



YOUTH INSTRUCTION CLASS

LESSON 24: LORD'S PRAYER

SECOND PETITION

Introduction

What is the *second request* (petition) we make in the Lord's Prayer?

Where Is God's Kingdom?

Is God's kingdom made up of earthly territory and buildings the way we think of other kings and their kingdoms?

John 18:36-37 (1142)

Where is God's kingdom?

Colossians 3:15-16 (1143)

Luke 17:20-21

God is ruling in people's hearts whenever they listen to Him, trust in Him for forgiveness, and follow Him.

Look at Acts 5:28-29. Who was ultimately "ruling" Peter and the other apostles?

God's kingdom is His gracious rule in believers' hearts for their spiritual blessings and well-being

The Purpose Of God's Kingdom

What is the purpose of God's ruling in our hearts?

1 Timothy 2:4 (1153)

- **Note:** Since the purpose of God's kingdom is not to rule on earth, we do not look forward to an earthly thousand-year kingdom (millennium) as some do. Instead, we look forward to everlasting glory in heaven. See Matthew 25:34 (924).

God's Kingdom Comes

How does God set up His rule in people's hearts (how does His *kingdom come* to people)?

- Romans 10:17 _____ (1145)
God's kingdom comes now not by the use of force or police power, but by the preaching of the good news (gospel) of forgiveness in Christ. Through the gospel God brings us to faith in Jesus. Through the gospel He rules in us with love and mercy!
- 1 Corinthians 12:3 _____ (1147)
God's kingdom comes when He gives us His Holy Spirit to teach, enlighten, and strengthen us in faith by His power.
- When we pray *your kingdom come* we are asking God to rule in our hearts and in the hearts of others for our spiritual good!
- Therefore when we pray *your kingdom come* we are saying:
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A Mission Prayer

The second petition is really a mission prayer. We want God's word to go out into the world so that He can rule in many hearts and people everywhere can come to believe in Jesus and be saved.

Assignment

- Memorize the second petition with the explanations (Catechism, p. 207)