

# LET YOUR KINGDOM COME – (THEOLOGY)

*“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.” (Matthew 5:7-9 ESV)*

As Jesus stands before a crowd on a mountaintop in Matthew chapter five, He preaches an authoritative sermon regarding Kingdom-centered life. As Jesus expounds on the reality of discipleship living in a broken world, these words must shape our thinking and living as followers of the Messiah. In verses 7-9, Jesus makes it absolutely clear that we are to be people of mercy, people of purity, and people whose aim is peacemaking. The first verse of “Let Your Kingdom Come” was written with Jesus’ words in Matthew chapter five in mind. Sung as a prayer from congregation to God, these words reflect a longing to be the Church that becomes a living illustration of the Sermon on the Mountain.

The pre-chorus of the song boldly asks that He would usher in His Kingdom, and that it would come swiftly! The lyric “Your Kingdom here and now to the least of these,” refers to a story in Matthew 25.

*Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’*

*And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’ (Matthew 25:34-40 ESV)*

In order to be the Church that lives out the Gospel and demonstrates the Kingdom of God, we must be men and women that feed the hungry, give nourishment to the thirsty, and clothing to the naked. We must visit the sick and wounded; we must visit and care for those in prison and in isolation. Scripture is emphatic that if we refuse to serve and care for “the least of these,” it is the same as if we failed to have any care for Jesus himself.

Then, in the chorus of “Let Your Kingdom Come” the lyrics refer to a prayer that Jesus set as an example to his followers in Matthew 6.”

*Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. (Matthew 6:9-10 ESV)*

“All the Earth will say and echo angels praise that You are God.” This lyric in the chorus captures the idea that as we are worshipping God Almighty with song and service, we are joining with the Heavens in acknowledgement that He is God! We are echoing the praise of angels as we join together as His Church in service and song.

The second verse continues to capture the longing and pleading of the Church for justice on behalf of the orphan and the enslaved. As the Church, we know that the only hope for an end to the overwhelming plight of the orphaned and enslaved is the coming of the Prince of Peace and the King of Hope, Jesus

Christ. Yet, as the Church we are also called to be agents of justice and peace, while we long for Jesus to return and put an end to all suffering, all slavery, all sorrow, and all brokenness. This is why we can boldly and authentically “pray and ask for hope, peace, and justice.”

In Matthew 5, Jesus refers to His followers as “salt of the Earth” and “the light of the world.” May we be men and women who plead whole-heartedly to reflect the Kingdom of God in our songs and in our service to those around us.