, we can share the gospel to bring the kingdom of God to those who have yet to know Him. Secondly, we can help the work of the Holy Spirit move freely among us in this church so that we can engage in His work and foster spiritual growth and renewal. May Christ dwell in us, our fellowship, and this church richly.

RESPONSE HYMN AND VERSES

Thy Kingdom Come, O God <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HG2zpivLI68>
Psalm 145 : 11-13

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for the jubilee spiritual renewal and restoration plan.
- Pray for our pastoral staff's spiritual renewal and day-to-day responsibilities.
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