

Prayer and Fasting – Wednesday 25th August 2010

But deliver us from evil...

Matthew 6:13b

This petition is the final petition in the prayer or pattern that we have been taught to pray. Last week the cry was for the Lord to lead us away from temptation because we do not want to be tempted in such a way and then find that our faith is vulnerable or compromised. This week the reality of the conflict is addressed. There is evil out there, and the evil one wants to destroy us. We can pray to the Lord alone for he is the only one able to bring deliverance in our hour of need. Satan is looking for strongholds in our lives, he is looking – and in most cases is aware of our weaknesses. He bullies and tries to engulf us in his web of evil and then accuses us before the Father with the expectation that God would agree that this so called believer is not a believer at all. I believe Satan questions the validity of our faith before the Father.

If that is the case, what do you think about this?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pray for deliverance from the oppression and dictatorship of the devil? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consider your personal weakness: Ask God to make you whole and strong in character and faith |

In the KJV the prayer concludes with *“For yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen”*

God is above everything in everyway and so we direct our prayers to Him alone, confident that He can answer everyone. What a great God we serve. We sound out a note of praise and Worship at the end of our prayers to the One who’s Kingdom shall never end. Because God reigns supreme for all eternity, our earthly requests are small in comparison to the promise of our eternal state.

This world is not the end. There is greater ahead, an eternity that could not be described in words. The priority for the Christian is not worldly status, pleasure or power, but to pursue the kingdom of God which is in essence the ultimate rule and will of God. The Bible states that the kingdom is like a treasure that was found in a field and the person who finds this treasure sells all they have to acquire the field so that they can have that treasure. So to give up everything on earth to gain the kingdom is more than worth it (Matthew 13:44).

- In what ways would you affirm that you are part of God’s Kingdom?
- Think about God, His power and His glory

Pray that His Kingdom come and His will be done.

Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18; Hebrews 13:5; Proverbs 19:23