

THE LORD'S PRAYER Part 3

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

"Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:10

"My kingdom is not of this world." John 18:36a

The Kingdom of God is wherever Jesus is allowed to be King.

God's Kingdom is wherever God's will is done.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven means:

1. I accept God's plan.

"I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." Philippians 4:11-13

A. Accepting God's plan is a learned experience.

B. Contentment is a choice.

C. Contentment is only possible through Christ's strength.

Three reasons God is silent:

- 1. God doesn't owe us an explanation.**
- 2. We probably wouldn't understand the explanation even if He gave it.**
- 3. Explanations never comfort us.**

2. I surrender to God's control.

"Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him." Psalm 37:7a

"For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace."
Romans 8:6

"Yield now and be at peace with Him; thereby good will come to you." Job 22:21

3. I trust in God's care.

"The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace because he trusts in You." Isaiah 26:3

Four reasons for problems in our life:

- A. We live in a fallen world.**
- B. We have an enemy.**
- C. We make bad decisions.**
- D. Sometimes problems are nobody's fault.**

"His disciples asked Him, saying, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he should be born blind?' Jesus answered, 'It was neither that this man sinned, nor his parents; but it was in order that the works of God might be displayed in him'" John 9:2-3

"Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you."
Matthew 6:33

"Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." How is God's will done? "God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will." Luther's Small Catechism