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THE MASTER'S PRAYER PATTERN Part 2 | Matthew 6:9-13

Matthew 6:10 ...*Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.* (Code: The Prayer Pattern)

When Jesus said, "Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven" (Matthew 6:10), He was revealing something powerful about God's purpose in the earth. This is a prophetic declaration that the realities of Heaven would invade our world. What is happening in Heaven is what God wants to release into our lives and into the world around us.

Where His Kingdom comes, darkness must give way to light, bondage to freedom, and confusion to divine order. We aren't just waiting to get to Heaven someday. The cry of the Kingdom is that earth would come into agreement with Heaven... beginning with me!

1. **The Kingdom is the expression of God's rule**. The will of God is the expression of His desire. And heaven is the perfect expression of both the Kingdom and His will. There are three interconnected themes in this part of the pattern...
   - The Kingdom is here. (Code: Kingdom parables)
   - God's will fulfilled.
   - The alignment of God's people with His purpose (His will).

2. **Jesus began His earthly ministry** declaring the Kingdom in Mark 1:14–15 and other places.
    - He wasn't announcing a future Kingdom, He was declaring that God's reign and authority had broken into this world through Him!
    - The Greek word basileia, translated "kingdom," reflects the authority and reign of THE KING!

3. **Jesus did not teach us to pray**, "LORD, bless my will," He taught us to pray, "Your will be done."
    - <u>There is an overwhelming difference between asking God to endorse our plans and surrendering ourselves to His purposes</u>.

4. **The greatest obstacle to the manifestation of God's will in my life** is often my insistence upon my own. (Anonymous quote)
    - Notice what Jesus said in the greatest act of atonement*, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; <u>yet not my will, but yours be done</u>."* (Luke 22:42)

5. **Heaven is characterized by perfect agreement with God** and Jesus teaches us to pray that the reality of Heaven into the environment of earth.
    - Jesus declared that Heaven would invade earth when He stated His purpose in Luke 4:18–19, fulfilled from Isaiah 61:1–2.
    - A prayer attributed to Francis of Assisi perfectly stated this, *LORD, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love…*

6. **We as God's people are not just waiting for heaven**. As His people we are called to become an earthly expression of Heaven's King, character, and purposes…now!

7. **We can't bring Heaven to earth through our own efforts**, religious activities, or abilities. It happens when we surrender our lives to Jesus and allow the Holy Spirit to work in us *and* through us. The more we yield to the King, the more of His power and His presence is revealed through our lives! <u>And it really does begin with ME</u>!

Question: *How would our lives, homes, churches, and our city change if we surrendered to the Holy Spirit and let the King's will flow through us?*