The most direct application of the Kingdom of God is personal.

**INTRODUCTION:**

--George Buttrick's quote: "The prayer 'Thy Kingdom come,' if we only knew, is asking God to conduct a major operation."

--From the time we were small, we were taught to be for democracy and against dictatorship. But the biblical concept of a king is that of a sovereign ruler, and when we are praying to God, "Thy kingdom come," we are praying for the Dictatorship of God to be fully realized here on earth and throughout the universe.

--The Bible is a very practical book. It is not generally about the whole universe, but about this planet called "Earth." In its more detailed instructions, it is not about the planet, but the inhabitants of the planet, specifically the people of God. And being a practical book, it includes, not just general guidelines for God's people as a group, but instructions that we, as individuals, are to take personally, as if God was speaking to us directly, and He wants to, and He does.

**TRANS:** There are physical laws made by God, like the law of gravity, that people cannot break without consequences. There is no personal choice involved. There are other laws of God, like the Ten Commandments, that people do have a personal choice about and that people do break and sometimes seem to get away with it. When we pray "Thy kingdom come," we are praying that the laws of God as they are obeyed in Heaven be personally obeyed in the same way on Earth.

**II. Jesus Wants God's Kingdom Rule in Everyone's Heart**

A. God's Kingdom was His constant message-- Mat 4:17, From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

B. Even after His Resurrection, He kept talking about it until He was taken to Heaven-- Acts 1:3b, He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

C. He preached it, because it is the most valuable thing that human beings can have in their lives-- Mat 13:45-46, "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. [Charles Allen said that "to really pray 'Thy kingdom come,' means I am willing to surrender everything I possess in order to possess God.”]

D. Because surrender to God's rule in our lives must be a daily reality, the prayer, "Thy kingdom come," begins with ourselves [David Livingstone dedicated his life to spreading the Kingdom of God in Africa, but even on the last day of his life, he wrote in his diary this prayer: "My Jesus, my King, my Life, my All, I again dedicate my whole self to Thee.”]

**CONCLUSION:**

--"Thy kingdom come," is an all or nothing kind of prayer with God [Wilbur Rees wrote a prayer for half-hearted Christians: "I would like to buy $3 worth of God, please, not enough to explode my soul or disturb my sleep but just enough to equal a cup of warm milk or a snooze in the sunshine. I don't want enough of him to make me love a black man or pick beets with a migrant. I want ecstasy, not transformation; I want the warmth of the womb, not a new birth. I want a pound of the Eternal in a paper sack. I would like to buy $3 worth of God, please."]
-- As George Buttrick's said, we cannot pray "Thy kingdom come,"
without "asking God to conduct a major operation."
-- God is King and will never change from being King. "Thy kingdom
come," is a prayer for His divine will, His divine rule to change us.