

Kingdom First

Introduction

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; [2] for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters. [3] Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? [4] The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. [5] They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God their Savior. [6] Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob. [7] Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. [8] Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. [9] Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. [10] Who is he, this King of glory? The Lord Almighty---he is the King of glory. **“Psalm 24:1-10**

- Time for change in the spiritual atmosphere in the UK
- Time for a strong spiritual advance is coming
- Advance In prayer - Personal, communities and towns and cities
- In Unity - Not just in one spiritual family but families joined to one another
- In Mission - Small and large, organised and organic, viral
- In sending - Across Europe and to the unreached
- In establishing Apostolic Centres - Resource places

Kingdom Treasure

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. [45] “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. [46] When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. **Matthew 13:44-46**

Kingdom of God like priceless treasure - Sell everything for the kingdom

Kingdom of God like a pearl of great value - Sell everything for the Kingdom

Kingdom of God

- It's the Big story of God
- It's the Rule and reign of God
- It's a relationship with the King
- Invited into the Kings story and mission

“The kingdom is to be our top priority. Jesus said ‘seek first his kingdom and his righteousness’. The kingdom is to have far greater priority in our lives than concerns about material things or anything else. It has to be top priority for the church in its mission today” **David Devenish**

“Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, [42] but few things are needed---or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.” **Luke 10:41-42**

One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. **Psalms 27:4**

He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.
Jim Elliot

If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him. **CT Studd**

May the lamb that was slain receive the reward of his suffering. **Moravian Brothers**

1. **Seek first** the kingdom

So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' [32] For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. [33] But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. [34] Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. **Matthew 6:31-34**

2. **Love first** the King of the Kingdom - Revelation 2, Matthew 22:37

Jesus replied: “ 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' [38] This is the first and greatest commandment. [39] And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' [40] All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” **Matthew 22:37-40**

3. **Obey First** the Kings Great Commission

When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. [18] Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. [19] Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20] and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” **Matthew 28:17-20**

Conclusion Prayer

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him

better. [18] I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, [19] and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength **Ephesians 1:17-19**

Romans 15:13 - May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.