

"Ticket to Paradise"

I've got a ticket to Paradise
I've got a feeling I'll be leaving soon, oh, won't that be nice
I've got my bags all packed and I'm ready to go
Can't hardly wait to leave this land of sorrow and woe
Everything's gonna be all right
I've got a ticket to Paradise

We are part of God's cosmic scheme to see the entire universe bow its knee to worship God.

When God's Kingdom reigns, everything changes.

Ern Baxter, They Kingdom Come

"There has never been a time when God was not in total charge. The Bible tries to tell us in simple language of the ultimacy of God. There is none before Him. There is none beside Him. He takes orders from none. He was created by none. He is life, self-existent. There is nothing in Him that should be out of Him. Nothing out of Him that should be in Him. He remembers nothing because He has forgotten nothing. He learns nothing because there is nothing He does not know. He does not need to recall because He holds all truth simultaneously. He is the God of the eternal now. He can look at human history from the beginning or the end or the middle, for all things are known to Him."

1. In the Kingdom, God reigns supreme.

- God has always been sovereign, all-powerful, and on His throne.
- "The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all." - Psalm 103:19
- God is reigning in this **finite** world with His **all-powerful** being.
- God is a God of **order**.
 - Jesus is in submission to the Father
 - The **angels** are in submission to God
 - Man was made to have authority on the earth, under God's reign.

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- In His Kingdom, God gave **Jesus** all power and authority.
- "All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth." Matthew 28:18
- "...He [Jesus] is the head over every ruler and authority" Colossians
 2:10
- In the fall, man fell out of line with God, but God did not lose his throne.

2. The Kingdom's rule on Earth was promised

DANIEL

 "And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever" - Daniel 2:44

JOHN THE BAPTIST

• "In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." -

Matthew 3:1-2

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JESUS

- "After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" - Mark 1:14-15
- "And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people." - Matthew 4:23
- "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:10

3. The Kingdom was established on earth at the cross

- "And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross." - Colossians 2:15
- "to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God." Act 1:3

4. Entering the Kingdom changes who your King is

- "For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power."
 - 1 Corinthians 4:20
- "Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe;" **Hebrews 12:28**
- The King wants to expand His kingdom to every area of your life.
- "...if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be <u>saved</u>."
 - Romans 10:9

John 3:3-5

Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is **born again** he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is **born of water and the Spirit**, he cannot enter the kingdom of God"

