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"THY KINGDOM COME": THE OBJECT OF PRAYER

Sermon notes from **6/11/06**

Matthew 6:5-13

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Text

5 "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full.

6 But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. 7 And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. 9 "This, then, is how you should pray: "'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, 10 your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us today our daily bread. 12 Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'

Message

I. The kingdom is not a realm but a reign

II. The kingdom is dynamic

III. The kingdom is central

Application

Please consider the following questions as you seek the Holy Spirit's direction from this sermon:

1. Where in your life do you need to see his reign more fully? What parts are you holding back from his kingdom so that you may rule?
2. Where do you see the brokenness in your community? Do you pray for that brokenness to be healed, for his kingdom to come in your community?
3. Is the true object of your prayer that God's kingdom would come, that his reign would be extended in your life and your community, or that he would bless you?