

Lord, Reign in Me!

(Luke 17:21)

- Introduction:
1. Various kingdoms have made their mark on human history by their exhibition of prominent moral or ethical failures.
 - a. Roman Empire – Gladiatorial games.
 - b. Nazi Germany – 17 million killed.
 2. But the kingdom of God is vastly different!
 - a. John 13:35.
 3. Hebrew parallelism.
 - a. Psalm 23:1 – The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want...
 - b. Matthew 6:10 – Your kingdom come, your will be done...
 4. What should the reign of God look like, and does he reign in you?
- I. God's Reign Results in a New Allegiance**
- A. "You have heard that it was said" (Matthew 5).
 - B. Tradition, family, religious background, our own will no longer rules the day.
 - C. (Romans 4:3) What do the Scriptures say?
- II. God's Reign Results in a New Way of Speaking**
- A. "First Language Attrition."
 - B. Those who allow Jesus to reign in them will soon forget the way they used to speak.
 1. Truth (Matthew 5:33-37) Yes be yes and no be no.
 2. Love (Eph. 4:15; Col 4:6) Speak truth in love.
 3. Slower (James 1:19) Swift to hear, slow to speak.
 4. Heal (Eph. 4:29) Let no corrupt word...edification.
- III. God's Reign Results in a New Way of Living**
- A. It's a way of Love.
 - B. (1 Corinthians 12:31) A more excellent way.
 - C. Ills. of the Sons of Thunder.
 - D. Love – Active good will.
- Conclusion:
1. Do you see these qualities in your life?
 2. If not, it means the Lord is not reigning in you.
 3. Don't neglect being a part of the reign/kingdom of God. It will bless your life now, and for eternity.