

The Kingdom of God
Part 1
(royal power, kingship, dominion, rule)

Luke 21

20 “When you see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies, you will know that its desolation is near. **21** Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those in the city get out, and let those in the country not enter the city. **22** For this is the time of punishment in fulfillment of all that has been written. **23** How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! There will be great distress in the land and wrath against this people. **24** They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

25 “There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. **26** People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. **27 At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28** When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

29 He told them this parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. **30** When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. **31 Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.**

Jesus said - **At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory... when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near...**

This paints a clear picture of the end times and Jesus coming in His Kingdom with power and great glory...

In Jesus ministry from the beginning to the end this phrase is used over and over “The Kingdom of God”

The Kingdom of God is demonstrated with power and glory...

- Because everywhere Jesus goes the Kingdom of God goes...

Peter said of Jesus ministry:

Acts 10

38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

The Kingdom of God = Power and Glory of God

- Everywhere Jesus went he brought the Kingdom of God...
- The Kingdom of God has dominion over the Devil...

1 John 3:8 NASB

“The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.”

- When we think of the Kingdom of God, we often think of a far away place...
- We think of Heaven, I believe that is true...
- There is scriptures that indicate The Kingdom of God as an eternal place to be inherited...
- Jesus said, *and if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the **kingdom of God** with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell. Mark 9:47*
- But there is something about the Kingdom of God that I believe Jesus wants us to understand, and it's not limited to a place...

- listen to how Jesus speaks of the Kingdom of God...

Luke 13

18 Then Jesus asked, “What is the kingdom of God like? What shall I compare it to? **19** It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds perched in its branches.”

20 Again he asked, “What shall I compare the kingdom of God to?”

21 It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

- First off Jesus says it's like a seed, the smallest of seeds that is planted and grows to become something great and significant...
- Second Jesus says it's like yeast that when mixed into flour works all through the dough, it expands and impacts everything it touches...
- When we read these verses we understand the Kingdom of God is more than just a place...

The Greek Word for Kingdom carries a big meaning:

Kingdom: basileia

1. royal power, kingship, dominion, rule

- not to be confused with an actual kingdom but rather the right or authority to rule over a kingdom.

Mark 1

14 After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. **15** “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

We can read this passage like this:

Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. **15** “The time has come,” he said. “The **(royal power, kingship, dominion, rule)** of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!

Luke 11:20

But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the **kingdom of God** has come upon you.

Simplified:

But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the **(power, dominion and rule) of God** has come upon you.

Luke 9

When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, **2** and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

- Jesus put His Kingdom on His Disciples and then sent to preach the **power, dominion and rule** of God and to heal the sick...

Now lets go back to

Luke 13

18 Then Jesus asked, “What is the kingdom of God like? What shall I compare it to?”

- it’s like a Mustard seed; it the **(power, dominion and rule)** of God that grows from something small to something great...
- it’s like yeast; it the **(power, dominion and rule)** of God that when mixed into flour works all through the dough...

Galatians 5

19 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, **20** idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, **21** envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom (**royal power, kingship, dominion, rule**) of God.

If we desire the power of God, dominion of his presence and rule of the Spirit in our lives, Paul says, we have to renounce the works of the flesh...

Next Verse

22 *But the fruit of the Spirit* is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Closing Song:

Matthew 6:33

But seek first his **kingdom** (*power, dominion and rule*) and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.