

Kingdom Come 2022

Preamble

- Are you ready for 2022?
- Readiness is a key word for this season we are in.
- I sense urgency to be awake, alert and ready.
- There is not much time, the enemy is aligning demonic hordes.
- Battle lines have been drawn.
- Many in the Church are still asleep and have no realisation of what is happening or what is coming.
 - Think, ponder, pray and speak to those you are doing life with
 - Resolve what you can
 - Repent of what you need too
 - Repair the relationships that can be repaired
 - Renew your commitment to the Lord in a new and fresh way
 - Allow Him to Restore you

This is why it is said: “Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” [15] Be very careful, then, how you live---not as unwise but as wise, [16] making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. [17] Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

Ephesians 5:14-17

Introduction

- Kingdom Come is our theme and we will open that up on Sunday
- Builds on Jesus People - Manifesting his Kingdom Coming

Define Kingdom: The Kingdom of God is the realm over which God reigns as supreme and Jesus Christ is King. It's the manifestation of the values and will of God.

- This can be in a person, marriage and family
- The kingdom of God can manifest in a community of believers and begin influencing the neighbourhoods where they live

Jesus traveled throughout the region of Galilee, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. **Matthew 4:23**

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, [19] to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.” **Luke 4:18-19**

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of rules about food and drink, but is in the realm of the Holy Spirit, filled with righteousness, peace, and joy. [18]

Serving the Anointed One by walking in these kingdom realities pleases God and earns the respect of others. **Romans 14:17-18 TPT**

Kingdom Values are taught by Jesus in Matthew 5, 6, 7.

- The beatitudes are a way of living

Matthew 5:3-11 NIV

- Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
- Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. [14] "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. [15] Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. [16] In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. **Matthew 5:13-16**

1. Change your thinking

From then on Jesus began to preach, "Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near." **Matthew 4:17**

- Change your thinking, your value system
- There is now a new way of thinking, behaving, speaking and living

2. Pray for the Kingdom to come

"This, then, is how you should pray: " 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, [10] your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. **Matthew 6:9-10**

3. Seek first the Kingdom of God

But first and most importantly seek (aim at, strive after) His kingdom and His righteousness [His way of doing and being right-the attitude and character of God], and all these things will be given to you also. **Matthew 6:33AMP**

Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. **Matthew 6:33 NLT**

... Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don't worry about missing out. You'll find all your everyday human concerns will be met. [34] "Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don't get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes. ... **Matthew 6:30-34** MSG

"So above all, constantly chase after the realm of God's kingdom and the righteousness that proceeds from him. Then all these less important things will be given to you abundantly. **Matthew 6:33** TPT

4. Behave like an Ambassador of the Kingdom

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. [17] Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! [18] All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: [19] that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. [20] We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. 2 Corinthians 5:16-20

Final Application - It's all relational

But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. [8] What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ[10] I want to know Christ---yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, **Philippians 3:7-8,10**

- Kingdom Come is deeply relational
- It's knowing the King, becoming like the King and making the King known to others

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched---this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. [2] The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. [3] We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. **1 John 1:1-3**