

## THY KINGDOM COME

(Handout: Discourse Outline and Reference List)

**1.0** Introduction – **Matt.6:10** (thy kingdom come) What exactly are we praying for?

- What type of government will produce the kingdom blessings?
- Christ is the central figure of that government. **Matt.28:18** (all power given to me)

**2.0** How long do Christ's complete power and authority continue?

**2.1** First answer – 1000 years. **Acts 17:31** (a day of judgment by that man)

- Christ is the judge. **Jo.5:22** (all judgment given to the son)
- **2 Peter.3:7,8** (one day is 1000 years)
- **1 Cor.15:24** (at the end of the 1000 year day, kingdom delivered to God)
- **Rev.20:6** (reign limited to 1000 years)
- **A304; D645:3** (special reign of Christ ends when mission accomplished).

**2.2** Second answer – Christ's power and authority endure forever.

- **Isa.9:6,7** (no end to the government of the Prince of Peace)
- **Dan 7:13-14** (son of man given dominion which is everlasting and never passes away)
- **Lk.1:31-33; Psalms.145:13** (Jesus reigns forever)
- **A306:t** (Christ has glory and power at Jehovah's right hand forever)

**3.0** To harmonize these, we must see that Christ's kingdom involves three different kinds of gov'ts

**3.1** A Biblical theocracy – people governed by the will and law of God. **R5636:3** (theocracy defined)

- Biblical theocrat is unseen by human eye.
- Current day example – a properly organized ecclesia – each member adopts God's law & will

**3.2** An autocracy - the ruler has absolute power to rule. People have no voice in their governance.

- Autocrats can be good or bad, as we see throughout the kings of Judah. Eg., David; Jehoram
- **1 Sam.8** (God warned Israel not to want an earthly autocrat [king]).

**3.3** In a Godly republic, the people govern themselves. They select their policies and their leaders.

- A republic is comprised of humans. Each person is a sovereign. The government is earthly.
- Modern day example – the ecclesia selects its own policies and its leaders
- **Acts 14:23; 6:3** (elders and deacons selected by congregational vote)
- **1 Pet.5:3,2** (ecclesia servants are not lords [autocrats], but rather shepherds)

**4.0** **Gen. 1:27** (Adam created); **Psa.8:5,6; Heb.2:7** (God crowned man an earthly king)

- **Gen.1:26-30** (man given the right of self-governance and dominion over lower creation)

**4.1** **B73:3** (when man sinned, he forfeited his crown, and subjected himself to rule by others)

**4.2** **Heb.2:5; 2 Pet.3:6** (first dispensation, angels permitted to rule)

- **Gen.6:2-4,13** (fallen angels became evil autocrats, abused their power and man suffered)
- **R2171** (Evil beings always seem to take special joy & interest in corrupting others less corrupt)

**4.3** **Matt.12:24; Isa.14:12-14; 2 Pet.3:7; Gal.1:4; 2 Cor.4:4** (After the flood, Satan appointed himself an evil autocrat. Through sin, humanity forfeited its right of self-government and has suffered greatly)

- **Eph.2:2** (Satan works through the children of disobedience); **Rom.8:22** (the whole world suffers).

**5.0** In 1874, third dispensation (Christ's theocracy) began; **2 Pet.3:13** (new heavens and earth);  
 - Also, Christ's autocracy over earth begins **Rev.11:15 (Wey)** (kgdm of this world becomes Christ's)  
 - Christ's autocracy established gradually: 1874 (enlightenment), 1878 (judgment; Israel),  
 1914 (smiting), **B76:2** (1914: Christ begins to disintegrate the rule of imperfect men);  
 - Autocracy reaches its zenith during mediatorial kingdom; **Isa.11:9** (nothing will hurt)  
**1 Cor.15:24** (all rebellion removed); **Rev.19:15** (rod of iron);  
**R5646:5; D635:2** (Christ's kingdom is an extreme autocracy); **Acts 3:23** (conform or die)

**5.1** At end of 1000 year special reign of Christ, autocracy ends. **1 Cor.15:24-26** (rebellion subdued)  
 - **A305:t** (man then capable of perfect obedience); **Rev.20:3** (little season test follows the autocracy)

**5.2 Rev.3:21** (In AD 33, Jehovah gave Jesus a permanent seat on His [Jehovah's] throne).  
 - **2 Sam.7:16; Isa.9:7** (Christ [the antitypical David] never vacates his seat on Jehovah's throne)

**5.3** Christ is an integral and permanent part of God's theocracy – God's supreme spiritual gov't  
 - **Micah 4:2** (the law will go forth from Christ's theocracy forever)  
 - The third dispensation (Christ's Administration or theocracy) on the Chart has no terminus.  
 - **Phil.2:9-11; Rev.5:13** (world will confess that Christ is Lord forever)

**5.4** Christ's theocracy – his spiritual gov't – relative to the earth began in 1874 & has no end.  
 - What does end in 2874 is Christ's autocracy, ie., Christ exercising power autocratically

**6.0** After Christ's autocracy ends, man will have an earthly government  
 - **Eph.2:7; 1 Cor.2:9** (Jehovah will give restored man the very best – the riches of his grace – forever)  
 - **R2304:5** (restored man will have a republic – a representative form of government on earth)  
 - Throughout the ages to come, Christ's theocracy and restored man's republic co-exist perfectly

**6.1** We know restored man's earthly gov't will be republic b/c God has already approved & used it  
 - **Exo.18:21; Deut.1:13; 16:18; R4201:2** (God instructed Israel to operate a republic from the Exodus to the beginning of the Kings – a period of over 450 years)  
 - **Judges 21:25** (in a Godly republic, each person is a sovereign)

**6.2** By the end of Christ's autocracy – the Millennial Age – the Ancient Worthies will have established a republic among earth's billions of regenerated inhabitants  
 - The ancient worthies are already fully knowledgeable about a republic – they participated in it.

**6.3 Isa.65:21-23; Micah 4:4** (no wasted labor in man's republic – a perfect economy will prevail)

**6.4** God blesses natural Israel, spiritual Israel, & the restored world consistently, ie., via a republic

**7.0** The Chart of the Ages illustrates Christ's kingdom comprised of: Theocracy - Autocracy - Republic  
 - Beginning in 1874, Christ's kingdom consists of a combination theocracy & autocracy  
 - After the Messianic Age & forever, Christ's kingdom consists of a theocracy & republic (**OV191:1**)  
 - **Matt.25:34** (At end of Messianic Age of autocratic rule, a republic replaces Christ's autocracy) **A305**

**8.0** When we pray, "Thy Kingdom Come", we are praying for these three forms of government  
 - The fullness of God's blessing to all is realized through these three forms of government  
 - **1 Tim 1:17** (honor and glory to God for such a marvelous plan to maximize the blessing to all)