

Series: The Primary Messages of Jesus

Session #4 **The Kingdom is Here Now!**

Did you know, we are supposed to be operating in the Kingdom now?

**The Kingdom of God is His Will, Way, & Power Reigning In Our Lives and Actions.**

### **1. True Believers Are Allowed To Understand The Secrets of The Kingdom, If You Really Listen**

**Matthew 13:1–23 (NLT) *Parable of the Farmer Scattering Seed***

Later that same day Jesus left the house and sat beside the lake. <sup>2</sup> A large crowd soon gathered around him, so he got into a boat. Then he sat there and taught as the people stood on the shore. <sup>3</sup> He told many stories in the form of parables, such as this one:

“Listen! A farmer went out to plant some seeds. <sup>4</sup> As he scattered them across his field, some seeds fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate them. <sup>5</sup> Other seeds fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seeds sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. <sup>6</sup> But the plants soon wilted under the hot sun, and since they didn’t have deep roots, they died. <sup>7</sup> Other seeds fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants. <sup>8</sup> Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted! <sup>9</sup> Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand.”

<sup>10</sup> His disciples came and asked him, “Why do you use parables when you talk to the people?”

<sup>11</sup> He replied, “You are permitted to understand the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven, but others are not. <sup>12</sup> To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given, and they will have an abundance of knowledge. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them. <sup>13</sup> That is why I use these parables,

For they look, but they don’t really see.

They hear, but they don’t really listen or understand.

<sup>14</sup> This fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah that says,

‘When you hear what I say,  
you will not understand.

When you see what I do,  
you will not comprehend.

<sup>15</sup> For the hearts of these people are hardened,  
and their ears cannot hear,  
and they have closed their eyes—  
so their eyes cannot see,  
and their ears cannot hear,  
and their hearts cannot understand,  
and they cannot turn to me

and let me heal them.’

<sup>16</sup>“But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear. <sup>17</sup>I tell you the truth, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but they didn’t see it. And they longed to hear what you hear, but they didn’t hear it.

<sup>18</sup>“Now listen to the explanation of the parable about the farmer planting seeds: <sup>19</sup>The seed that fell on the footpath **represents those who hear the message about the Kingdom** and don’t understand it. Then the evil one comes and snatches away the seed that was planted in their hearts. <sup>20</sup>The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. <sup>21</sup> But since they don’t have deep roots, they don’t last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God’s word. <sup>22</sup>The seed that fell among the thorns represents those who hear God’s word, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life and the lure of wealth, so no fruit is produced. <sup>23</sup>The seed that fell on good soil represents those who truly hear and understand God’s word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!”

**It’s a privilege that God wants to reveal His Kingdom (His will and way) to True Believers, Who Insist on hearing! The blessing is a multiplied blessing. It is much better than you think in the end!**

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## **2. The Kingdom (King’s Will, Way, & Power) Is A Hidden Treasure**

**Matthew 13:44–46 (NLT) *Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl***

<sup>44</sup>“The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his excitement, he hid it again and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field.

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## **3. Seek The Kingdom First**

**Matthew 6:33 (NLT) <sup>33</sup>**Seek the Kingdom of God [first] above all else**, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.**

Kingdom is: The King’s Will, Way & Power  
The King’s **reign** or way spiritually and mentally  
The King’s way in Holy Spirit  
The King’s way in freedom and deliverance  
The King’s way in repentance  
The King’s way with our time and priorities  
The King’s way in every decision and in every area of our lives

## **4. The Kingdom Is Here & The Kingdom Will Fully Come Later**

**Luke 17:20–37 (NLT) *The Coming of the Kingdom***

<sup>20</sup> One day the Pharisees asked Jesus, “When will the Kingdom of God come?”

Jesus replied, “The Kingdom of God can’t be detected by visible signs. <sup>21</sup> You won’t be able to say, ‘Here it is!’ or ‘It’s over there!’ For the Kingdom of God is already among you.”

<sup>22</sup> Then he said to his disciples, “The time is coming when you will long to see the day when the Son of Man returns, but you won’t see it. <sup>23</sup> People will tell you, ‘Look, there is the Son of Man,’ or ‘Here he is,’ but don’t go out and follow them. <sup>24</sup> For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other, so it will be on the day when the Son of Man comes. <sup>25</sup> But first the Son of Man must suffer terribly and be rejected by this generation.

**Luke 11:20 (NLT)** <sup>20</sup> But if I am casting out demons by the power of God, then the Kingdom of God has arrived among you.

**Revelation 11:15 (NLT)** <sup>15</sup> Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices shouting in heaven: “The world has now become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever.”

## 5. Disciples Were Sent To Proclaim The Kingdom & Preach The Good News (Which Did Not Include The Cross & Resurrection Yet)

**Luke 9:1–6 (NLT)** *Jesus Sends Out the Twelve Disciples*

One day Jesus called together his twelve disciples and gave them power and authority to cast out all demons and to heal all diseases. <sup>2</sup> Then he sent them out to tell everyone about the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick. <sup>3</sup> “Take nothing for your journey,” he instructed them. “Don’t take a walking stick, a traveler’s bag, food, money, or even a change of clothes. <sup>4</sup> Wherever you go, stay in the same house until you leave town. <sup>5</sup> And if a town refuses to welcome you, shake its dust from your feet as you leave to show that you have abandoned those people to their fate.”

<sup>6</sup> So they began their circuit of the villages, preaching the Good News and healing the sick.

...And Paul Proclaimed The Kingdom

**Acts 28:30–31 (NLT)** <sup>30</sup> For the next two years, Paul lived in Rome at his own expense. He welcomed all who visited him, <sup>31</sup> boldly proclaiming the Kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ. And no one tried to stop him.

## 6. Pray Daily “Your Kingdom Come, Your Will Be Done On Earth”

**Matthew 6:9–13 (NIV)** <sup>9</sup> “This, then, is how you should pray:

“ ‘Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
<sup>10</sup> your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup> Give us today our daily bread.

<sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

<sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.'

For Jesus' kingdom to come means inviting God's perfect rule, will, and righteousness to reign on earth, beginning in individual hearts today and culminating in Christ's future return to establish a perfect, eternal kingdom. It is a prayer for God's authority to overthrow sin, injustice, and the evil of this world.

### Significance of "Your Kingdom Come"

- Present Submission: It is a personal request for God to reign in one's own life, surrendering to His will.
- Societal Transformation: It asks for God's influence, authority, and righteousness to spread throughout society, influencing others.
- Future Hope:  
It is a prophetic prayer for Jesus Christ's future, physical return to earth to establish his millennial kingdom.

### Significance of "Your Will Be Done"

- Alignment with Heaven: It asks that the same perfect obedience and divine order found in heaven be replicated on earth.
- Reversing Rebellion: It is a move away from human selfishness and rebellion toward obedience to God's rule.
- Active Participation: It implies a commitment to living out God's desires, letting His kingdom work through the believer.

## 7. Living In The Kingdom Is Living By God's Power

1 Corinthians 4:20 (NLT) <sup>20</sup> For the Kingdom of God is not just a lot of talk; it is living by God's power.

### Action Consideration & Prayer

1. **Know** Jesus' biggest message during His ministry was the Kingdom is available, and you should seek the Kingdom first! The good news in Jesus' ministry on earth was that the kingdom was brought by Him and you can live in it now.
2. **We must Believe or Surrender** To Jesus as Lord of our life to have our eyes opened.
3. **We must seek** the kingdom to see, understand, and walk in its blessings and promises.

4. We can live every moment, decision, and area of our life in the Kingdom!