

Lord's Day 48

Name: _____

Three little words: "Thy kingdom come"! How often we have prayed these words. Here we discover the deep meaning and far-reaching implications of the coming of the kingdom of God. The relation between the first two petitions is one of means to an end: God's kingdom must come in order that His Name may be perfectly hallowed.

A. The idea of the kingdom of God.

1. Look up these references, and list various names that Scripture gives for the kingdom.

- a. Matthew 5:3 _____ b. John 3:3 _____
- c. Colossians 1:13 _____ d. Romans 14:17 _____

2. In this kingdom, _____ is King, _____ is Prince, and _____ are the citizens. We can also say that the constitution of this kingdom is _____.

3. From the question asked in Acts 1:6, it is clear that the disciples (as well as the Jews in general) had a wrong view of the kingdom.

- a. What was their view? _____
- b. In John 18:36, Jesus says, " _____
_____ "

4. According to Luke 17:21, where, in this present time, is the kingdom? _____
_____, that is, in our _____.

B. The four things we pray for in this petition, according to this Lord's Day, are:

1. Rule us by Thy _____ that we may _____
_____.

a. Psalm 119 speaks of this very thing. Quote the following verses:

1) Verse 5: " _____
_____ "

2) Verse 9: " _____
_____ "

3) Verse 11: " _____
_____ "

4) Verse 105: " _____
_____ "

- b. God rules over the wicked in a different way. According to Psalm 2:9 He rules over them with a _____ and _____.
2. Preserve _____ Thy church.
- a. If God's kingdom is to come, the church must be kept in faith and salvation. She cannot keep herself, but God must do this.
- 1) What Head of Doctrine in the Canons of Dordt speaks of this preserving work of God? _____
- 2) Quote Philippians 1:6. " _____

 _____"
3. Thirdly, we pray that God will _____
 _____ devised against Him; and also, all wicked counsels devised _____
 _____. The Devil is the arch-enemy of God, who opposeth God and works to create a kingdom apart from God. For God's kingdom to come, all that make and love the lie must be destroyed.
- a. Quote I John 3:8, " _____

 _____."
- b. Since the kingdom comes through the preaching of the Word, we pray that the Word may remain free from wicked devices.
- 1) The Devil can appear as an angel of _____ (II Cor. 11:14).
- 2) But actually, he stirs up men to change _____
 _____ (Rom. 1:25) and to bring in privily _____
 _____ (II Pet. 2:1).
4. Finally, this petition means that we pray for the _____
 _____, wherein _____.
- a. When shall the full perfection of God's kingdom come about? _____

- b. What does it mean that then God shall be "all in all"? _____
