

Introduction:

- Jesus in teaching the disciple to pray said pray this way. And one of the expression Jesus uses in the Lord's prayer is this: "*Thy Kingdom come and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*"
- Last Wednesday we looked at what does that mean? We looked at the answer from the finish. We went to Rev 21 and found: no more sorrow, tears, pain, suffering. Jesus said to pray that to be on earth as it is in heaven.
 - God in Rev 21 was living among His people. So "on earth as it is in heaven" is God living among His people. That is why want to be people of the Presence of God.
 - We saw from 2 Peter 2:13 that on earth as it is in heaven is righteousness. So on earth is rightness of all things. That is what we are to be moving towards.
 - We acknowledged that we are the temple of the Holy Spirit and that our mission is to bring heaven here on earth. We do that by going out and making disciples of Jesus.

I. The Goal: Do what Jesus is up to!

- A. Jesus is our model of ministry. If we want on earth as it is in heaven we have to see how Jesus did it. In Jn 14:9 Jesus said, if you have seen me you have seen the Father.
 1. I do what the Father is doing. "*Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner."*" (John 5:19, NKJV)
 2. I speak what the Father is speaking. "*For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.*" (John 12:49–50, NKJV)
 3. The Power of God can be claimed where the will of God is known.
- B. To do what the Father is doing requires that we
 1. Spend time with Him -
 - a) this is personal time of worship
 - b) This is personal time of enjoying God
 - c) This is personal time of study of the covenants of God.
 2. Walk with Him
 - a) Living life with God.
 - b) Looking for how God responds to different people and situations in life. I am still amazed that Jesus seeing all the Roman crucifixions, tells the disciple to take up their cross and follow but he never tells them to put down Rome, criticize Caesar, or start a revolt.
 - c) Observing God and how He thinks. Then doing what He does.
- C. By making Jesus our model of ministry and spending time with Him we find out what He is up to.
 1. Mary in John 2 reflects this understanding, "*But his mother told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."*" (John 2:5, NLT)
 2. "*Through faith in the name of Jesus, this man was healed—and you know how crippled he was before. Faith in Jesus' name has healed him before your very eyes.*" (Acts 3:16, NLT) This was Peter and John's faith that healed this man.

II. Two Things Follow the Believer and we see these also in the life of Jesus.

- A. The Heart of God. In Psalm 23 we are told by David “*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.*” (Psalm 23:6, NKJV)
1. tob, Heb. good, pleasant, friendly
 2. hesed, Heb. loyalty, faithfulness, loving kindness, graciousness.
 - a) “*He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you But to do justice, to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God?*” (Micah 6:8, NASB95)
 - b) People who show mercy to others will be rewarded.
- B. The power of God. “*These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages. They will be able to handle snakes with safety, and if they drink anything poisonous, it won't hurt them. They will be able to place their hands on the sick, and they will be healed.” (Mark 16:17–18, NLT)*
1. Jesus never instructed his disciples to pray for the sick. He always instructed/commanded them to heal the sick.
- C. The result is the manifestation of God or “on earth as it is in heaven.”