



KEYS OF THE KINGDOM

Keys Of The Kingdom Series

Part 8

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Kingdom Revitalization

Psalm 24:1-6, “The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, 2 for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. 3 Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? 4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. 5 He will receive blessing from the Lord. And righteousness from the God of his salvation. 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.”

May the Lord add His Blessing to the Reading and the Hearing of His Word today in Jesus Name! Amen

Kingdom Living / Kingdom Authority / Kingdom Revitalization

3 Requirements for Revival and Revitalization

1. Kingdom Revitalization Requires a Hunger for the Things of God!

- a. The Gospel of Saint Matthew 5:6, **“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”**
- b. Hunger and Thirst after righteousness shall be filled! When’s the last time we hungered and thirst for being right with the Father?
- c. Hunger is what brought the prodigal son to his senses
- d. The Gospel of Saint Luke 15:17, **“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger!’”**
- e. Isn’t it interesting that it was the prodigal son’s hunger that brought him to the place of coming to himself? His Hunger brought him to a place of repentance and desire for restoration. What did the prodigal son say after these words found in Luke 15:17?

- f. Luke 15:18-20, “¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”” ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.”
- g. His Hunger brought Him Home! And friends, it is time that we stop living off the husks of this world and come home to the Lord! Jesus decreed that if we would come to him that we would be satisfied in our hunger!
- h. The Gospel of Saint John 6:35, “Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”
- i. Friends, it is time to hunger for the Glory of the Lord and value His Presence above our Preference! May we today decide to set our hearts and minds collectively on Him and not on the matters of man and flesh.
- j. Remember, if we desire for Kingdom Revitalization then it Requires a Hunger for the Things of God! Point #2...

2. Kingdom Revitalization Demands Humility in the Presence of God!

a. Isaiah 6:1-7, “In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train^a of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!” ⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” ⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

b. Isaiah’s experience not only caused him honor God but also humble himself in the Presence of the Lord. This experience did not bolster pride or posturing but rather a position of the heart to realize that he was unclean and undone. The outpouring of His presence that we have experienced should humble us all!

- c. The Prophet Zephaniah gives us insight to the need of humility in Zephaniah 2:3, “Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, who do his just commands; seek righteousness; seek humility; perhaps you may be hidden on the day of the anger of the Lord.”
- d. According to this passage of text, seeking the Lord in humility can hide you from difficulty and wrath. Friends, the state of our heart and posture of our spirit man matters in regards to the Presence of the Lord! Arrogance and Pride always end in destruction! This is a truth defined throughout the course of Scripture!
- e. 1 Peter 5:5-7, “⁵Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” ⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.”
- f. Church, surviving some seasons is predicated upon one factor: humility. Note verse 6 from this passage of text in 1 Peter 5...
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- g. Church, if we desire for the Lord to bring us through difficulty and trial then may we find our breakthrough today in our humility and contriteness of heart because His Word promises that in proper time, He will exalt you!
- h. The Apostle Paul all the more drives the point home in Philippians 2:1-3, “So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy,² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.”
- i. Remember, if we desire for Kingdom Revitalization then it Demands Humility in the Presence of God! In closing, Point #3...

3. Kingdom Revitalization Necessitates Holiness in the Call of God!

- a. The Writer of Hebrews gives us a clear directive in Hebrews 12:14 when he stated, “Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.”
- b. Note the reference to strive for peace and strive for holiness! Isn't it interesting how peace and holiness are connected?

- c. The Apostle Paul further drives this point when he writes to Titus and declares the following in Titus **“¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.”**
- d. Notice how Paul equates right living to right standing in preparation for the Blessed Hope; the Bible is clear that without Holiness that no man shall see the Father and we cannot live in contradiction the parameters of right living outlined in the Scripture and expect the receive Heaven at the End of the Road.
- e. May we collectively be willing to look back in history and rediscover what caused the Great Azusa Street Revivals, and the Jesus Movement, and the Healing Revivals and rediscover what it means to become a habitation of His presence!
- f. 2 Corinthians 7:1, **“Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.”**

- g. Many Christians get upset with Pastors who preach that the expectations of God demand a standard of biblical living. No matter how upset people become, God still expects holiness of His people, both in word and in deed. Friends, Holiness is still Right!
- h. It seems that so much that is produced in today's church culture is driven by a hyper-grace message that has produced a theological heresy that teaches that the Christian can do anything he or she wants because, *"We are no longer under the law but we are now under Grace. Therefore, God is no longer judging people's sins."*
- i. Church, this is simply not true. If you were to canvas the entirety of the Biblical Text and look at every instruction that God gave to man, it was not to keep anything from man, but rather to keep humanity from destroying itself.
- j. Church, it is Time for Hunger, Humility and Holiness to be Restored and we will not find these if we are unwilling, today, to Repent and cry out to Heaven!