

Thy Kingdom Come?

In His model prayer, He said, "Your kingdom come" (Matt. 6:10). Many today are still praying this, though the kingdom has come. That is, people have been taught the doctrine of premillennialism, which says Christ came to earth to establish His kingdom, but, because the Jews rejected Him, God set up the church until the time Christ could come back and set up the kingdom. This is nowhere taught in the Bible.

First, when men teach that Jesus did not set up the kingdom, then they are saying God failed to fulfill His promises. He prophesied that in the days of the Roman kings, His unending-kingdom would be established (Dan. 2:44-45). However, if Jesus failed to do this, then God's word is unreliable. Question: If God failed the first time, why should we have confidence He will succeed the second?

Second, Jesus said, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power" (Mk. 9:1). Therefore, the kingdom of God was established in the lifetime of men in first century. In fact, it was established on the first Pentecost after the resurrection of Christ (Acts 2:16-47).

Third, God never intended His Son to rule upon the earth on a literal throne. The kingdom of Christ is spiritual. He said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here" (Jn. 18:36). When men teach about a kingdom to be ruled from Jerusalem, they are teaching a different kingdom from God's.

Fourth, contrary to popular, but erroneous, opinion, Christ now rules on David's throne. Peter said that Christ was raised from the dead to sit on David's throne (Acts 2:30-36). Jesus is not waiting to sit on His throne, but is on it now. This is why the Holy Spirit describes Him as "King of kings."

How thankful we can be that the promoters of premillennialism are in error. We must reject it and hold fast to God's word which is true (1 Jn. 4:1; 2 Tim. 3:16-17).

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