

Scripture: Isaiah 40:9-31

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Singing: 130:1-5 – 423:1, 4, 5 – 127:1, 2, 5 – 451:1-3

Intro: Jesus' own prayer was for *God's Name to be hallowed* (John 12:28; 17:4)

THE KINGDOM PETITION

I. Reminds us of God's Kingdom II. Wrestles for the coming of His Kingdom

I. The 2nd Petition reminds us of God's throne – Kingdom

A. The great truth we are to remember: Ps. 97:9; Is. 40:22

1. the Almighty King of all the universe: Ps. 103:19; 145:10-13; Dan. 4:34-35

2. the truth of this Almighty King through Isaiah Is. 40:9-31

3. the full revelation to Isaiah 40 is found in Rev. 5:1-10

B. Besides the *universal Kingdom* God's Word speaks of *Kingdom of Grace*

1. Luke 23:51; Matt. 3:2; Matt. 4:17; Luke 17:20; Dan. 7:13-14

C. What is meant with the "kingdom of grace (or heaven or God)?"

1. It is a spiritual kingdom (Luke 17:20-21)

a. it begins with *new birth* (John 3:3) through faith (John 1:12-13)

b. it is seen in *heart submission* to the King of Kings (Phil. 2:10-11)

c. it is seen in a *life devoted to living to His glory* (Acts 9:6)

D. The Kingdom of *grace* will merge into the Kingdom of *glory*: Rev. 12:10-11

1. If in Christ by faith, this truth for our rejoicing (Phil. 4:4)

a. are you sighing about your 'body of sin? Phil. 3:20-21; 1 John 3:2

b. are you burdened who oppose and reject your King? Prov. 29:1

c. are you weary in battle for the Kingdom? Is. 54:17; Rom. 8:37

II. The 2nd petition express our prayer for this Kingdom of grace and glory

A. This petition should include

1. thanksgiving for the huge expansion of His Kingdom of grace

2. confession of our dependence upon Him for the coming of His Kingdom

3. petition for the coming of the Kingdom of glory (1 Cor. 15:24; Rev. 21-22)

B. Let the Catechism answer 123 guide you in *the specifics of this petition*

1. Be specific about the *strengthening of His kingdom of grace*

2. Be specific about the *expansion of His Kingdom of grace*

Call to reflect and repent: Rev. 6:12-17; Heb. 12: 25

The Power of Prayer

Most saints don't know that God rules the world by the prayers of His saints.
(Andrew Murray)

The Church of Jesus upon its knees would bring heaven upon earth.
(E. M. Bounds)