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## The Kingdom Fully Comes

### Parable of the Nets

*Matthew 13:47 "Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish.*

*<sup>48</sup> When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away.*

*<sup>49</sup> This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous*

*<sup>50</sup> and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."*

### Conclusion:

Summary: Westminster Shorter Catechism:

"...we pray, that Satan's kingdom may be destroyed; and that the Kingdom of grace may be advanced, ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it; and that the Kingdom of glory may be hastened."

*Matt. 6:33 But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you.*

*Matt. 3:2 Repent, for the kingdom of God is near.*

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## Your Kingdom Come

The Lord's Prayer--part 2

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*Matthew 6:10a "Your kingdom come..."*

### 1. What is a kingdom?

#### 2. What is God's kingdom?

a. God's rule over His creation.

b. God's rule in the hearts of men.

*Romans 14:17 The Kingdom of God is ...righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.*

#### 3. The clash of kingdoms

*Eph. 2:1 And you he made alive, when you were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup> in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience. <sup>3</sup> Among these we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of body and mind, and so we were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.*

*Col. 1:13 He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

*Col. 2:15 He disarmed the principalities and powers and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in him.*

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## The response of people to God's kingdom

### Parable of the Soils

Luke 8:5 "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. <sup>6</sup> Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. <sup>8</sup> Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown."

When he said this, he called out, "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."

<sup>9</sup> His disciples asked him what this parable meant. <sup>10</sup> He said, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that,

" 'though seeing, they may not see; though hearing, they may not understand.' "

<sup>11</sup> "This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. <sup>12</sup> Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. <sup>13</sup> Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. <sup>14</sup> The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. <sup>15</sup> But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

- a. Hard path soil
  - b. Rocky soil
  - c. Thorny soil
  - d. Good soil
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## An Example of rejecting God's kingdom

Daniel 5:5 Suddenly the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall, near the lampstand in the royal palace. The king watched the hand as it wrote.

<sup>6</sup> His face turned pale and he was so frightened that his knees knocked together and his legs gave way.

Daniel 5:25 "This is the inscription that was written: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, PARSIN <sup>26</sup> "This is what these words mean: Mene: God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end. <sup>27</sup> Tekel: You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting. <sup>28</sup> Peres: Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians."

Daniel 5:20 But when his heart was lifted up and his spirit was hardened so that he dealt proudly, he was brought down from his kingly throne, and his glory was taken from him.

<sup>21</sup> He was driven from among the children of mankind, and his mind was made like that of a beast, and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. He was fed grass like an ox, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven,

until he knew that the Most High God rules **the kingdom of mankind** and sets over it whom he will.

<sup>22</sup> And you his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, though you knew all this,

<sup>23</sup> but you have lifted up yourself against the Lord of heaven. And the vessels of his house have been brought in before you, and you and your lords, your wives, and your concubines have drunk wine from them. And you have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see or hear or know, but the God in whose hand is your breath, and whose are all your ways, you have not honored.

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