

The Kingdom of Heaven

Hebrews 12-13



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22 But you have come to Mount Zion (**the capital of the heavenly kingdom**), to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, 23 to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven (**having a heavenly citizenship**). You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24 to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant (**High Priest of the heavenly kingdom**), and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, 29 for our “God is a consuming fire.”
(God is holy)

Philippians 3:20

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ

Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 4:17

From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

John 3:3

3 Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again. 5 Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. 6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

Matthew 4:8

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor.

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Eternal



It's not a place on earth



Life is not about a destination
but about a journey to a
destination

John 18:36

³⁶ Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

Matthew 5:20

²⁰ For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 6:33

³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 4

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Matthew 5:3

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:10

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 7:21

²¹ “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.



The Kingdom
of Heaven is
like...

- A seed that is planted and grows and bears fruit
- Yeast that goes through the whole batch of dough
- Hidden treasure that is worth giving everything up for
- A net that catches both good and bad fish that are later separated

Matthew 13:11

He replied, “Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them.

Matthew 16:19

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Matthew 16:28

²⁸ “Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Jesus is King!

Is Jesus your King?

If so, you have entered the Kingdom of Heaven and the Kingdom of Heaven is yours.

You give up your earthly rights in exchange for heavenly rights

You have Jesus rule your life's decisions

You let Jesus define what righteous living is and you receive His righteousness

Exodus 19:6

you will be for me

a kingdom of priests and a
holy nation

2 Corinthians 5:20

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God (**the King of kings**).

Matthew 10:7

⁷ As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.'

Matthew 6

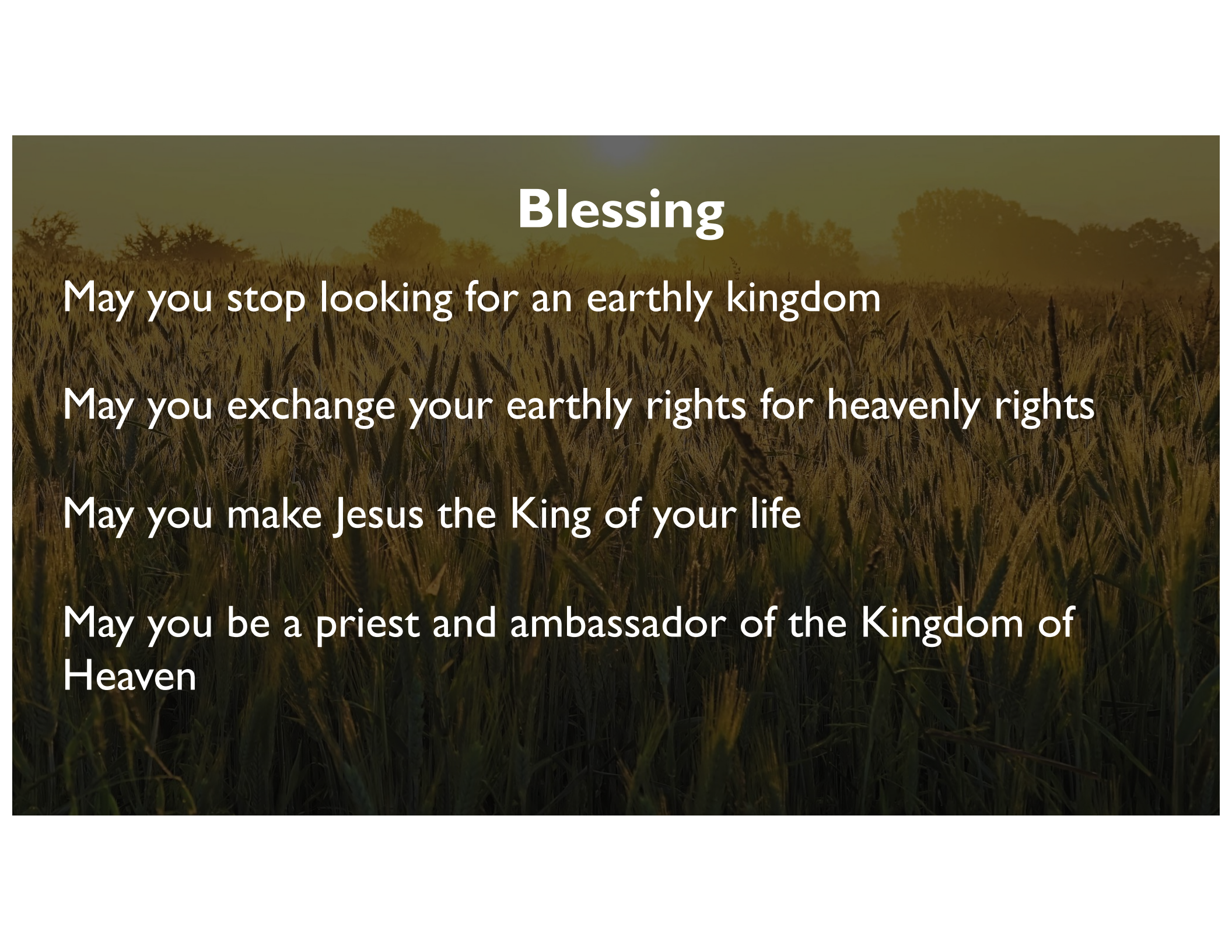
9 This, then, is how you should pray:

“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name (**the name of the King**),
10 your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.”

Revelations 19

¹¹ I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. ¹² His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. ¹³ He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. ¹⁴ The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵ Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. ¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written:

king of kings and lord of lords.

The background of the slide is a photograph of a vast field of golden wheat. The wheat stalks are in sharp focus in the foreground, creating a textured pattern of light and dark gold. In the distance, the field stretches to a line of trees under a soft, hazy sky. The overall lighting is warm and golden, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The text is overlaid on this image in a clean, white, sans-serif font.

Blessing

May you stop looking for an earthly kingdom

May you exchange your earthly rights for heavenly rights

May you make Jesus the King of your life

May you be a priest and ambassador of the Kingdom of
Heaven

Life Application

What is the main thing that helped you on Sunday?

What is one thing you are going to do differently on Monday morning?

Write down how you changed this week.