

Jesus taught His disciples to pray for God's Kingdom to come. The disciples revealed how they understood God's Kingdom when they asked Jesus, after His resurrection, if He was going to "restore the kingdom to Israel". (Acts 1:6) They meant a kingdom of rules and boundaries like the kingdoms of David and Solomon in the Old Testament, or the kingdom of Rome in their own day. However, it was not Jesus' intent to set up a physical kingdom at that time. (Acts 1:7)

What did Jesus mean, then, in the Lord's Prayer when He said to pray that God's Kingdom would come - if He didn't intend to establish it then? He told a parable in Luke 19 about a nobleman who was given a kingdom. He wasn't given geography; he was given rulership. First and foremost, that is what God's Kingdom is: God's right to rule. Yes, it will be geographical, one day in the Millennium, but for now, God's Kingdom is within us, or in our midst. (Luke 17:21)

When you pray, pray: "Your Kingdom come" and ask God to rule in your life until He returns to rule the world.

Matthew 6:10 "Your Kingdom come."