Prayer #3 Matthew 6:10a ἐλθέτω ἡ βασιλεία σου· "Let your kingly rule come"

- I. Verse 10a implies the existence of more than one kingdom/rule "Your kingdom vs another person's kingdom"
 - 1. God's reign is unquestionably accepted in heaven (cf. verse 9 "Our Father, who is in heaven")
 - 2. But Satan exercises his rule (kingdom) on earth where we live:
 - a. Satan appears to have authority over the world and its splendor (Matt 4:8-9)—materialism, hedonism
 - b. Satan appears to be behind human behavior and decisions (Acts 5:3)
 - c. Satan opposes the redemptive purposes of God (Mark 8:33; 2 Cor 4:4)
 - d. Satan sows evil in human being (Matt 13:38)
 - e. Satan snatches the word of the Kingdom from hearts (Mark 4:15)
 - f. Satan entered into Judas, leading him to betray Jesus to the priests (Luke 22:31)
 - g. Satan is opposed to God's reign and everything of God
 - h. The NT recognizes the power of evil and how man is unable to escape his destructive power
 - i. And the NT teaches how God the Father redeems the helpless humanity through Jesus from the hand of Satan and establishes His kingdom
 - j. Jesus proclaimed the kingdom of God, which is in conflict with the kingdom of Satan
- II. Verse 10a: "Let your kingly reign come"
 - 1. It's Father's exercise of His reign over a people of His sovereign choice with a set of His rules, guiding principles, and values which are just opposite of the Enemy
 - 2. i.e., God's reign prevailing over a people who He has sovereignly chosen
 - 3. In this sense, **the Assembly of chosen people** (every local church is a kingdom where Father has the jurisdiction)
 - 4. Jesus Teaches that prayer provides a platform to welcome and appreciate the Father's kingly rule over the individual and members of the faith family
- III. Jesus explains the kingdom with illustrations
 - 1. Yeast/leaven (Matt 13:33)
 - a. The kingdom has change-properties
 - b. The kingdom influences, transforms, and makes difference—fermentation
 - c. It loosens the dough
 - d. Changes the flavor and it's smell
 - e. Increases the quantity (leaven causes the dough to rise)
 - 2. Mustard seed (Matt 13:31-32)
 - a. It grows, develops, and expands—often it is a gradual process
 - b. Kingdom of God is dynamic
 - c. A new release of life and growth
- IV. God's kingly rule comes to this world through Jesus
 - 1. Jesus' work invaded the kingdom of Satan (Mark 1:23-24 Have you come to destroy us?)—Through Jesus, God curbed the power of Satan

- 2. In Jesus, God's kingly rule begins by destroying the power of the enemy (Matt 12:28 If it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you)
- 3. The Kingdom is a gift that the Father is pleased to bestow upon the little flock of Jesus's disciples (Luke 12:32 "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom)

Prayer is a platform where you appreciate God's rule in your individual and corporate life

TAKE AWAY Seek the kingly rule in your life (Matt 6:33)