Thy Kingdom Come

I. The Scope Of Prayer
   A. Requirement: Faith (Matt. 21:22)
   B. Requirement: God’s Word (John 15:7)
   C. Requirement: God’s will (1 John 5:14–15)
   D. Example of Elijah (James 5:16–18)

II. Fulfilling The Requirements
   A. Align with God’s purpose: the kingdom (Matt. 6:9–10)
      1. Prayer addressed to a person: Father
      2. “Our”—collective, not self-centered
      3. In an attitude of reverence
      4. Petitions:
         a. Your kingdom come
         b. Your will be done
      5. Righteousness comes before peace (Rom. 14:17 [1 Thess. 4])
      6. The kingdom comes only with the King
      7. The marriage relationship—a model of the kingdom of God
      8. The kingdom of God is ultimately the only realistic solution to humanity’s needs
   B. Embrace God’s will personally (vs. my will) (Rev. 4:11)
   D. Make the kingdom your first priority (Matt. 6:33)
      1. Align with God’s priorities first
      2. He will meet your personal needs

III. How Can I Discover God’s Will?
   A. Present your body (Rom. 12:1)
   B. Renew your mind (Rom. 12:2)
      Transformed lifestyle
   C. Renewed mind is sober and realistic (Rom. 12:3)
      Recognize appointed measure of faith
   D. Find appointed place in Christ’s body (Rom. 12:4–5)
   E. Exercise appropriate gifts (Rom. 12:6–8)

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