

When Jesus taught us to pray, “May Your Kingdom come, may Your will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven.” (Matt 6:10), let’s consider what that means.

1. We are to bring the Kingdom to Earth wherever we go. We are not here to be influenced by the world. In fact, we are here to be the exact opposite. We are commissioned to be world changers!

*“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”*

The renewed mind is not looking to see how close it can come to looking like the world. It does not fit into worldly lifestyle or get bogged down with the cares of this world. It is far more concerned with bringing the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ to a lost and dying world.

The renewed mind is looking forward to Jesus ruling and reigning in righteousness and justice on the Earth – the Kingdom of Heaven finally coming to Earth to stay.

2. God wants to bring the culture of Heaven into our hearts. It’s what happens when He writes eternity on our hearts.

*“Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God’s work from beginning to end.”*

*“Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely.”*

I want to know Jesus more now. I want that here in time before I step through the portal of death into eternity. I want that transition to be as smooth as possible. Are you with me?

3. Walking after the Spirit and not the flesh.

*“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.” Romans*

God works a lot in 3's, e.g., Father, Son, Holy Spirit. Body, soul, spirit. God wants all of us, every bit – ruling and reigning in our body, soul, and spirit.

Jesus said to be His disciple we must: 1) deny ourselves, 2) take up our cross, and 3) follow Him.

*“Then He said to them all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.” Luke*

When we fast, we deny the body what it wants so that the spirit-man will find added nourishment as Holy Spirit brings us into more intimate relationship with Jesus. Fasting is intended to be a time that we set aside to become more like Jesus. I must decrease and He must increase – this result from our times of fasting and worship.

*“One thing I have asked of the LORD, and that I will seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD [in His presence] all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty [the delightful loveliness and majestic grandeur] of the LORD And to meditate in His temple.” Psalms*

The more time we spend in His presence, beholding His beauty, considering the goodness of His character, and focused on His greatness, the more the cares of this world and suffering of this present time fade away.

*“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.” Romans*

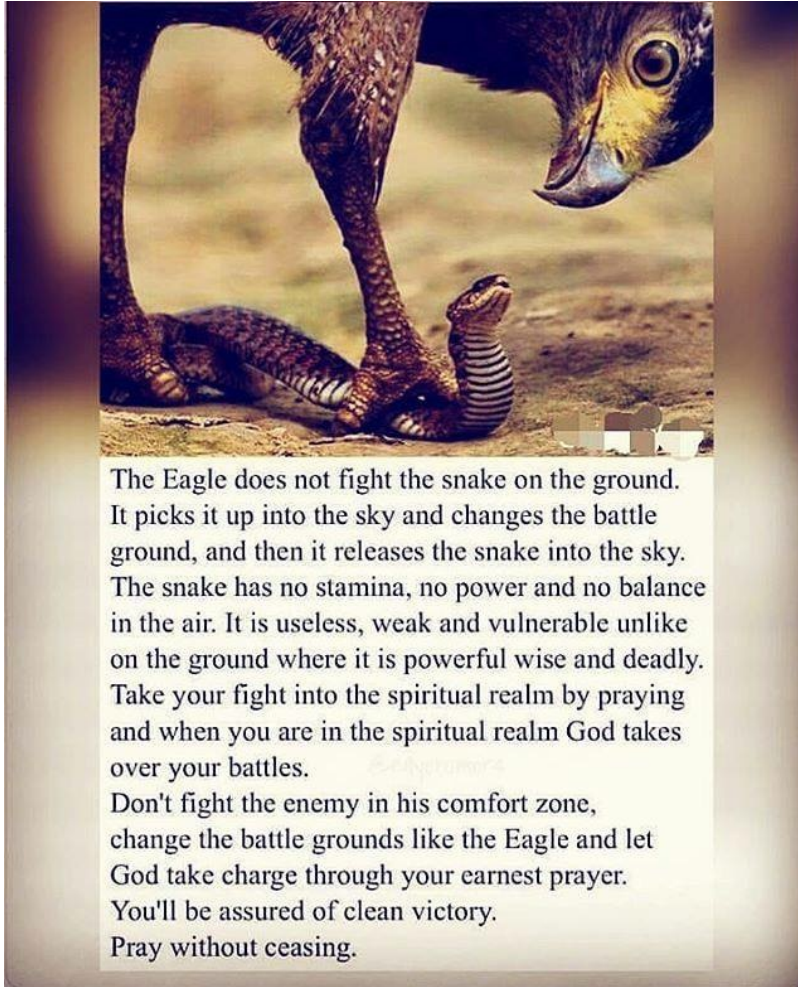
The other morning, I was fellowshiping with a brother and noticed a water bird sitting in a pond right outside the window. It was early, cold, and windy and the sun was still low on the horizon. The bird was in the shade. I made a comment that it looked cold and wondered why it had not moved into the sun to dry its wings.

A little later, I was eating breakfast and noticed that bird was still sitting in the same pond. It didn't move. I suspect it knew that if it stayed steadfast a little longer, the sun was going to show up. It was now basking in the sunlight.

Sometimes we have to sit in the shade, knowing with confidence that the Son Light is coming. He is trustworthy and always shows up right on time.

*“Be still, and know that I am God! I will be honored by every nation. I will be honored throughout the world.”*

*"But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint."*



The Eagle does not fight the snake on the ground. It picks it up into the sky and changes the battle ground, and then it releases the snake into the sky. The snake has no stamina, no power and no balance in the air. It is useless, weak and vulnerable unlike on the ground where it is powerful wise and deadly. Take your fight into the spiritual realm by praying and when you are in the spiritual realm God takes over your battles.

Don't fight the enemy in his comfort zone, change the battle grounds like the Eagle and let God take charge through your earnest prayer. You'll be assured of clean victory. Pray without ceasing.