

# THE DISCIPLES' PRAYER

## Lesson Four

### LET YOUR KINGDOM COME

#### Burden to Impart:

In order for God's kingdom of righteousness, peace and joy to come to this unrighteous, unpeaceful, and sad world, there must first be some who receive the King (the Lord Jesus) and allow Him to reign in their hearts and lives. We need to ask ourselves each day, Who is the King in my life, in my words, and in my actions? Is it the Lord Jesus? If it is, we will be assured by our heart being full of peace and joy.

**Memory Verse:** "Our Father Who is in the heavens...let your kingdom come...as in heaven, so on earth" (Matthew 6:9a, 10a).

#### Acts to Teach:

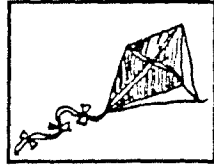
1. The Lord Jesus taught His disciples to pray that God's kingdom would come to the earth, just as it is in the heavens.
2. This tells us that there is a great difference between the heavens and the earth. Our Father's kingdom is ruling in the heavens, but it has not yet come to the earth in full. For this reason we who believe in the Lord must pray that His kingdom would come to the earth.
3. The King in God's kingdom is the "Son of His love" (Col. 1:13), the Lord Jesus Christ. All of the millions of heaven's angels are perfectly subject to and obedient to the Lord Jesus. When He speaks a word, there is no need to argue or repeat His command two times. What He says, will immediately be done (Matt. 26:51).
4. However, it is not so on the earth. When the King came to the earth He was not welcome or even wanted. Rather, He was despised and rejected. The people refused to have Him rule over them (Luke 19:14).
5. Still today, the people on earth reject the heavenly King. This is why the earth has so many problems. Wherever people love and obey the Lord Jesus, God's kingdom is there.
6. We can know in which kingdom we are living by three unmistakable signs: righteousness, peace and joy (Rom. 14:17). Where these are, God's kingdom is. When we live according to God's Word we do what is "right," both toward God and toward man. We then have peace in our heart and conscience. Peace with God, peace with others, and peace within ourselves. Finally, we have joy. His peace and joy fill our hearts when we are right with Him and with others. This assures us that we are in fact living in God's kingdom, and that God's heavenly kingdom is reigning in us.
7. The first place God's kingdom must come on earth is in each one of our hearts. Each time we allow Him to rule in us and over us in so many decisions His kingdom comes a little more on earth. One day His kingdom will come in full and will fill the whole earth. Until then we want to allow His kingdom to come and to grow in our hearts.



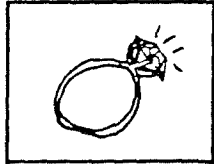
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# Our Goal

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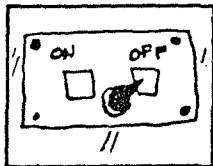
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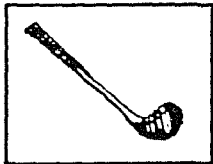
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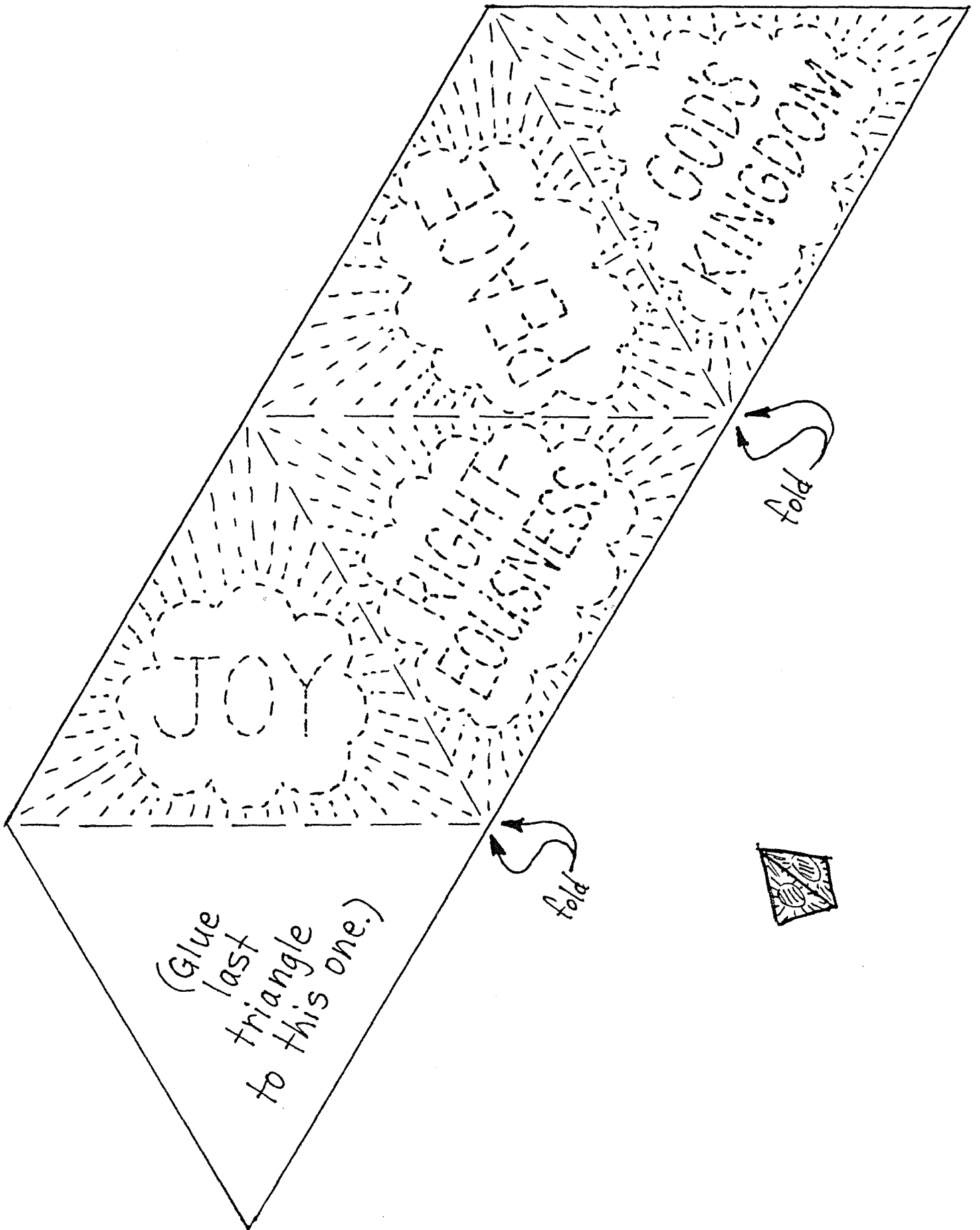
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Write out your complete three-word answer here:

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(See Matthew 6:33.)

See answer on puzzle answer page 3.



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