

(LORD'S PRAYER sermon series)

The Throne Room: *Touching the King's Heart* (Matthew 6:10)

INTRODUCTION: *Sara's Daddy answered her request for a new desk . . .*

I. OUR HEAVENLY FATHER IS PLEASED TO HEAR OUR REQUESTS

- A. We can have confidence that He hears us (1 John 5:14)
- B. Through Jesus we approach God as *Abba Father* (Galatians 4:6; Romans 8:15)
- C. God even tells us what to ask Him: *"Thy kingdom come"*

II. WHEN WE PRAY "THY KINGDOM COME", WE ENTER INTO GOD'S THRONE ROOM

- A. But too often we are content to just bring with us a "suitcase of requests"
- B. Yet in the Lord's Prayer Jesus teaches us to pray boldly that **God's kingdom would come** & rule every area of our life (Matthew 6:10)
- C. Who are you to ask such a thing?
- D. Through Jesus you are a beloved child of God with direct access to God's **throne room** (Hebrews 4:16)



III. THE OLD TESTAMENT STORY OF QUEEN ESTHER SHOWS US ACCESS WE HAVE TO THE KING'S THRONE ROOM

- A. *Esther* gained access to King *Xerxes'* **throne room** in order to save the Jewish people & to destroy the evil man *Haman* (Book of *Esther*, chapters 4-10) – Permit me to retell this wonderful story . . .
- B. Like *Esther*, we have access to the **throne room** of the King (in heaven)
- C. We have access to pray *"Thy kingdom come"* ONLY through Jesus (Ephesians 2:18)
- D. We come boldly to our *Abba Father*, in Jesus' name

CONCLUSION: *Little Sara loved her Daddy because she knew He loved her . . . and WE can declare: I love My Heavenly Father because He loves me... oh... "Thy kingdom come!"*