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To him shall end as prayer he made and princes strong to crown his head and spring thy sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice people of the realms of every time read on his love read on his love with sweetest song and infant voice shall proclaim with every blessings on his name blessings about where he reigns a prisoner lives to lose his chains the weary find eternal rest and all the sons of God are blessed let any nature rise and bring the highest on earth to our king angels descend with songs again and earth repeats the love amen if you could turn with me now in your bibles please to Matthew chapter 6

[ 7:12 ] Matthew chapter 6 for those who are visiting we've been stepping through the Lord's Prayer over the last few weeks and we continue in this short study this evening so Matthew chapter 6 and we'll read from verses 5 to verse 15 Jesus says and when you pray do not be like the hypocrites for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men I tell you the truth they have received their reward in full but when you pray go into your room close the door and pray to your father who is unseen then your father who sees what is done in secret will reward you and when you pray do not keep on babbling like pagans for they think they will be heard because of their many words do not be like them for your father knows what you need before you ask him this then is how you should pray our father in heaven hallowed be your name your kingdom come your will be done on earth as it is in heaven give us today our daily bread forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one for if you forgive men when they sin against you your heavenly father will also forgive you but if you do not forgive men their sins your father will not forgive your sins amen and may god bless our reading of his word to us we'll pray again but just before we pray for the boys and girls but for everybody really just a short story that

I came across this afternoon when I was reading it's Isaac Newton's testimony and it says here in this little book that I was reading one of the greatest scientists who ever lived gave this witness to his faith in God he said I can make my telescope and look millions I can take my telescope and look millions and millions of miles into space but I can lay my telescope aside go into my room and shut the door get down on my knees in earnest prayer and I see more of heaven and get closer to God than I can when assisted by all the telescopes and material agencies on earth so it's an amazing thing to think about boys and girls that when we pray we are connecting with we are coming close to the God who made everything the God of heaven and earth he hears us he listens to us he answers our prayers when we come and we speak to him in Jesus name so let's pray just for a moment before we sing again heavenly father we thank you for we thank you for this gift that you've given us of prayer we thank you that you have not left us without a voice without a means through which we can speak to our creator but you've given us the gift of prayer and we thank you father that you've given us the best teacher who could ever guide us in how to pray thank you for the passage that we've been reading over past weeks where where Jesus takes his disciples aside those many thousands of years ago and us also through scripture and teaches us how to pray and we thank you that we have the help of the Holy Spirit today as we seek to pray as we seek to open your word we thank you that we have the promise that you will help us that you will guide us that you will lead us in the power of the Holy Spirit we pray that you would forgive us Lord because often we are slow to pray we can be quick to take out the telescope we can be quick to think about the intricacies of science we can be quick to go to our devices and to get busy with different things in this world and yet Lord we pray that you'd forgive us for we can be slow to pray help us to remember to realise the the gift the privilege the wonder of being able to speak to the one true God and help us to be those who as the Apostle

Paul said pray without ceasing help us to live our lives in constant communion with you and help us Lord day by day to make time to be still and to know that you are God help us to wait upon you as we are taught to by Isaiah the prophet with that assurance that we are given that those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength we pray for that strength even now as we bow in your presence we acknowledge that we we cannot do anything apart from you I cannot preach we cannot praise we cannot pray we cannot understand unless you help us Lord and so we pray for that help we pray for that strength we pray that you would meet with us and we pray that this hour that we have together would not simply be an hour when we gather together with one another but we pray that we would know that you are with us and that you are close to us we ask Lord for your help as we think about our lives and our different needs you have taught us in prayer to come and to ask for what we need acknowledging that you are our father who is in heaven the one who is holy the one who is hallowed and yet the one who condescends to us who bows down to us and helps us in our need and we acknowledge Lord that we are sinners we must do that each time we pray but we thank you that we have a saviour in Jesus your son and we pray that we would know the blood of Christ once more cleansing away our sin and we pray that if there's anyone here tonight who's never yet asked for their sin to be forgiven that even now that they would take the opportunity that we are given to confess that we are sinners and to take hold of Jesus as saviour and Lord we pray that you would help us in the week that is ahead of us we know not if we will see it all but Lord if we are to see the days ahead of us we may have appointments in our diaries we may have things in our schedules that we are anxious about we think of the young ones as they prepare to go back to school and prepare to get exam results and we ask that you would be close to them that they would not be anxious about anything but trust you with everything we pray for teachers as well some who are preparing to go to teach in new positions at the beginning of this week and we ask that you would settle their minds and that they would know your strength and your equipping for each day we pray on for those who are grieving and ask that your comfort would be felt we pray for those who are lonely for those who feel isolated for those who are sick and we ask Lord that they too would know your hand upon them for good we pray again Lord that the seed of your word that was shared with the children over the course of the last few days would be blessed and it would grow it would take root within them we pray for the forthcoming clubs for jam and connect and the work with the older children as well and we ask that your blessing would be upon that and we pray that you would guide those who lead these clubs that

Christ would be lifted up in everything we pray for our nation we are far from you Lord we acknowledge that and we pray that you would look upon us in mercy and that you would draw us back and we pray for all nations many nations where the name of Jesus is not yet known and we ask Lord that your kingdom would come that more and more people would hear and believe in the name of Jesus help us we pray to be missionaries in the place that we are in and in the places that you send us that the name of Christ would be heard and lifted up and that we would know your blessing so hear our prayers take away our sin and guide us and lead us as we continue to look to you and we pray this in Jesus name amen we'll sing again to God's praise and we'll sing this time from Psalm 67 Psalm 67

Lord bless and pity us shine on us with thy face that the earth thy way and nations all may know thy saving grace let people praise thee Lord let people all thee praise oh let the nations be glad and songs their voices raise the whole of this short psalm we sing to God's praise we'll stand to sing Lord bless Lord bless and pity us shine on us with thy face that the earth thy way and nations all may know thy saving thy saving grace let people praise thee Lord let people praise thee

[ 17 : 48 ] Lord let people praise oh let the nations be glad God bless this wholeies Lord let them Praise thee both great and small The earth her fruit shall yield Her God shall blessings end

God shall us bless men shall in fear Unto earth at most end If you could turn now please in your Bibles To the passage that we read in Matthew chapter 6 I was reading a book in the course of this week When I was studying for this passage And it was a book written by a minister, a writer

Who died I think it was last year His name was R.C. Sproul And he tells a story about a friend of his And his friend's name was John Guest He was an evangelist from the UK And he was moving to the USA And when he arrived in America He was just getting a bit of culture for the first few days Visiting a few places And he visited a shop on his travels And it had various signs in this shop And had one sign in pride of place on the wall That caught his eye And it said on the sign We serve no sovereign here We serve no sovereign here And we know that that comes from America's America doesn't have a king It doesn't have a queen They don't have a sovereign ruling over them

And so that's where the sign came from But the evangelist who read that He was kind of taken aback by it And he said this He said that sign stopped me in my tracks I was filled with fear and consternation I thought how can I possibly preach the kingdom of God To people who have a profound aversion to sovereignty But we know that an aversion to sovereignty Is not just an American thing An aversion to authority of any kind in any place It's a universal thing We don't like anyone ruling over us That's something that's wired deep into the heart Of every sinful fallen person We don't like anyone ruling over us We want to be the boss

We don't have to be taught this One of the earliest words In a child's vocabulary Is the word What do you think it is Boys and girls One of the earliest words That a child learns Is the word No You see them in the high chair They're trying to be fed And it doesn't take long for them To say no I don't want the broccoli And cheese jar That you're trying to put down my neck I don't want to go to bed now I don't want to stop playing No I remember telling a story With you before I think it was in the hall If I remember rightly It was a story I heard about A little boy Who was Who was in a cafe And

[ 22 : 55 ] Lunch was being served In this cafe And The wee boy Was told to sit down In his high chair He was just Able to speak And no more And The parents said Sit down please And he looked at them And he said No And so the parents said A little bit louder Sit down And he said A little bit louder Stamping a foot No And so they took hold Of the wee boy And they Plunked him down Into the high chair And they put the straps on So that he Couldn't stand up But he was locked down In the chair And he said To his parents I might be sitting down On the outside But I'm standing up On the inside See from infancy All the way through Our lives We don't like anyone Telling us what to do We don't like anyone Ruling over us

We like to be the king But we're taught here In this prayer That Jesus Guides us And that we're not The king That the verses That we're going to Think about tonight Are just It's just that one petition Where Jesus says When you pray Say Your kingdom come Your kingdom come And what we learn This evening Is first of all That Jesus is king Point number one Is Jesus is king Now we're in Matthew's gospel We haven't Stepped through Matthew's gospel We've just parachuted In in chapter 6 But if we were to Rewind back Through Matthew's gospel He makes it clear From the very beginning That Jesus is king Boys and girls I don't have a Children's talk tonight But I might speak to you A few points

In the sermon Now Can anybody tell me Boys and girls Who can be king And queen I mean you can Decide that you want To be a nurse Or a doctor Or a teacher Or a Whatever Rocket scientist You can decide That you want To do that And you can You can try And do that But can you decide One day I want to be the king I want to be the queen Is that possible?

What do you think? No Why can you not be The queen Emily Or Lois? Why can you not be The king Michael Or John Or John Roddy Or Alistair Or Miriam What's the qualification?

What? You need to be In the royal family That's right You need to be In a certain Family line And in the bible God promised That the king Of kings The saviour The messiah He would come Through the Line of David And Matthew In chapter 1 We have a list In chapter 1 Of all these names It's called A genealogy And it's It's there To show us That Jesus Is the king It takes us All the way Through the line Of David So that we'll see Jesus is king Right from the beginning Matthew 1 Jesus is king Matthew chapter 2 We're in the Christmas story Think about the Wise men The magi What do you What do you Remember about them?

[ 26 : 37 ] What do we find The wise men Doing in the Christmas story? They're following What? Lois? They're following A star And what do they Say as they're Following this star?

They say We're searching We're looking For someone Do you remember Who they're Looking for? Well it says In chapter 2 In verse 1 That they're Looking for the One who has Been born King Of the Jews So Matthew 1 Jesus is king Matthew 2 Jesus is king And all the way Through Matthew's Gospel We see that Jesus is the King of the Jews But not just the King of the Jews He's the He's the Universal king He's the king Of kings As Jesus Preaches He preaches With an authority The Pharisees And the Sadducees They would preach And people would Be falling asleep Like they fall asleep When I preach But when Jesus Preached They were absolutely Grippled because He had the Authority of a king And as Jesus Performed miracles We see that He is king He's king over The natural laws

Because he can do Supernatural things He's king over The elements The wind and the waves Have to listen to What he says And obey He's king over All the spirits Even the evil spirits They have to do What he says Because he is king He's king over Disease and illness He can push it back He's king of All creation And then when Jesus goes to the Cross And the sign Is put above The head of Jesus The king of The Jews We can imagine The devil laughing And as Jesus Died We can imagine Hell rejoicing But as Jesus Rose Having completed The work That was needed To save us Hell was silent Because They could see That Jesus

That Jesus Was the supreme And he was The everlasting King So who is king? Jesus Is king That's point number one The second point Is we see That Jesus Is the perfect king Now if we think Just for a moment About About this world One of the main Reasons That there is a Reaction Against kingship In this world Is because This world Is fallen Kings don't Always make a good Job of things In this world Or even if you Take it down From the area Of royalty One of the main Reasons for A reaction Against any kind Of authority In this world Is that It's because Those in authority They're fallen We are fallen Those in government They're in positions Of authority But they might Use these positions At times To To further

Their own Selfish goals Bosses in the Workplace They may use Their authority To push you down And lift Themselves up See in this World Authority Kingship Is often Abused And it's Been that way All through The ages If you go In your Bibles Just for a Moment Please to 1st Samuel Chapter 8 1st Samuel Chapter 8 I didn't tell Gordon this But you can If you have Your Bibles With you You can Flick back There for For a Moment We're thinking Here about The imperfect Perfection Of this Worldly Kings In contrast To Jesus Who is the Perfect king And in 1st Samuel Chapter 8 Israel God's people They Wanted a

[ 30 : 54 ] King To all the Other nations Around them They had Kings So they Were saying To God To the Prophets Why can't We have a King We want a King King And the Lord Warned His people Through Samuel That was A bad Idea But they Insisted We want A king And so The Lord Said to Them Okay You can Have a King But it's Not going To be Pleasant This is How it's Going to Be for You So 1st Samuel Chapter 8 And we'll Pick up At verse 11 And this Is God Speaking Through Samuel To his People And he Says This is What the King Who will Reign Over you Will do Now listen For a word That keeps on Being repeated He will Take Your sons And make Them serve With his Chariots And horses And they Will run In front Of his Chariots Some he Will assign To be Commanders Of thousands And commanders Of fifties Others To plow His ground And reap His harvest And still Others To make Weapons Of war

And equipment For his Chariots Verse 13 He will Take Your daughters To be Perfumers And cooks And bakers Verse 14 He will Take The best Of your Fields And vineyards And olive Groves And give Them to his Attendants He will Take A tenth Of your Grain And your Vintage And give It to his Officials And attendants Your Men servants And maidservants And the best Of your Cattle And donkeys He will Take For his Own use He will Take A tenth Of your Flocks And you Yourselfs Will become His slaves When that Day Comes You will Cry out For relief From the King you Have chosen And the Lord Will not Answer you In that Day That's what It's going to Look like Says the Lord To have A king A this Worldly King And you See the Word That Was Repeated It's The Word Take The King Will take Your Sons He will

Take Your Daughters He will Take Your Fields He will Take Your Vineyards He will Take Your Olive Groves He will Take Your Grain He will Take Your Men Servants He'll Take Your Maids Servants He'll Take Your Cattle He'll Take Your Donkeys He'll Take Your Flocks He'll Take You Yourselfs That's What This Worldly Sinful Fallen Kingship Does It Takes But Jesus Kingship Is a Different Kind of Kingship Altogether His Rule Is a Different Rule His Kingship Is not A Taking Kingship His Kingship Is a Giving Kingship Think of The Words Of Jesus In Some Of The Most Familiar Passages That We So Often Go to Matthew 11 28 Jesus Says Come To Me All Who Are Weary And Burdened And

I Will Give You Rest Not Take I Will Give You Rest Or John 14 27 Peace I Leave With You My Peace I Give You I Do Not Give You As The World Gives Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled Do Not Be Afraid Matthew 20 Verse 28 We We Quoted It This Morning The Son of Man Did Not Come To Be Serve Serve Serve Serve To Serve To Serve As A Ransom For Many John 10 28 Jesus Says I Give Them Eternal Life And They Shall Never Perish And No One Shall Snatch Them Out Of My Hand And We See The Contrast There Instantly This Worldly Sinful Fallen Kings They Take But Jesus Repeatedly Says I Have Come To Give Jesus

Kingship Is A Gracious Loving Giving Kingship Now We Think About Israel God's People In The Old Testament Turning From The Lord Looking For A This Worldly King And We Might Be Tempted To Shake Our Heads And Say How Foolish They Are And We Know How Badly It Went For Them But We Often Do That Ourselves Don't We We Allow People We Allow Possessions We Allow Passions To Rule Over Us But If We Allow Anyone Or Anything To Rule Over Us In This World What We'll Find As It Will Take And It Will Take Till We're Empty Think About The Love Of Money Which So

[ 35 : 57 ] Many People Are Consumed By The Love Of Money It Takes Away Contentment Remember The Story Of The Oil Tycoon Rockefeller He Had So Much Money And He Was Interviewed In The 70s And Somebody Asked Him How Much Will Be Enough He Answered Just a Little Bit More He Has So Much But There's No Contentment Think About Worry If We We Allow Worry To Rule Over Us It Takes Our Joy It Takes Away The Joy Of Living Today By The Strangling Fear Of What May Never Come Tomorrow Think About Alcohol Drugs Substances We See And Hear So Many Heartbreaking Stories Of People Who Have Been Ruled By Substances And It Takes Everything You

Know There's Only One King Whose Rule Is Characterized By Giving Graciously Rather Than Taking Greedily And It's King Jesus Jesus Is King Jesus Is The Perfect King And I Want To Think Finally About Jesus Kingdom Jesus Kingdom That Takes Us To The Petition That We Have In The Prayer Your Kingdom Come Now Where There Is A King There Must Be A Kingdom An Area Where The Influence Of The King Is Seen And Felt And Heard Now We Could Go To Some Countries For Example In The Middle East Countries Like Saudi Arabia Where There Are Kings In Power Who Are Cruel Towards Christians And As Long As We Are In That Kingdom We Would Be Treated

Badly We Would Be Persecuted If We Determined That We Would Lift Up The Name Of Jesus As Long As We Were In These Kingdoms That Is What We Would Suffer And We Wouldn't Want To Say To A Cruel Selfish King Your Kingdom Come Rather We Want To Say To A Destroyed But We Do Want To Say To Jesus And We Are Taught To Say To Jesus In This Prayer Your Kingdom Come And How Many Times Have We Said That In The Lord's Prayer Your Kingdom Come Our Father Who Art In Heaven Hallowed Be Your Name Your Kingdom Come But What Does It Mean You Stop To Think About What It Actually Means I

Ordered Food A Few Months Back For From A Wedding Menu That I Was Going To And I Ordered Scallops With Romesco Sauce And Venison Bourignon I Can't Even Say It But Have You Asked Me Before The Plate Of Food Came To The Table What Sromesco Sauce I Didn't Have A Clue And If You Asked Me What A Bourignon Was I Didn't Know What That Was Either I Was Kind Of Fearful For It Turns Out It Was Stew I Was Safe Enough But I Didn't Know What I Was Asking For And It Might Be That As We Pray Your Kingdom Come We We're Not We're Not Sure What We're Asking For So Let's Just Think That Through Let's Think About What We're Asking For When We Pray That Petition Your Kingdom Come There's Three Things And This

Is Not The Sermon Don't Worry We're Just Moving To Conclusion There's Three Things That We're Asking For When We Pray Your Kingdom Come First Of All We're Praying That Jesus Will Be The King Of Our Lives We're Praying That Jesus Will Be The King Of Our Lives We're Praying That He Will Rule And He Will Reign Over Us As We Pray Your Kingdom Come We Are Repenting We're Turning Away From Self In Sin We Are Bowing Before Jesus We Are Asking That He Will Have His Way In Our Lives We're Asking For What John The Baptist Asked For That He Will Increase And We Will Decrease That's What We're Praying When We're Praying Your Kingdom Come And That's A Prayer That Every Christian Must Pray In Order To Become A Christian You Know We Don't Just Trust Jesus

[ 41 : 01 ] As Saviour Ask For A Ticket To Heaven And Then Just Get On With Our Lives As If Jesus Was Not Ruling Over Us We Trust Him As Saviour But We Bow Before Him As Lord And King That's The Deal If We Don't Bow Before Him As Lord And King We Can't Be Saved We Can't Be Converted So When We Pray Your Kingdom Come We're We're Asking That Jesus Will Take Over Our Lives It's A Conversion Prayer It's A Prayer Where We Turn From Sin And We Ask For Jesus To Come Into Our Lives And Be Our Lord And I Wonder If There Might Be Someone Here Tonight Who Needs To Pray That For The First Time Is It Possible That There's Someone Here Tonight Or Someone Who's Watching At A Distance And Up Until Now We Have Been King

And We've Been Living Our Way And Yet As We Come To This Prayer We Are Challenged By It And We Are Called To Repent And To Bow Before Jesus And Say Your Kingdom Come In My Life Be My Lord Be My King So We're We're Praying When We Pray Your Kingdom Come That Jesus Will Be King Of Our Lives It's A Conversion Prayer But It's A Prayer That Doesn't Stop At Conversion But It's A Prayer That We Need To Keep On Praying As Christians Because God Calls Us Not Simply To Be Converted But We're To Be Conformed We're To Be Saved

From Sin But We're To Be Conformed Into The Image Of Jesus The Son Romans Chapter 8 Verses 28 And 29 Paul Says Now The Sin In Us As Christians And That Tendency That We Have In Our Fallen Nature To Want To Stand Back Up And To Be The Boss Of Our Lives That Works Against The Conforming Work Of The Spirit To Make Us Like Jesus And Repentance Is Not Something That We Do On The Day That We Are Saved And Then We're Done With It Repentance Is

To Be Our Continual Posture I Think Luther Said And So Day By Day We're To Keep Repenting Of Sin Day By Day We're To Keep Smashing The Idols That We Tend To Pick Back Up Day By Day We're To Keep Crucifying The Old Man The Self That Rises Back In Us Day By Day We're Called To Keep On Praying Thy Kingdom Come So So When We're Praying This We're Praying First Of All That Jesus Will Be King Of Our Lives Day By Day But Secondly We're Praying That Jesus Will Be King Of Our Community Montgomery Boyce The Commentator Says When We Pray Thy Kingdom Come We Ask First That God's Gracious Rule May Come In Us And Secondly That It Might Come Through Us To Others Now

One Of The Signs That We Are Truly Converted Is That We Want Other People To Be Converted When Jesus Truly Is The King Of Our Lives When He Is Our Savior When He Is Our Lord One Of The Evidences That That's Really Happened Is That We Want Other People To Have Jesus As Their Savior And Their Lord We Want Other People To Know The Gracious And Loving Rule Of Christ As King We Become The King's Agents We Become Ambassadors For The King So Why Do We Do A Holiday Club What's The Reason Behind That Well We Want The Children To Have Fun We Want Them To Enjoy Them But More Than That We Want Them To Know Jesus As Lord And King Why Do We Speak To People Around Us About Jesus When It's Awkward To Do So Why Do We Invite People To Church I Hope We Do Why

[ 46 : 05 ] Do We Share The Gospel Message With Friends And Family And Those That The Lord Puts Around Us In This Community Well The Reason We Do These Things Is Not Simply Because We're Called To But It's Because We Want More And More People To See And Hear That Jesus Is King And So When We Reach Out In Jesus Name Praying Your Kingdom Come Come We're Praying That The People That We Know And Love Will Trust Jesus As Their King Whilst There Is Still Time When We Pray Your Kingdom Come We're Praying That The Name Of Jesus Will No Longer Be Used As A Curse In The Communities

That We Live In As It So Often Is But We're Praying That The Name Of Jesus Will Be Lifted High Over Our Communities John MacArthur Says The Kingdom Comes By Conversion So Prayer Should Be Evangelistic And Missionary For New Converts New Children Of God New Kingdom Citizens Praying For The Kingdom To Come Is Praying For The Salvation Of Souls And That's A Necessary Prayer Isn't It There Was A We While In The Prayer Meeting Where I Think We Were Quite Focused On Praying For Conversions But It's So Easy For Us To Lose That Focus It's So Easy For Us To Forget To Pray That People Would Be Converted We

Want To See Sick People Healed Yes We Want To See Grieving People Comforted Yes We Want To See Lonely People With Fellowship And With People Around Them These Are Things That We Pray And We Must Pray But When We Pray Your Kingdom Come We're Praying For Conversions And It's Necessary For Us To Pray For Conversions I Don't Know How Many People Would Have Been In Church In North Harris Today Maybe 200 Across The Churches That's A Good Number It's Encouraging But How Many People Were At Home Probably Treble That Maybe Quadruple That And Even If We Think About Those Who Were In Churches Many Of Those In Churches Don't Have Jesus As Their Lord And King So It's Necessary

For Us To Pray For North Harris Your Kingdom Come And When We Think About Our Country You Know That The UK Now In Missionary Circles When Missionaries From Around The World Get Together And They Talk About Different Places One Of The Darkest Places In The World Presently Is The UK The UK Is Now Classified By Missionaries As An Unreached Nation How Much We Need To Pray Your Kingdom Come Lloyd Jones Says You In we pray your kingdom come, we're praying firstly that Jesus will be king of our lives.

We're praying secondly that Jesus will be king over our community. And we're praying finally that Jesus will come back.

[ 50 : 36 ] We thought about that. When we pray your kingdom come, we're praying for the end of the world.

In one sense, the kingdom of God came when Jesus came into the world the first time. Jesus said in Luke 17 21, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.

And as Jesus preached, as Jesus performed miracles, as he sought, and as he saved, and as he sanctified sinners, the kingdom of God was seen, and it was heard, and it was felt.

But in the ultimate, fullest sense, the kingdom of God will come when Jesus returns in power. and on that day, every eye will see that he is king.

And every tongue will confess that he is lord and he is king. and every knee will bow before his majesty.

[ 52 : 03 ] And the kingdom of God will come in that ultimate, perfect, pure, complete sense. So when we pray your kingdom come, remember, as we pray it, we're praying for the end of the world.

We're praying for the end of history. We're praying that Jesus will come back as judge and king.

We thought this morning, as a finish, we thought this morning about the need to be ready to meet Jesus.

And not by my design, but in God's providence, we're back again this evening. And we're thinking still about the need to be ready to meet with Jesus.

God has been patient. Perhaps some of us listened to the service this morning and we weren't ready. And God, in his mercy and his patience, he gave us this afternoon to be used.

[ 53 : 37 ] Did we get ready? Are we now ready to meet Jesus?

Now, what a tragedy it would be if the king were to come. The perfect, loving, gracious king was to come and we weren't ready and we found ourselves eternally locked out of the kingdom of heaven.

What a tragedy to have sat through so many calls and yet to have left it. It needn't be that way.

If we have ears to hear this evening, if we know that we are not yet ready to meet with Jesus, what do we do? we simply pray.

We turn from our sin. We confess it and we embrace Jesus as Savior and we bow before him as Lord and we pray your kingdom come.

[ 55 : 14 ] Come, Lord Jesus. Let's pray. Our Heavenly Father, we thank you for your love for us.

We thank you once more that you have not left us in our sin but you sent Jesus, your Son, to be the Savior. We thank you that he is the Savior, he is the King.

We thank you that when Jesus came to this world he came to share that grace to call sinners to be saved.

We thank you that still we're living in that age of grace. Still there is opportunity to respond and to be saved. But Lord, we are conscious through your word that when Jesus comes back he will not come back as Savior but he will come back as Judge and King and on that day it will be too late to make our peace with God.

it will be too late to look for that grace. And so Lord, we pray that today it may be for each of us at the day of your salvation.

[ 56 : 44 ] Enable each of us we pray to bow before Christ to kiss the sun and to pray from our hearts your kingdom come.

And we pray this in Jesus' name. Amen. We'll sing to conclude Mission Praise 1116 1116 1116 1116 1116 1116 1116 We thought this morning a fair bit about the the awfulness of what it what it means to be to be lost.

We thought about the reality of hell but we are thankful that Jesus has promised that he prepares a place for those who trust him and we sing now of that place that higher throne that heavenly place that he prepares for those who love him for those who have him as king.

So we'll sing now Mission Praise 1116 there is a higher throne. than all this world has known where faithful once from every time will one day come before the sun will stand faith faultless through the unbelieving hearts find all this grace salvation

God hear heaven's voices sing their thunderst uncombed rain through heaven pours and stuff our skies their praises rise all glory blaze and power strength thanks and honor are to God our King who reigns on high forevermore and there we'll find our home and life before the throne we'll honor him in perfect song where we belong he'll wipe his tears denied just thirst and hunger die the love becomes our shepherding we'll reign with him hear heaven's voices sing their thunderst anthem rage through heaven who pours and south by skies their praises rise o glory rest of power strength that stand on and heart in all our

[ 60 : 27 ] King who reigns on high forevermore and may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father and the fellowship of God the Holy Spirit be with us all now and forever more Amen