

How the KINGDOM works

“Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.”

In other words, “God, may You reign where we do life.”

## 2 Claims in the Nazareth Manifesto

- 1) Jesus claimed to be the fulfillment of scripture concerning the Messiah, henceforth, claiming to be the Messiah who was ushering in the Kingdom of Heaven.

## 2 Claims in the Nazareth Manifesto

2) He claimed that God was interested in the rest of the world as much as He was interested in Israel, and that He (the Messiah) came not exclusively for Israel, but for all people.

## Matthew 13

### *The Parable of the Weeds*

24 Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. 25 But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. 26 When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. 27 “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’

## Matthew 13

28 “‘An enemy did this,’ he replied.

“The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

29 “‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’”

# Matthew 13

## *The Parable of the Weeds Explained*

**36** Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”

**37** He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. **38** The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, **39** and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

## Matthew 13

**40 “As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. 42 They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.**



Observations about the Kingdom of Heaven

*The kingdom of Heaven currently exists simultaneously with the kingdoms of this world.*

## Observations about the Kingdom of Heaven

*It is sometimes difficult to tell whether or not someone is a subject of the kingdom of Heaven.*

## Observations about the Kingdom of Heaven

*The kingdom of Heaven grows in spite of opposition. Often, God does not take away the opposition.*



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## Matthew 13

### *The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast*

**31** He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. **32** Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

## Observations about the Kingdom of Heaven

*The kingdom of Heaven starts small but ends large. Don't underestimate the significance of a small Kingdom act!*

## Matthew 13

**33 He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.”**

Observations about the Kingdom of Heaven

*The kingdom of Heaven can find its way into every situation in every part of the world.*



## Observations about the Kingdom of Heaven

*Even when the kingdom is hard to see,  
it is having an impact that will  
eventually become visible.*

God wants to bring His reign into every area of our lives. He will do this in people who pray “Your kingdom come, your will be done.”

If you don't mean "your will be done," then you don't really want "your kingdom come."

**When we dwell in God's presence, God dwells in our presence.**

Are you experiencing God's reign in  
your life?