

YOUR KINGDOM COME

Mt 6:10

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0. INTRODUCTION: TIME AND PRAYER

- pray *intelligently* ...
- pray *with real desire* ...

1. “KINGDOM” = MONARCHY

- the form of government – everything is in His hands: Legislative branch · Executive branch · Judicial branch
 - (1) **2Pt 3:13** But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells → the Second Coming **Rev 22:20** He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!
 - (2) **Lk 17:20-21** Being asked by the Pharisees when the **kingdom of God** would come, he answered them, "The **kingdom of God** is not coming with signs to be observed, ²¹ nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the **kingdom of God** is in the midst of you." → revival
 - (3) **1Tim 2:1-2** First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

1.1. OUR EXPERIENCE WITH TOTALITARIANISM

- historical: bonapartism, caesarism...
- more recent: Fascism, Communism
- future: the threat of Islam...

1.2. THE DIFFERENCE

- **2Sa 24:14** "I am in great distress. Let us fall into the hand of the LORD, for his mercy is great; but let me not fall into the hand of man (וּבְיַד-אָדָם אֶל-אֲפֵלָה)."

- Ps 110:3 - Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power...
- violence — or prayer?
 - [PASCAL] “Men never do evil so completely and cheerfully As when they do it from religious conviction.” (Jamais on ne fait le mal si pleinement et si gaiement que quand on le fait par conscience)¹
 - “Al- Qaeda, with its ambitions to expel crusaders and Jews from the House of Islam and recreate the caliphate on a worldwide basis, clearly represents fundamentalism playing the world-conquering role par excellence.”²

1.3. PRAY FOR...

- Submit your “little kingdoms” to the kingdom of God
- ...spiritual change in the sense of Lk 17:20-21
- ...the Second Coming
- ...peace, justice and the rulers

2. “YOUR” = GOD’S

- do I really desire the rule of God?
- is *His* kingdom also *my* kingdom? (*my* country; **Phil 3:20** But our **citizenship** is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,)

2.1. THE SON

- **Isaiah 9:6-7** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his **kingdom**, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

2.2. THE HOLY SPIRIT

- the rule of godly desires (Gal 5:1) ⇒ freedom in the Spirit
- **Gal 5:17** For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

2.3. PRAY FOR...

- ...deeper relationship with your Heavenly Father
- ...the wisdom, guidance and fullness of the Holy Spirit

3. “COME” = CHANGE

3.1. SPIRITUAL ALERTNESS

- **Rom 13:11** Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.
- **Mt 24:42** Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming
- **1Thes 5:2** For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

3.2. PREPARED TO ADAPT

- repentance, change of habits, wise and calm attitude to upheaval in lifestyle...

3.3. PRAY FOR...

- ...readiness to welcome the Lord

¹ PASCAL, B. *Pascal's Thoughts*, New York : F.F. Collier & Son, 1910, p. 314.

² WEINBERG, L. – PEDAHZUR, A. *Religious Fundamentalism and Political Extremism*, London : Frank Cass, 2005, p. 7.

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- ...spiritual awareness and recognition of the work of the Spirit (**Acts 13:41** I am doing a work in your days, a work that you will not believe, even if one tells it to you.)