Review:

Priority of prayer

Disengaged prayer, Prayer is difficult, How to pray

Jesus' example (John 17)

"Teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1)

First thing - what not to do

Don't pray... (Matthew 6:5-8)

Do pray...

"So, pray this way..."

Our Father

In heaven

Name honored

"paltry understanding of God leads to paltry prayers."

- R. Albert Mohler Jr.

God's Kingdom

Augustine's two cities

City (Kingdom) of God (Philippians 3:20)

God's character and authority define it

Justice, righteousness, mercy, holiness, Eternal

Characterized by the love of God (Mark 12:30)

Selfishness, ungodly, conflict, strife, Temporary

Characterized by the love of man/self

God's Kingdom

Reestablished with Christ's coming (John 18:36; Luke 17:21; Colossians 1:13-20)

Completed with Christ's return (Revelation 11:15)

Man wants God's Kingdom for it's justice, mercy, and peace but they do not want God as their King.

God's will

Sovereign will

Revealed will (1 Thessalonians 4:1-3a, 5:12-22; Romans 12:2; 2 Corinthians 7:9-10)

Personally (2 Corinthians 1:1a; Ephesians 1:1a; Colossians 1:1a;)

Pray (for God's kingdom & will)

Christ's rule (Luke 14:26; 1 Peter 4:19; John 21:22)

Your Action Point(s):

Next week: Our daily bread

"The Prayer That Turns the World Upside down" R. Albert Mohler Jr.