

# **Living in the Reality of the Kingdom of the Heavens - The Two Kinds of Seekings**

## **Introduction:**

John 3:5 Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

**The Kingdom of heavens** is a section of the **kingdom of God**. It began when the church was established on the day of Pentecost, and it will end at the conclusion of the millennial kingdom.

**3 Aspects of the Kingdom of Heavens** - The reality (Matt 5-7), the appearance (Matt 13: 24-42), and the manifestation (Matt 24-25)

## **The reality of the kingdom of heavens- (Matt 5-7)**

### **The nature of the kingdom people: (Matt 5:3-12)**

**Matt 5:3** Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heavens.

**Matt 5:8** Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

**Ezekiel 36:26-27** I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you, and I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes.

### **The two kinds of seekings**

**Matt 6:31** Therefore do not be anxious saying, what shall we eat? Or what shall we drink? Or what shall we be clothed? **V32** For all these things the Gentiles are anxiously seeking. For the heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. **V33** But seek first His Kingdom and His Righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

### **Seek first Christ**

**1 Cor 1:30** ...Christ Jesus who became wisdom to us from God, both righteousness...

**Luke 17:21b** The Kingdom of God is in the midst of you.

**Psalms 27:4** one thing I have asked from Jehovah that do I seek, to dwell in the house of Jehovah all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of Jehovah and to inquire in His temple. **V8** you say Seek My face, to you my heart says, Your face, O Jehovah, will I seek.

**Phil 3:8** I count all things to be loss on account of the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, on account of whom I suffered the loss of all things and count them as refuse that I may gain Christ.

**Phil 3:13-14** Brothers, I do not account of myself to have laid hold, but one thing I do, forgetting the things which are behind and stretching forward to the things which are before, I pursue toward the goal for the prize to which God in Christ Jesus has called me upward.

**Seek to do His will - Living in the reality of the kingdom of God by living in the proper church life.**

**Matt 16:18** I will build My church and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

**Rom 14:17** The kingdom of God is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.

**Matthew 24:14** And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole inhabited earth for a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

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The Lord, the seed of life, has sown  
Himself into our heart.  
To grow up into fullness and become  
His kingdom.  
The seed requires no rules or forms,  
For water is its need.  
By this the all-inclusive seed will grow  
In us indeed

The seed is simply Jesus!  
Oh, Jesus lives in me!  
And by His growth this seed  
In us will reach maturity

Lord keep us poor in spirit, pure in heart  
That we may be  
Good ground in which the seed of life  
May grow abundantly,  
Until the final stage is reached and  
You are satisfied  
And have Your priceless, chosen pearl  
Your joy, Your kingdom come

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Bring forth Your kingdom