



You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. Yet I hold this against you: You have **forsaken** the love you had at first. Consider how far you have fallen! **Repent** and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

Revelation 2:3-7

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.

Matthew 3:1-3

(Jesus)...saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; **repent** and **believe** in the Gospel.

Mark 1:15

## What is the kingdom of God?

It's the rule, reign, and presence of Jesus the Messiah.

**“It's at hand”**, means that it's ours for the taking, we can live in it and enjoy its benefits right now.

The future benefits are the promise of heaven and eternal rewards for faithfulness in this life.

## Revelation 22:12-17

Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star..... (cont'd)

The **Spirit** and the **bride** say, “Come!” And let the one **who hears** say, “**Come!**” Let the one who is thirsty **Come**; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.

Revelation 22:12-17

# **Prayer of Petition – a formal request (biblical)**

A prayer of petition is a request for a specific need or desire to be met by God and is characterized by humility and dependence on divine intervention to provide assistance.

## Heart's Desire

In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly. And she made a vow, saying, Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever touch his head.

1 Samuel 1:10

Prayer is the key to giving birth to the deepest godly desires and dreams in our souls.

“Most people lead lives of quiet desperation and die  
with their song still inside them.”

*Henry David Thoreau*

