

Wisdom not Worry
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“Your Kingdom Come.”

If ever a story begins, “Once upon a time in a land far away,” you can be sure you are about to be transported into a world very different from the one you know. Expect magical kingdoms with talking animals, streams flowing with rich milk chocolate or whatever else your imagination can conjure!

In teaching us to pray, “Your kingdom come” Jesus is inviting us to envision a world radically different than the one in which we live, the one displayed on the nightly news. Jesus bids us to consider a kingdom in which everyone gladly submits to God’s rule of love and joyfully yields to His Spirit of truth (Matt. 6:33). A world where His children display perfectly the spiritual DNA of their Father (1 John 3:2). It’s a city in which every power which tries to overthrow God’s Good and every enemy which conspires against his Holy Word is destroyed (1 John 3:8). It is a kingdom where pain and sorrow, death and tears are eternally banished (Revelation 21: 4). Can you imagine a world free from viruses and riots and disease and hypocrisy and lies and fear and, well, anything whatsoever that steals your joy?

To pray “Your Kingdom Come” is a prayer not for an imaginary kingdom but for the coming of a kingdom that is as real as the nose on our face. We see glimpses of this kingdom already now – in a child that honors their parents, a parent that trusts His Word even when it goes against their best instincts, a Spirit-controlled tongue that speaks with a fullness of grace and truth. Like the swollen belly of a mother in waiting is a sign anticipating the new life, these signs of his kingdom now, anticipate that day which is not yet but surely will be when every knee will bow and every tongue confess Jesus Christ is Lord.” This isn’t make-believe. No Lord, make us believe! Your kingdom come.

Grateful,
Pastor Ben