



His Kingdom will Come!



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Jesus advised us to pray: *Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven!* The Millennial reign of Christ on earth *will* come, and we want to be part of it. From the beginning, God created a perfect environment in which to live in total peace and complete tranquility. The world today is *so different* from what God had planned when He created the universe.

The world continues to search, but has not yet found that safe place and perfect life of complete security. The power to choose was given from the start, and everyone *still* must make a choice to follow God's plan by faith, or go our own way through unbelief.

Each day begins: Matthew 6:10 *"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."*

Many prophecies refer to Christ's coming kingdom. Zechariah 14:9 *"And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one."* There will be only one Kingdom; one rightful Ruler; and one nation of redeemed people.

Daniel interpreted Nebuchadnezzar's dream of a golden statue, and a huge stone rolling down, striking the image at its feet, and grinding everything to dust. This stone became a great mountain which filled the earth. The Lord Jesus will be the

Supreme Ruler—making this world a perfect place in which to live—so different from what it is today!

Enjoying a paradise environment that Adam enjoyed, means depending on God for everything. It means trusting God for good health; for divine healing; for avenging wrongs; for training children; for food each day; to be employed in honest labor; and for every other life-issue.

When Adam sinned by disobeying, the ground was cursed—the devil got possession of it. The world thinks God made the herbs from which to make medicine, but herbs taken for medicine grew after the ground was cursed. Satan now caused thorns, weeds, and poisonous plants to grow to torment people and making it difficult to raise good edible vegetation.

Poisonous weeds will not exist during Christ's Millennial reign—briers and thorns will be absent, so the ground will bring forth nutritious grains and fruits. Genesis 1:29 *"God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for [food]."*

God is going to *multiply* crop yields—instead of *diminishing* supplies. Ezekiel 36:29-30 *"I will call for the grain and make it plentiful and will not bring famine upon you. I will increase the fruit of the trees and the crops of the field, so that you will no longer suffer disgrace among the nations because of famine."* Only good vegetation, beneficial to humans, will be allowed to grow—poisonous plants are absent.

There is change in the animal kingdom, as ferocious animals will not be what they are today. In their fallen state, they are fierce and carnivorous, but originally they were omnivores that ate grass and vegetation in Eden.

Isaiah 11:6-8 *"The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf*

and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest."

There will be worship at Jerusalem during Christ's reign on earth. The type of sacrifices, the dimensions of the temple, and many other things are detailed. Old temple sacrifices pointed to the coming of Christ as the Lamb of God, but in the future, these sacrifices will be a memorial of Jesus' sacrifice at Calvary—reminding people of His atoning work on the Cross. This Gospel Age is only a taste of the coming kingdom of Christ.

These on-going *sacrifices* are a perpetual *reminder* that Jesus died on the *Cross* to purchase salvation for the *world*—and the glorious reign of Christ on earth is the result of that marvelous work of Atonement for sin. The Blood of Christ gives deliverance from Satan and his evil works. The gospel Romans 1:16 *"Is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile."* When Christ is enthroned in our heart, protection and peace are enjoyed in our life.

Jesus promised to return and take possession of the earth—which includes enjoying health and peace as we reign with Him. We are to be happy and contented as Adam and Eve originally were—because Jesus shed His Blood and paid our sin debt on the Cross.

Many prophecies speak of this Millennial reign of Christ. Ezekiel 37:21 *"Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land."* This returning of the Jews to Israel increased dramatically after May of 1948.

The New Temple is described—Ezekiel 40:2 “*In the visions of God brought he me into the land of Israel, and set me upon a very high mountain, by which was as the frame of a city on the south.*”

Ezekiel 47:12 “*Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river. Their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail. Every month they will bear, the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for healing.*”

Satan is banished from this Millennial Kingdom on earth; and since he is the author of sickness, there will be no disease. The tree with leaves for healing is the source of life and health as was the tree of life in the Garden of Eden.

Revelation 22:1-2 “*He showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.*”

We can only imagine how marvelous it all is! Revelation 21:2-3 “*I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.*”

The size of this new city would extend from Philadelphia to Chicago. Revelation 21:14-16 “*Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. The city is laid out as a square.*”

Jesus mentioned this New Jerusalem—John 14:1 “*Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house*

are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. 4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.” The way is by faith and trust in the Blood of Jesus.

The magnificence of this city is truly amazing! Revelation 21:19-21 “*The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, the fifth sardonyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst.*”

“*The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of pure gold, like transparent glass.*” It is difficult to imagine such splendor! 1 Corinthians 2:9 “*Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.*”

Church ministries that do not believe God does things for people today, will be absent. Revelation 21:22-25 “*I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there.*”

Knowing the requirements to enter that marvelous city is vital. John 6:29 “*This is above all the thing that God requires—that you should be believers in Him whom He has sent.*” Jesus added John 14:15 “*If ye love me, keep my commandments.*”

We do love Him since He loved us first. Romans 5:8 “*God commendeth his love toward us,*

in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

To trust God in faith on the merit of the Blood of Christ, includes real life issues—like divine healing and finances—two things the average church will *not* teach about and *not* follow. They will trust *in* every prescription, pill, drug, or remedy imaginable, but not on the Blood of Jesus, even though Scripture says: 1 Peter 2:24 “*Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.*”

Jesus explained the importance of money issues and trusting God without laid-up resources. The rich man in Hell shows how necessary it is to *listen* to; to *learn* from, and to *follow* the words of the Lord Jesus on this matter.

The young ruler wanted to be *sure* he would enter Heaven—so Jesus told him how to *be* sure—He said Luke 18:22 “*Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me.*”

The young man—like most who declare themselves Christians—was not willing to do that.

The average church member will put their treasure in the *bank*; store their money in a *vault*; or hide it under a *mattress*; but they will *not* trust God in *faith* by giving it to the *poor*—even though Jesus *clearly* said John 14:4 “*Where I go you know, and the way you know*”—it is by real *faith* in *Christ*!



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