A Walk in the Word

Small Bites

<u>Day 3</u>: THE TWO KINGDOMS (b6-1-111924)

Scripture: Matthew 6:10 - Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.

Observation: Jesus is teaching and/or reminding everyone how to pray.

Application/Analysis: As we pray for the kingdom to come it is important to realize that there are two kingdoms for which we must pray. The obvious one is when Jesus returns to begin the Millennial Reign and Satan is bound and we finally get the peace that our heart instinctively longs for. God places in our nature the desire to seek love, peace, kindness, joy as these are the only things that give us true satisfaction. We fight like crazy to get them but only when God is the source of them, do we have true and meaningful peace, etc. The second kingdom that we must pray for is the kingdom in our own heart. This is where we place Jesus on our inward throne and allow his gift of grace to be released through us. This is the source of our light from within that shines for the world to see who Jesus is through us (2 Cor 4). God's grace is synonymous with his earthly kingdom that he wants to establish, which is why we don't look for a kingdom in the sense of physical location; but rather, we own the fact that we are God's kingdom and He is in our midst at all times (Luke 17:21) Hallelujah! So this is why we pray - To maintain grace flowing through us. And this is how we pray - asking God to release his wonderful light through us for all the world to see Him and be thankful that He is God.

Prayer: Father, thank you for both kingdoms. Thank you that you rule now in us and over the world on earth and also in times to come. In Jesus name - AMEN!

Takeaway: Pray God's grace shines through you today for others to see and encounter and pray Jesus returns quickly that we may share eternity in his presence and enjoy everlasting peace and joy.