



# ***LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY***

## **Restore Your Vision of the Lord's Church**

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*"May your kingdom come." (Luke 11:2)*

Introduction: We have talked about the need to revere God and respect God's holy name but we also need to understand His kingdom. In today's lesson we are going to consider God's vision for His kingdom. What is His vision? Let's study together . . . .

Discussion:

### ***I. Everything Belongs To God***

- A. The world belongs to God (**Genesis 1:1, Psalm 148**).
- B. The things of the world belong to God (**I Chronicles 29:14-16, Isaiah 63**).
- C. The church belongs to God (**Matthew 16:18-19, Matthew 19:14**).
- D. The vision of the church comes from God (**Ephesians 3:11, Matthew 6:10**).

### ***II. Everyone Should Follow God***

- A. The heavens are higher than the earth.  
**Isaiah 55:9, John 14:1-4, I Peter 2:11, Ephesians 2:11-22**
- B. God's ways are higher than our ways.  
**Isaiah 55:9, Exodus 33:13, Deuteronomy 8:6, Psalm 119**
- C. God's thoughts are higher than our thoughts.  
**Isaiah 55:8-9, Philippians 4:8, II Corinthians 11:3**
- D. God's will is higher than our will.  
**Matthew 26:42, James 4:15, Ephesians 5:17**

### ***III. Prayer 101 = Back To The Basics***

- A. Pray for the pattern of the Lord's church.  
**Luke 11:2, Matthew 6:10, John 4:21-24, Acts 2:42**
- B. Pray for the people in the Lord's church.  
**II Timothy 1:3, I Thessalonians 3:10, I Timothy 5:5, James 5:16**

Conclusion: Obviously, the kingdom of heaven has come because we are part of the church. However, we also need to pray for Jesus to return and receive His kingdom. As we go through the next few lessons of this series we are going to study about praying for our daily needs, forgiveness, and sin. Are you following God's pattern? Do you need to be restored? Can we pray with you and for you? Come to Jesus!!!

**WORD OF THE DAY = "Prayer"**