

Kingdom Come - Healing Signs and Wonders

Introduction

Kingdom Come is our theme for 2022

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 Proclaimed and Manifested the Kingdom

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**

Jesus expects his disciples to proclaim and manifest the kingdom

- Matthew 28:18-20 - Go preach the good news and make disciples

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**

The Kingdom of God shows up in many ways:

Both in the words we speak and the life we live:

- Hope - In hopeless situations manifesting the hope of the kingdom
- Peace - The Shalom of God, Prince of peace shaping atmospheres
- Peace making - The recon coalition of relationships
- Love - Whether in families, communities, villages and nations
- Serving - The poor, the marginalised and speaking for those who cannot speak for themselves
- Generosity - Financially
- Healing, signs and wonders - This is where we will focus today
- The healing of bodies and minds
- Casting out of demons

- Paul dealing with Elymaus - Acts 13.8-12
- Paul bit by a snake and suffering no ill effect - Acts 28.5

1. Jesus commands and expects us to heal the sick

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. **Luke 9:1-2**

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He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. [3] Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. [4] Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road. [5] “When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' [6] If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. [7] Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house. [8] “When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. [9] Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'” **Luke**

10:2-9

- 72 other disciples
- This is for all disciples

He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. [16] Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. [17] And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; [18] they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.” **Mark 16:15-18**

2. Jesus has given us power and authority

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- He never asks us to do something that he doesn't empower us to obey

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**

28:18-20

- Proximity and intimacy to the King is essential to living a life of Kingdom power

3. Our lifestyle plays a part

Consecration

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**

- Repenting or turning from sin
- And a turning to God

Prayer and Fasting

After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, "Why couldn't we drive it out?" [29] He replied, "This kind can come out only by prayer.". **Mark 9:28-29**

Faith

"You unbelieving generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me." [23] "'If you can'?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for one who believes." **Mark 9:19,23**

Application - Lets Pray

- A. Make a decision to obey Jesus
- B. Are there things you need to repent from
- C. Make a commitment to a life of prayer and fasting
- D. Step out in faith this week