

I. THE MOST PRAYED PRAYER IN THE LAST 2000 YEARS

- A. The Lord's prayer undoubtedly is the most prayed prayer in the last two thousand years. It has been prayed by followers of Jesus probably in every nation and continent.

1. ² *So He said to them, "When you pray, say: Our Father¹ in heaven Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.³ Give us day by day our daily bread.⁴ And forgive us our sins, For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."* -Luke 11:2-4

- B. In this prayer lies the heart of the redemption story, and burning desire of the Triune God, for the realities of Heaven to come to the earth.
- C. The centerpiece of God's eternal purpose is for Jesus to come back to establish His kingdom over all the earth and join the heavenly and earthly realms together.

1. From the beginning, God's plan was not to take humanity from earth to heaven, but to bring heaven and earth together as His dwelling place with humanity.

- D. Jesus' death on the cross secured the fulfillment of God's original plan, and at His return, He will openly establish that purpose on the earth.

1. ⁹ *having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, ¹⁰ that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him.* -Eph 1:9-10

2. *By Him to reconcile all things to Himself... whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.* -Colossians 1:19-20

- E. The Millennial Reign of Christ is the glorious period Scripture describes as the "restoration of all things," when Jesus will fulfill what Adam failed to accomplish—establishing righteous dominion

over the earth and restoring humanity to unhindered fellowship with God.

1. ***Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send Jesus Christ... whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began. Acts 3:19-21***
2. ¹¹ ***Jesus answered and said to them, "Indeed, Elijah is coming first and will restore all things. -Matthew 17:11***

II. WE NEED A RIGHT VIEW OF HEAVEN

- A. Many in the church hold wrong views of heaven, or even sadly are indifferent to that subject, as a result Christians become bored and turn their hearts to temporary things.
- B. Some imagine heaven as floating on clouds and playing harps forever, or an endless church service, or existing as disembodied spirits forever, or doing nothing but worshipping for eternity.
 1. The Christian hope is not ultimately escaping earth to live forever in heaven; it is resurrection, restoration, and God dwelling with redeemed humanity in a renewed creation.
- C. Understanding the biblical perspective of heaven is important, because it affects how we see our future, which affects how we live today. ***If we do not think rightly of heaven, then we end up not thinking of heaven at all.***
- D. Heaven will come to earth when Jesus returns, He will join the heavenly and earthly realms together, this period is called the Millennial Reign of Christ.

III. WHAT IS THE MILLENNIAL REIGN OF CHRIST

- A. Millennium is from the Latin word mille, meaning a thousand. The Millennium Reign of Christ is a literal 1,000-year period in which

Jesus will rule on this present earth in righteousness from Jerusalem.

1. ***I saw thrones, and they [saints] sat on them...they reigned with Christ for a thousand years... 6 They shall be priests of God...and shall reign with Him a thousand years. -Rev. 20:4-6***
- B. At that time the Kingdom of Heaven will be openly manifested worldwide, affecting every sphere of life including political, social, agricultural, economic, educational, media, arts, and technology,
- C. This period will be initiated by Jesus' second coming. The result will be 1,000 years of unprecedented blessing on the earth as Jesus restores the agriculture and animal life to many of the conditions seen in the garden of Eden (Isa. 35:1-8; 51:3; Ezek. 34:29; 36:35; 47:6-12).
- D. When Jesus returns, Jerusalem will become the governmental center of His kingdom, as the King reigns from Zion and the nations come under His righteous rule.
 1. ***Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion... I will give you the nations for Your inheritance.-Ps 2:6-8***
 2. ***At that time Jerusalem shall be called The Throne of the LORD, and all the nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem- Jer 3:17***
 3. ***Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established on the top of the mountains and all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, 'Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths. For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.— Isaiah 2:2-3***

IV. 12 KEY TRUTHS ABOUT THE MILLENNIAL REIGN OF CHRIST

1. JESUS WILL RULE FROM JERUSALEM FULLFILLING GODS COVENANT TO DAVID

a) *I have made a covenant with My chosen, I have sworn to My servant David: 'Your seed I will establish forever, and build up your throne to all generations.*-Psalm 89:3-4

b) *On that day I will raise upThe tabernacle of David, which has fallen down, and repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins, and rebuild it as in the days of old;-Amos 9:11*

2. SAINTS WILL RULE WITH JESUS IN RESURRECTED BODIES

a) Their rule, authority, and responsibility will be based on how they lived on the earth before.

(1) *And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.*-Rev 20:4

(2) *Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High.*-Dan 7:27

(3) ⁵¹ *Behold, I tell you a ^lmystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—* ⁵² *in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.*-1 Cor 15:51-52

3. MARRIAGE FEAST OF LAMB WILL BE CELEBRATED

a) *Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready. Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!* -Rev 19:7-9

4. SATAN WILL BE BOUND FOR A THOUSAND YEARS

a) *Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. ²He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; ³and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.-Rev 20:1-3*

5. JESUS WILL BUILD A MILLENNIAL TEMPLE

a) *Behold, the Man whose name is the BRANCH! From His place He shall branch out, And He shall build the temple of the LORD;¹³ Yes, He shall build the temple of the LORD. He shall bear the glory, And shall sit and rule on His throne; So He shall be a priest on His throne, And the counsel of peace shall be between them both. -Zech 6:12-13*

6. ISRAEL WILL BE THE HEAD OF THE NATIONS

a) After the final exile during the Great Tribulation, the tribes of Israel will be restored and united under one King, Jesus the Messiah. Israel will be fully unified and restored as a nation spiritually, geographically, and politically. The boundaries established by God for Israel are also much larger than the territory the nation currently possesses. (Romans 11:25–27; Jeremiah 23:6; Ezekiel 37:20–22; Amos 9:15; Isaiah 11:10–12)

**(1) ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.
-Rom 11:29**

7. CREATION WILL RETURN TO THE GARDEN LIKE CONDITIONS

(1) *The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them.⁷ The cow and the bear shall*

graze; Their young ones shall lie down together; And the lion shall eat straw like the ox.⁸ The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. -Is 11:6-9

- b) This includes longevity for people with natural bodies.

(1) No more shall an infant from there live but a few days, Nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; For the child shall die one hundred years old, But the sinner being one hundred years old shall be accursed -Is 65:20

8. THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S GLORY WILL FILL THE EARTH

- a) ***For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. — Habakkuk 2:14***
- b) ***For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. — Isaiah 11:9***

9. THERE WILL BE GLOBAL PEACE ON THE EARTH

- a) ***He shall judge between the nations, and rebuke many people; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. — Isaiah 2:4***
- b) ***Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. But everyone shall sit under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid. -Micah 4:3-4***
- c) ***In His days the righteous shall flourish, and abundance of peace, until the moon is no more." -Ps 72:7***

10. BELIEVERS WILL HAVE DIFFERENT ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
IN THE KINGDOM

- a) ***Because you were faithful in a very little way, have authority over ten cities. – Luke 19:17***
- b) ***To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.-Rev 3:21***

11. THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES WILL BE MANDATORY

- a) ***¹⁶And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.-Zech 14:16***

12. THE MILLENNIAL REIGN IS PREPARATION FOR THE FATHER

- a) Jesus and His Bride will reign together on the earth for a thousand years, preparing the earth for its ultimate destiny, the Father dwelling with His people forever.
 - (1) ***Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. GOD HIMSELF WILL BE WITH THEM and be their God. – Revelation 21:3***
 - (2) ***Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.-1 Cor 15:24***
 - (3) ***Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.- 1 Cor 15:28***

(4) For the LORD has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His dwelling place:¹⁴ "This is My resting place forever; Here I will dwell, for I have desired it.-Ps 132:13-14