

Deliverance and the Kingdom of God

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I. Jesus Focus of Teaching and Ministry was The Kingdom of God

1. Jesus Preaching and Ministry...."The Kingdom of God"

- Jesus total ministry focus was "The Kingdom of God"
 - Mat 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for **the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**"
 - Jesus came to restore the Kingdom to men
- Jesus focus after His Resurrection was "The Kingdom of God"
 - Act 1:3 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.
- Jesus commanded His disciples to preach on "The Kingdom of God"
 - Mat 10:7 And as you go, preach, saying, '**The kingdom of heaven is at hand.**'
 - Mat 10:8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.
- Jesus Taught that a Key Sign of End-Times was Preaching of The Kingdom of God globally
 - Mat 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.
- Philip and Paul both preached the Kingdom of God

2. Jesus presented the Kingdom in Two Ways

1. A Visible Kingdom...Yet to Come

- It is a Physical Global Kingdom that will come in great power and glory.....Yet to come
Mat 16:27 For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.
Mat 16:28 Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."

2. An Invisible Spiritual Kingdom... Now

- It is a seed established in heart when one receives the King and His rule.....Now
- Rom 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit,

- Jesus taught that The Kingdom of God is like a seed growing in the heart that produces fruit
- The invisible Kingdom of God can also come upon people now, delivering them from demons and healing them

3. What is the meaning of “Kingdom”?

- Although Jesus focus was “The Kingdom of God”, many believers have little understanding of this
- What is a “Kingdom?”
 1. The Rule of a King.(The King can never be never voted out)
 - Wherever The King Rules His will is done
 - Ecc 8:4 *Where the word of a king is, there is power; And who may say to him, "What are you doing?"*
 - Where the King rules there is righteousness, peace and Joy the Holy Spirit Gives (Rom.14:17)
 - The rule of a King means we have revelation of honour and authority
 2. A Territory or Realm the King rules over
 3. A People who are the Subjects of the King(citizens of heaven Phil.3:20)
 - Citizens of the Kingdom align themselves with their King and His order
 - God’s Kingdom is made up of Sons and Daughters who are born again citizens
 4. A Culture, and System of Laws that govern life in the Kingdom
 - Every Kingdom has a distinguishing Culture....ways, values, how we relate
 - Every Kingdom has a System of Laws governing life and relationships and the flow of blessing from the King

4. What is the meaning of Apostle, or Apostolic?

- Jesus did not raise pastors, he raised apostles, and gave them an apostolic commission
 - “Apostle, or Apostolic” is a transliteration.
 - They could not translate the meaning of the original word. They made an English version of a Greek word “Apostello”
 - **“Apostello” means to send away on a mission**
- “Apostello” was used to describe the Emperor of Rome commissioning and sending a General to enter an enemy occupied territory to overcome the enemy and establish the Rule and Culture of Rome....to advance its Kingdom
 - Jesus commissioned men, gave them a mandate to advance His Kingdom
 - Not all believers are Apostles, but we are all called to be apostolic, to advance the Kingdom of God and engage and overthrow entrenched demonic spirits

II. **Deliverance is a Manifestation of the Kingdom of God**

1. **Deliverance is a manifestation of the invisible coming Kingdom.....Now..."coming upon people"**

- *Mat 12:28* But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely **the kingdom of God has come upon you.**
- **Jesus teaching and Ministry singly focussed upon The Kingdom of God**
- **Deliverance was one of the Key Miracles of Jesus Kingdom ministry**
 - Deliverance is an open manifestation or exposure of two invisible spiritual **Kingdoms in conflict, completely opposed to one another**
 - Deliverance is a demonstration of the greatness and **superiority of Kingdom of God**
 - Deliverance requires a **believer, a representative and citizen** of the Kingdom of God to partner with the Holy Spirit to confront demonic resistance and displace them
 - Deliverance requires a Kingdom representative assert authority over hidden demonic spirits
- **Jesus ministry revealed His Authority over all demons**
 - Demons were subject to Jesus and came out at his command
 - Jesus ministered with authority because He was under authority
- **At the Cross Jesus defeated Satan and removed all Satan's rights to rule and Govern**
 - All believers are Citizens of Heaven , and are authorized to overcome hidden demonic spirits (Mk.16:17)
 - When we pray: "*Thy Kingdom Come*"...we are praying for the Government and will of God to be manifest in the earth
- **Your personal enlargement and advance depends upon your willingness to engage and overcome resistance of a Kingdom opposed to you**

2. **The Cross of Christ has legally removed the rule and influence of Demonic Spirits from us**

- *Col 1:13* He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,
 - **God the Father has "Delivered us"**
 - "*Delivered*".....*rhuomai*.....*to rescue, draw to oneself, root... to flow like a river*
 - **Dictionary:**
To set free from restraint; to set at liberty; to release; to liberate from control; to give up; to free; to save; to rescue from evil actual or feared;; to deliver one from captivity, or from fear of death.
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- **What has Father “delivered” us from?**
 - “Power”*exousia*.....*authority, legal right, jurisdiction, rule of a government*
 - *God has delivered us from the authority or legal Rule of darkness, the Government of Satan*
 - Salvation by faith in Christ means a legal removal from one Kingdom into another Kingdom
 - It means removal from being subject to one King, and becoming subject to a new King, Jesus

- **What has He delivered us into?**
 - It is not enough to be delivered from something, we must enter into something
 - We are brought into the **Kingdom** of God with all its abundance and provision and blessing
 - We become citizens of an Eternal Kingdom who are in preparation for its coming in fulness
 - That Kingdom is characterized by Love, the nature of its King
 - The Kingdom also has principles upon which we build our lives and relationships.
 - To enjoy the full blessings and benefits of the new King and Kingdom we must then align our life with the culture and laws that overnight the new Kingdom

- **Many believers, however, remain entangled in and defiled by the culture and ways of the Kingdom of darkness they have been rescued from.**
 - The Kingdom that formerly ruled over us is characterized by “Darkness”
 - *Darkness....things are covered, concealed, hidden from sight*
 - Whatever we keep in hidden or in the dark, Satan can exercise authority over
 - Hidden sin, hidden secrets, hidden longings, hidden struggles, hidden fears
 - Dan 2:22 *He(God) reveals deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, And light dwells with Him.*

- **What do we mean Entangled?**
- *“Entangled”...to weave together, entwine, twist together*
 1. Still engaged in sinful activities and ways of reacting that give demons legal rights to oppress
 2. Have never identified and removed hidden legal rights for demons to oppress
 3. Live and relate in ways aligned with the culture and priorities of the world and are resistant to Kingdom priorities and values

- **What do we mean “defiled”**
 - *“Defiled”.....to be contaminated, stained, injure the purity of character*
 - When we become entangled with demons they always defile us
 - **People need to experience deliverance from the hold and defilement of demonic spirits**

5. **Confusion regarding Believers and Deliverance**

- **Jesus called Deliverance “The Children’s bread”(Matt.15:26”)**
 - Bread is the foundation of a staple diet in Middle East
 - Bread gives life and energy to people
- **The biggest source of confusion regarding deliverance is over the word “possessed”.**
- Mat 8:16 *When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick,*
 - This is a mistranslation that confuses. People associate the word with Hollywood movies
 - *The correct word ...daimonizomai...to be exercised by a demon, to have a demon, be oppressed or under the power of a demon*
 - Believers belong to Jesus. They are not possessed, or owned by demons
 - However, demons **can have access into and influence upon them**, and their lives and relationships
 - Demons are legalists....they claim legal rights to enter and torment, when people violate the laws of God

II. **Example of Deliverance**

1. **The Man with an Unclean spirit**

- Luk 4:33 *Now in the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit of an **unclean demon**. And he cried out with a loud voice,*
Luk 4:34 *saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!"*
Luk 4:35 *But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him in their midst, it came out of him and did not hurt him.*
Luk 4:36 *Then they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, "What a word this is! For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out."*
Luk 4:37 *And the report about Him went out into every place in the surrounding region*

- **Synagogue: The place believers came to worship God**

2. **The Unclean Demon**

- The man was defiled by the presence and activity of an unclean spirit
- *Defile:= Stain, pollute, contaminate, corrupt from its intended purpose*
- The man was a believer who struggled with and lived defeated by cycles of lust and sexual sin

3. **What is a Demon?**

- A Demon is an invisible disembodied spirit being.
- It is part of an organised hierarchy of demonic beings of different ranks (Eph.6:10)
- It has an assignment to deceive, defile and destroy people and the work of God

4. **Characteristics of Demons**

- Demons have a form or shape
- Demons have a personality,
- Demons can think and reason
- Demons work together
- Demons are created beings. They can only be in one place at one time
- Demons dwell in the unseen spirit realm, but seek to enter and change the physical realm

5. **Can Demons enter people?**

- *“Came out of him”.....to come out of a person it must first have been within him*
- Demons must be **cast out**. They do not leave willingly
- *“Cast out”.....ekballo..*
 - *To drive out with force which he cannot resist*
 - *To command and cause someone to depart in haste*
 - *To reject with contempt and expel from their dwelling by force*
 - *Expel excrement from the belly into the toilet*

6. **How do Demons affect people ?**

(What do demons do when they gain access and enter people?)

- *Eph 2:2* in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who **now works in** the sons of disobedience,
- **“Works in”.....energeo.....to be active, to put forth power, to energise, display ones activity**
 - They **energise sin** it becomes a habitual and addictive
 - They **energise trauma**people remain tormented and fearful
 - They **energise ungodly emotions and longings**
 - They **defile people**.....contaminate them by their presence and activity
 - They **torment the mind**.....thoughts, fears, depression, defiling unclean pictures
 - They **oppress people**.....holding them down by spiritual force (Acts.10:38)
 - They **cause infirmities**.....weakness and sickness that cannot be healed
 - They **terrorise people**with paranormal experiences, nightmares, spirit husbands
 - They **undermine and destroy relationships** and personal spiritual authority
 - They **hinder our assignment and destiny**

7. **In the End-Times there will be a Great Increase in Demonic Activity**

- **Scriptures indicate this**
 - Many deceived.....Mt.24:11
 - Many offended.....Mt.24:10
 - Widespread lawlessness.....Mt.24:12
- **The Gospel of the Kingdom shall also be preached (Mt.24:14)**

III. **How do Demons gain Access to People ?**

1. **The Command to Be Vigilant**

- 1Pe 5:8 *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*
1Pe 5:9 *Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.*
- **Apostle Peter's Commands**
 - Be Sober
 - Be Vigilant
 - Resist steadfast in Faith
- **The Reasons for Peter's Admonition**
 - *You have an adversary.....an opponent at law, a prosecutor*
 - *He walks about constantly.....circle around looking for weakness & opportunity*
 - *He is like a roaring lion.....he seeks to intimidate and render powerless*
 - *He is seeking to devour.....make plans constantly to destroy*

2. **Two Primary Ways Demons gain access to people**

- Eph 4:27 *nor give place to the devil.*
- "Place'.....condition, opportunity, location, occasion for acting, place to dwell

1. **Violations of the Laws of God**

- When we violate the laws of God we create legal rights for demons to oppress and afflict
- These violations may be
 - **Current**.....we are actively involved in sin
 - **Historical**.....we have previously been involved in sin
 - **Generational**.....our family ancestors have been involved in serious sin
 - **Cultural violations**.....our culture or nation has practiced serious violations of God's laws
 - **Tribal**.....our tribe or extended family has been involved in serious sin
- The consequences of violations of God's laws are demons are given legal right to torment and afflict and cause destruction

2. **Unhealed Wounds and Trauma**

- When people experience wounds and trauma open doorways are created for demons to exploit their pain
- People who have experienced wounds or trauma
 - React to being hurt....anger, unforgiveness, resentment, bitterness, desire for revenge, hatred, and seeking comfort
 - Fear being hurt again

- Our reactions to being hurt give legal rights for demons to afflict and torment us
- People with unresolved hurt usually become angry and bitter and fearful
- When people choose to control pain and control relationships, they come into agreement with controlling powers
- Controlling spirits then torment and defile them and their relationships

III. **The Many Tentacles of Demonic Defilement** Who needs Deliverance?

- A tentacle is a projection from a living organism that has ability to grasp or hold (Think of an octopus)
- **Here are some spiritual tentacles that lead to demonic control and oppression**
These tentacles are open doors of access to people
 - Generational Iniquity & Curses Exod.20:2-6
 - Bitterness. Heb.12:15.....Bitterness, anger, rage all grieve the HSp and defile us
 - Occult. Lev.19:31 Engagement with hidden demonic spirits divination/
occult, Divination, Sorcery, Video Games
 - Idols. Ezek.37:23
 - Witchcraft. 1Sam.15:23
 - Sexual sin. Lev.18:20- (fornication, adultery, homosexuality, sodomy, incest, abuse)
 - Sexual abuseleaves people both defiled and traumatised
 - Pornography..... Matt.5:28
 - Abortion..... Lev.20:2-3
 - Controlling Relationships
 - Ungodly attachments or “soul ties”
 - Grief that remains unresolved
 - Trauma Experiences
 - Violence. Is.59:3
 - Word CursesMatt.15:8
 - *Jas 3:6* **And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it **defiles the whole body**, and **sets on fire the course of nature**; and it is set on fire by hell.**
 - Words we speak, and words others speak that curse us can wound and defile us
 - False doctrine 1Tim.4:1

III. **Steps to Freedom**

1. **We must choose intentionally to become a vessel of honour (2Tim.2:20-21)**
 - It is our daily personal decision to **remember who we are**...Sons of our Father

- It is our daily personal decision to **cleanse and keep ourselves from defilement**
- It is our daily personal decision to **surrender to the Holy Spirit and overcome defilement**

2. **Steps to Freedom from Defiling Spirits**

- Jas 4:7 Therefore **submit** to God. **Resist** the devil and he will flee from you.
 - We must first come into alignment with our King and His Kingdom (His Rule) to become empowered to break free
 - *“Submit”.....hupotasso.....become subject to, to arrange under the authority of, to obey*
 - *To submit to God means we surrender to His rule and we abandon all demonic entanglement and defilement*
- **Submitting to the authority and Rule of God empowers us to resist demons**
- **You come under authority (Align) to be able to exercise authority**
- **Practical Steps**
- **Freedom begins with a Truth Encounter, seeing the truth and then believing Jesus for a Power Encounter**
 1. **Recognise and take Responsibility (No Blaming of Victim mindset)**
 2. **Repent**
 3. **Release Forgiveness**
 4. **Renounce ungodly bondages, and entanglements with spirits**
 5. **Resist and Remove defiling demons by verbal confrontation in faith**
 6. **Renew and Rebuild your inner life**

Altar Call: Spirits

- **Fear**
- **Anxiety/ panic**
- **Depression**
- **Disappointment**