

The Gospel of the Kingdom

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Matt. 6:33
So He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or parents or brothers or wife or children, **for the sake of the kingdom of God**, who shall not receive many times more in this present time, and in the age to come eternal life." Lk.18:29-30

I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent. Luke 4:43

Bible Passages About The Kingdom of God: Gen. 2:4-25; 3:23-24; Ex.23:29-30; Det.31:1-9;
Matt.4:17,6:10, 6:33,11:12; Matt. 4:23; Luke 10:1-23; Matt.28:18-20; Jn. 18:33-38

Key Words To Know and Understand:

- A. King – The person who owns everything, who is totally in charge, who determines the rules, laws, culture, and atmosphere, and who can delegate or withhold responsibility and authority.
- B. Kingdom – a domain, sphere, jurisdiction, place, and realm of reality that is under the complete control of the King. A kingdom is the government of a king. A kingdom is the governing impact of a king's will over a territory or domain, his influence over a people, and a government led by a king. More specifically, a kingdom is the sovereign rulership and governing influence of a king over his territory, impacting it with his will, his intent, and his purpose, manifesting a culture and society reflecting the king's nature, values, and morals. It is a place and people where the King's authority and rule is uncontested. It literally means "the domain of the King".
- C. Kingdom of God or Kingdom of Heaven – It is the dominion or realm of reality in which God, The King, gets His will done His way by His Spirit for His glory. The Kingdom of God is the domain or realm of reality in which Jesus Christ is the uncontested King. "Therefore, the very heart of any kingdom is its king. This definition perfectly describes the relationship of God to the heavenly realm. Heaven exists because of the creative activity of God. Throughout its entire expanse, it is infused with His presence, character, and authority. There is no corner of heaven where His will is not accomplished. In every way God is the unrivaled and unequalled King of Heaven." *Understanding The Kingdom* by Myles Monroe (Page 82)
The kingdom of God is the realm in which Christ is sovereign King. Christ, as God, is sovereign which means He is the supreme, permanent authority over a domain called the kingdom of God. He has supreme and ultimate power. Wherever Christ is in charge, his will and ways manifested, His Lordship yielded to, that is the kingdom. The kingdom of God is the realm in which God is King. In the kingdom of God, everyone and everything perfectly obeys His will and ways. The kingdom of God is the perfect co-existence of the Ruler with the ruled who comply with His rules. The kingdom of God is the realm where God exercises His sovereignty.
 1. It is bringing everything and everyone under the government of God, the Lordship of Christ.
 2. Replacing the present world order with God's order.
 3. Total compliance with God's will and ways on earth as it is done in heaven.

- D. Royal Family – those who have placed their faith in Christ, allowed Him to come into their hearts by faith as King, and manifest that faith through obedience, receive a new nature, become “sons of God” (not a gender term, see Gal. 3:26-29)
 - E. Gospel – good news
 - F. Righteousness – rightly or correctly related to God and human beings. In right relationship with God and others.
 - G. Dominion or rule – the responsibility and authority to do God’s will, God’s way, by God’s Spirit, for God’s glory. It is stewardship, leadership, and management of all that belongs to God.
- I. The King and His Kingdom is the central theme in the Bible: From Genesis to Revelation, we hear about this Kingdom of God or the Kingdom of Heaven.
- A. The Kingdom of God was the focus of Christ’s teaching. Matt.4:17, 9:35, 10:7, Acts 1:3
 - B. The Kingdom of God was the focus of all the teachings in the New Testament. Ro.14:17; 1 Co. 4:20; Col.1:12; Heb.12:28; Rev.11:15
- II. The Epic Story of The Kingdom of God
- A. Chapter One: The creation of the natural universe, our solar system and planet earth in particular was made to be a colony of the kingdom of God (heavenly realm in the natural realm). God expanded heaven to earth. He made an “outpost” of His government. God colonized planet earth by extending His rule. Man was delegated the responsibility and authority to rule the earth as God’s royal sons and subjects.
 - 1. Christ the King is the Owner of the earth.
 - 2. We have been given responsibility to steward the planet for the Owner. We have been given dominion and rule over the earth, not as owners but as subordinate kings to The King to extend His heavenly government to the earthly realm. We are stewards.
 - 3. Mankind could only bring God’s rule with God’s help. The breath of God –the Holy Spirit animated Adam & Eve’s human spirit. They were to eat from the “Tree of Life” i.e. living by the life of Christ. Christ would give them the fruit of the Spirit, wisdom and power to rule over the earth.
 - 4. Mankind was created in such a way that they could engage and live in BOTH the spiritual and natural realm. Humans are “tripartite” – three parts: body, soul, spirit.
 - B. Chapter Two: Anarchy and Rebellion. Bad News! Mankind decided to come out from underneath the authority of The King. He chose to rule the planet using the “knowledge of the tree of good and evil”. By coming out from underneath The King, we lost our power and ability to rule, creating a leadership vacuum filled by Satan.
 - 1. Man lost His ability to obey God. He was a sinner (root problem) who sinned (fruit problem) and could not save himself. Mankind’s nature was contaminated. His core motives were to bring glory to himself instead of God Almighty.
 - 2. Mankind was under Satan’s control and could not escape.
 - 3. Mankind was subjected to sickness, death, poverty, perversions of all kinds, natural disasters. Man cannot save himself.
 - 4. Mankind was so deceived and rebellious that God had to progressively begin to reveal His strategy to restore His kingdom on earth.
 - a. The Old Testament is the story of the Kingdom of God concealed and God’s gradual unveiling of Christ and the Kingdom.
 - b. Types and shadows are symbols, practices, illustrations of Christ and the Kingdom. Blood sacrifices, tabernacles, temples, priests, prophets, kings, the

Jewish people were all necessary illustrations to prepare us for Christ's coming, his shed blood, death, resurrection, baptism in the Holy Spirit, second coming, etc.

- c. God raised up the Jewish people and established the law to illustrate that even God's chosen people could not keep His laws without Christ and His Spirit.
- C. Chapter Three: The Kingdom Restored. Great News! Christ The King, the incarnation (became flesh) of God, yet fully man, leaves His place in heaven to rescue mankind and the planet. It takes a King to start or restore a Kingdom.
1. Christ shed our blood, died our death, paid our penalty for rebellion. He conquered the power of sin, self-worship, sickness, Satan, and death.
 2. By placing our faith in Christ, Christ's blood, sacrificial death on the cross, and receiving Him into our hearts as savior and King, we become born again sons of God. Our nature is changed through Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit we can restore Christ's kingdom on earth.
 3. Christ raised up a band of kingdom-advancing sons, soldiers, and citizens of His restored kingdom.
 4. From Pentecost to now: the kingdom is ever expanding by His Spirit through royal sons and daughters, by true believers, followers...those who hear and obey EVERYTHING Christ taught and teaches. Matt. 13:31-35
- D. The Kingdom Is Now and Here
1. There are people and places that are under Christ's government.
 2. The power of the King and the Kingdom through the Holy Spirit is displacing sin, sickness, selfishness, and Satan.
 3. The power, miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit are for today.
- E. The Kingdom Is Not Yet.
1. The Kingdom of God is forcefully and steadily advancing and spreading throughout planet earth.
 2. However, there are still many places and people groups that are not under Christ's Kingly rule – His Lordship.
 3. There is still an apostolic mandate the church has to fulfill.
 - a. "Apostle" means "sent one". It is a military term which describes a person assigned to expand Christ's realm of rule into new territory. "Apostolic" is an adjective used to emphasis the missionary mandate on all believers and the whole church to "make disciples of all nations".
- F. Chapter Four: The Kingdom Will Be Fully Restored in Christ's Second Coming.
1. Christ's second coming will eradicate all His enemies...It will be the final consummation of this Military Invasion...this cosmic spiritual battle will usher in the complete and total reality of Christ's rule on earth. Even though the nations will rage against Christ, rebelling against His rightful rule as King, Christ will return to earth and defeat every enemy. He will rule the earth, insuring that His will is done His way, for His glory, by His Spirit. Christ's glory and kingdom will fill the whole earth.
 2. Those who faithfully extend His rule in their assigned part of the "Garden" (planet earth) and the Kingdom of God will then be promoted to bring His government in a larger sphere during His Kingly rule on earth (Matt. 25). Those who have learned to obey Christ quickly, completely, and cheerfully will be given delegated authority to extend His government in every area of life on earth as it is in heaven (See Matt.

19:27-30; Revelation 19 – 21). How we live today, profoundly affects how we will live into eternity! Matt. 16:27 Obedience and holiness are prerequisites to being utilized as representatives of the King. Christ will not employ, endorse, or promote those who are independent, rebellious, or compromised.

- III. Our Kingdom Mandate: To bring all things under Christ and His kingdom (Eph.1:10). The Kingdom of God is the domain or realm of reality where Christ is the uncontested King. It is the domain of heaven where Christ's will is done Christ's way by Christ's Spirit for Christ's glory. It is an empire which is both in heaven and on earth, led by a loving and perfect King. It is not a democracy, republic, socialistic state, religion or religious organization. It is a real kingdom with a real King. It has core values, governing laws, a mission, vision, goals, due process, etiquette, culture, levels of delegated authority, an economy with economic principles, relational boundaries, justice and judgments, angelic support system, communication strategies, war & military, and much more. The kingdom is governed by a Person, Christ the King, who knows everything, is everywhere, has all power, and will only endorse (with authority, power, responsibility, blessing, and favor) those kingdom citizens who are loyal and obedient to Him. We are called to make disciples of all nations...teaching them to obey everything.
- A. What is the most important thing happening right now? It is the expansion of Christ's rule on earth. We are part of a Cosmic Spiritual war in which Christ and His Kingly subjects (royal priestly sons and daughters) are invading planet earth. 1 Pet. 1:1, 2:9-12, Heb. 2:10
 - B. The Endorsing Power and Blessing: Those who come into submission, compliance, and obedience to Christ's will, Christ's ways, by Christ's Spirit, for Christ's glory will receive Christ's endorsement and blessing in order to further advance, reproduce, and propagate Christ and His kingdom. Submissive, obedient followers of Christ will bear much fruit because they are properly connected to the Vine. Jn. 15
 - C. Unconditional Love & Grace: God's love, mercy, and grace are given freely to all people through Christ.
 - D. Conditional Authority, Blessing, and Favor: God's delegated responsibility, authority, blessings, and favor are given to those who love, follow, and obey Christ quickly, completely, and cheerfully. To have authority one must be under authority, both God and those with delegated authority.
- IV. Three major arenas in which Christ and the kingdom must be advanced:
- A. Christ and The Kingdom Within. Luke 17:21; Col. 1:17; Eph. 3:14-21
 - B. Christ and The Kingdom Between. We are a corporate dwelling place for God. Eph. 2:19-22
 - C. Christ and The Kingdom Around Us: At least 8 spheres of influence in cities, regions, and nations that must be "Kingdomized". Matt. 10
 - 1. Individuals – Primarily reached through 2's (Search & Rescue Teams)
 - 2. Marriage & Families – Primarily reached through 2's, natural families who are in kingdom, spiritual families the Rock Tribe calls Kingdom Families.
 - 3. The Church – Apostolic/Prophetic Leadership Teams & Tribes.
 - 4. Education – Sons & Daughters in Divine Order and Divine Life
 - 5. Market Place
 - 6. Media
 - 7. Arts
 - 8. Social Services & Civil Government
- V. Four General Kingdom Skills/Activities every Kingly Son must cultivate.

- A. Priestly & Prophetic Prayer and Worship – Constant two-way communication with Command Central. Spiritual walkie-talkie necessary to carry out successful invasion.
- B. Proclamation of Christ & The Kingdom – verbal symbols that mirror or reveal Christ and the heavenly realm we represent. When the heart, will, and ways of Christ are spoken by obedient Sons who have faith in Him and the power of His Word....these Words are backed by Christ’s Spirit....and when released into the natural earth realm have the ability to bring the reality that is in heaven down into earth. These are catalytic, creative, words...that alter reality. These Words push back and displace the demonic realm and replaces it with the dominion of God. Spirit coated heavenly Words (they originate from Christ who is in the heavenly realm) get spoken out loud....and they become the seeds which grow into another heavenly life form...they give birth and expansion to Christ’s heavenly realm. Anointed Kingdom/Heavenly Words (Holy Spirit inspired and saturated) have creative power. Matt. 24:14
- C. Practice Kingdom Power like healing & deliverance
 - 1. Got to get mind renewed. Your point of reference must be Christ and the unseen realm. Keep your eyes and heart on Christ...and the heavenly realm.
 - a. Christ died, shed blood, and received beatings...to open the door for us to received forgiveness from sins, deliverance from Satan, and healing from sickness. Is. 53
 - b. It is always God’s will to heal, deliver, and save. Keep trying to move the reality of the now Kingdom of God into the “not yet” by faith.
 - c. Check out the word “every” when it comes to healing and deliverance... There is no Satanic influence, self-exaltation, sin, or sickness that God likes...in facts He hates it. None of these exist in heaven. Never ever wonder if it is God’s will to heal and deliver. It is always His will to do good. Because we are between the “now” and “not yet” regarding the full manifestation of the kingdom of God, there will be times and situations in which we do not always see the evidence of God’s goodness immediately. However, you do not have to question God’s goodness or power. There are many other factors involved in why someone isn’t instantly healed. Even Christ witnessed progressive healing.
 - d. God always responds in some positive way to His Word + Faith + Prayer.
 - e. You have a constant flow of God’s eternal (uncreated) Life flowing out of you.
 - f. Your eyes, mouth, arms, and hands are “conductors” of the creative Life-giving power of God.
- D. The ability to bring servant leadership, management, and kingdom rule in one’s personal life, marriage and family, church, work, and society.

Applications:

The whole theme of Scripture revolves around 1.) the kingdom extended to earth, 2.) the kingdom lost, 3.) the kingdom restored, 4.) the kingdom fully restored. The King of the universe has launched an invasion from heaven. He has establish a “military beachhead” to retake earth. His sons in the church are the agents of kingdom transformation. Until we really “see” and understand the King and the Kingdom, we will drift into religion or be reduced to find life from the lower pleasures of sensuality, materialism, and the world.

The entire focus of the life, preaching, and ministry of Jesus Christ was expanding the kingdom of God on earth. Jesus was and still is highly committed to transferring the entire human race from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of God. The only salvation for creation is a change of government. Whoever is in charge determines the quality of life. If Christ is not in control, then

malevolent spirits will fill the leadership vacuum. Our deliverance from evil and transformation into wholeness is totally dependant upon our submission to Christ's Lordship.

If enough people change their allegiance to the true king of all creation and come fully into the kingdom of God, the collective impact on cities, regions, and nations will be immense.

Primary activities of a kingdom-advancing son & daughter of God.

- A. Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.
- B. Commune with the King in the atmosphere of the Kingdom by the Holy Spirit.
- C. Pray "down" the Kingdom of God into every jurisdiction and sphere of life. No arena is outside the interest of Jesus...He wants the whole earth to voluntarily come under His Lordship. Eph. 1:22; Col. 1:15-20
- D. Preach and teach the King and the Kingdom of God with evidence of the reality of the Kingdom, like healing and deliverance. Your anointed words actually displace the kingdom of darkness with the kingdom of light. We are called to seek and save the lost. Matt. 10:7 Get into a 2's (Search and Rescue Team) and go after the harvest. Luke 10:1-24
- E. Make disciples who follow the King and comply with the ways of the Kingdom. Matt. 18:18-20.
- F. Lead and manage in the Kingdom of God (rule and reign). 2 Tim. 2:12; Rev.20:6; Lk. 19:17-19

"Kingdomizing" The Nations: Your Calling To Be A Missionary

Bible Passages: Ps 2; Matt 24:14, 28:18; Rev 14:14

God wants to help each follower of Christ understand that they have a calling and responsibility to help expand Christ's kingdom in the nations. It is time for us to gather in the harvest of souls across the earth. But this harvest must properly come into the kingdom of God (versus the Christian religion) as a result of accurate preaching of the kingdom with Holy Spirit power through the family of God. We also want each follower of Christ to realize that higher, broader, and more excellent levels of kingdom impact will require higher levels of obedience and holiness. The Bible makes it very clear that everything necessary to walk in total intimacy and full impact has been provided through the Word, Blood, Cross, Spirit and Body of Christ. The full provision of mercy and grace is available. God has done and continues to do His part. We, then, determine the degree of intimacy and impact of our lives (Luke 19:11-27). Our faithfulness in little will result in greater levels of responsibility in the age to come (2 Timothy 2:20-22).

The authentic gospel of the kingdom must be preached and demonstrated in power among every people group on earth before Christ's second coming. A genuine, bona fide kingdom family & army (church) must be established within each "nation" (ethnic group). Matt.24:14 The world's population is currently about 6.64 billion people. China alone has over 1 billion people, the vast majority of whom have never even heard the name of Jesus. Less than 1% of the Chinese people are believers. India's population is over 1 billion as well. About 98% of Indians are either Hindu, Buddhist, or Muslim. All of Europe, including Great Britain is between 2 to 5% Christian, a fraction of which truly understand the gospel of the Kingdom of God. Over 800 million people live in Africa, most of whom are animists and Muslims. Although there are many Christians in Africa, they have come into Christianity through traditional Western churches, and have not accurately heard the gospel of the Kingdom of God. Even in North, Central, and South America the gospel of the kingdom has rarely been preached and modeled consistently and powerfully. About 41% of the entire world's population has never even heard the name Jesus Christ, let alone hear and experience the gospel of the Kingdom. There is still much work to do before Jesus' assignment of preaching the gospel of the Kingdom to all the nations is fulfilled.