

Introduction:

- Mt 6:9-10 Lord's Prayer
- Jesus taught us to pray this prayer and one of the first things He gives us to pray into is that God's will would be done on earth as it is in heaven.
- We can pray that prayer, but how many of you actually know what you are praying when you pray that?
- I want to start at the finish as we approach our subject tonight.

I. God's Home Among His People

- A. *"I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever." And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!" And then he said to me, "Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true.""*
(Revelation 21:3-5, NLT)
1. God's home among us! This is what it is like at God's place!
 - a) No more tears - the act of weeping from pain or sorrow.
 - b) No more death - separation, and the absence of life. Ie. Death, death of marriage, death of a child, death of a future.
 - c) No more sorrow - grief, sadness of heart
 - d) No more crying - as a result of pain. Often used as one crying out.
 - e) No more pain - It hurts.
 2. What would life be like is God actually lived among us.
- B. "But we are looking forward to the new heavens and new earth he has promised, a world filled with God's righteousness." (2 Peter 3:13, NLT)
1. A world filled with righteousness!
 2. A world filled with righteousness/rightness.
 - a) *"Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne. Unfailing love and truth walk before you as attendants."* (Psalm 89:14, NLT)
 - b) *"Dark clouds surround him. Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne."* (Psalm 97:2, NLT)
- C. "And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!" And then he said to me, "Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true." (Revelation 21:5, NLT)

II. We are the Temple of the Holy Spirit

- A. You must be born again! Born again means we get a New Heart, New Nature, New Life!
1. "This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" (2 Corinthians 5:17, NLT)
 2. This making new is the introduction of the Kingdom of heaven to the new believer.
 3. God is giving a taste of what is ahead.
- B. Jesus is the model of a man filled with God. (He was God, I realize this.) This was what God was after Ez 36:26 New heart with God's spirit within us.
1. Jesus when he encountered sickness healed it.
 2. Jesus when he encountered demons drove them out, healing people.
 3. Jesus when he encountered the grieving family member, raised the dead.
 4. Jesus when he encountered the about to be embarrassed wedding host changed water to wine.
 5. What was Jesus message: Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is here! In other words God's will is now being done on earth as it is in heaven.
- C. God now lives in Spirit baptized believers!
1. Peter encounter lame man, heals him.
 2. Paul encounters a demon possessed woman and drives it out heals her.

3. The early church went everywhere, preaching the Kingdom, healing the sick, raising the dead.
4. *“Believers are to put on the new nature that they are given “Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.”* (Ephesians 4:24, NLT) Our old nature had to do with death. Now we have a river of life flowing out of us.

III. Our Mission: Bring the Kingdom to Earth

- A. Go and make disciples. Mt 28:18_ff
- B. Signs follow those who believe! Mk 16:17-ff
 1. Signs point to something. In this case, they point to God.
 2. Signs are for the unbelievers that they might believe there is a God.
 3. *“And my message and my preaching were very plain. Rather than using clever and persuasive speeches, I relied only on the power of the Holy Spirit.”* (1 Corinthians 2:4, NLT)
- C. Renew our minds so that think more like heaven.

Conclusion:

- We are commissioned by God to bring heaven to earth.
- We have been set in this world to right wrongs, introduce people to the Prince of Peace.
- On earth as it is in heaven is what we are to be believing for!