**LINCOLN COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH**

**SERMON OUTLINE**

**March 1st, 2020**

**Matthew 6:10**

**RECAP:** Last week, we began this study of the Lord’s Prayer, being the great example of how to pray for believers, and a pattern of prayer that we should constantly seek to emulate.

**THESIS:** It is the purpose of subjects of God’s Kingdom, to pray that God directly bring His Kingdom to it’s fullness and fruition.

**EXEGESIS:** Matt. 6:9, **“Your Kingdom Come.”** or in the **GNT: “ἐλθέτω ἡ βασιλεία σου,”**

* **YOUR/THY** – In Greek it is a simple 2nd person, singular pronoun, “of you.” This is used in the genitive sense, meaning “belonging to” someone.
  + The first thing that Christ offers here is that this Kingdom is absolutely belonging to the Father. A Kingdom, by very definition, requires a King!
  + **Thomas Schreiner:** “Perhaps the most remarkable feature of Jesus’ teaching about the kingdom is the role that He envisions for Himself.” **(Matt. 25:31-46, 10:32-33, 26:64.)**
  + The Kingdom belongs to Christ. And while Christ even makes note to Pilate that His Kingdom isn’t here *yet,* in **John 18:36,** what He implies is that the day is coming when it will be completed.
  + **Phil. 2:9-11;** This passage demonstrates that plan for God to inaugurate and fully institute Christ as the ultimate King and Lord of the entire Kingdom, over us, and all Creation.
* **KINGDOM –** The Greek word is a simple one, “*basilea*,” from “*basileus*,” meaning “king.” This is because “*basis*,” quite literally means “the basis, bottom, foundation.” The King was understood to be the very foundation, basis, and root of the whole kingdom and everything in it.
  + **C. S. Lewis** commented, “Absolute Monarchy is the best rule, when done by a good person…or it becomes the worst rule, when done by anyone else.” Imagine what a perfect monarch can do!
  + We are **agents** in the Kingdom process of building. The ***King/Subject*** relationship is illustrated here. It is our task to evangelize, pray, and disciple, to be faithful subjects of the Kingdom.
* **COME** – That’s the key message of this passage. The final word, **COME,** is just that. It’s a simple, third person, aorist verb, that implies “come now, quickly!”
  + We need to pray that this glorious Kingdom be fully realized! The Kingdom is a progressive concept. A restoration of God’s total and immediate rule on Earth was coming, and was prophesied since David. John the Baptist and Christ both preached the Kingdom as “at hand.”
  + We as the people of God should be eager to see the end of Revelation! **Rev. 22:17, 20.**
  + We need to pray that this Kingdom come about on this Earth through us. But ultimately we have to realize, it is the supernatural power of God that yields fruit and brings the Kingdom to finality.

**CONCLUSION:**

* We need to pray that God work through us, save and edify the souls He has chosen, so that it the final stage will come to pass. And while there may be tribulation that is temporary, the joys are everlasting.
* We need also to realize that Christ alone brings about this Kingdom. We are **subjects, agents** used by God in the process, and we absolutely should work to that end!