

KINGDOM OF GOD'S HEAVEN

"THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN," Mt 6:10

PART TWO

When will the kingdom come? No other portion on this Eternal Truth excites a Christian the way the "when" of it does. However, somewhere along the line, Kingdom Truth and other Biblical doctrines have taken a back seat to just one - **THE SECOND COMING.**

But, it's more than just pushing a doctrine of hope to the front, causing us think toward that hope 99% of the time. What has developed - with those I've met and the ones I've read after, is that nearly everyone views the Bible in this way; which results in negating the meaning of the Kingdom Itself.

According to this framework of thinking, everyone's gonna be happy at the Second Coming, even if they aren't now. They think that God will be King, then; but, for now, they have a lot of questions about their life.

Here's where we need Scripture to avoid a double error in thinking. First, we must not think of the Kingdom only within the Second Coming teaching. And, secondly, we must hear, discern and heed what Jesus taught about the Kingdom. Otherwise, questions will never end.

Jesus gave a "happy" message to the ones hearing kingdom truth. Hearers are happy, nine times over; according to Matthew 5, verses 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11. They have eyes and ears that are "Blessed" in the here and now (Mt 13:16). They don't have to wait till the Second Coming to rejoice.

However, Jesus was strong on serving correctly; that is, within the Kingdom. He told us to pray "**Thy Kingdom Come.**" Those praying seem to have an acceptance, all the while they pray. But, when the truth of the Kingdom is missed, much of its seed falls on the wayside (Mt 13). Thus, we join with the majority and think the kingdom is here already. All we need to do is just wait for Jesus to come and take charge, in a Personal way. When He does, the thinking goes, All WILL be HEAVENLY "when" Jesus comes.

It's understandable why the majority place faith in a HEAVENLY CLOUD. That's about the only thing they hear. Further, it's what they want to hear, because that's what they desire. And, their desire is everywhere. Even on the narrow road, a bombardment of the Pre-Tribulation Rapture books and movies, showers down upon world. It has captured the minds of the majority. In their thinking, only the lost will miss kingdom.

I'm with everyone else on this matter - in spirit, that is. I would love to be removed from all end-time troubles. I would like to think that there is no hell, either. I'm just not a vindictive kind of guy, anyway. But, we must receive Scripture into our hearts, forming a statement of faith that has a CHAPTER AND

VERSE foundation. The Bible is the last book that was God breathed/ It says Jesus IS here, working in a Personal way.

The Kingdom of God's Heaven supports, and fits within, other doctrines. With over 150 verses in the New Testament, it cannot be viewed as a small matter; not with God and, not with those seeking God.

In the first paragraph, I asked, "*When will the Kingdom Come?*" I believe that we must live as children of the kingdom in the present, in order to inherit the Kingdom, in the future. Further, the teaching of the Kingdom that we preach, is not the same as it will be when Christ returns.

Today, we may receive it by faith. But, at Christ's coming, all nations and all peoples will be subdued to the Kingdom control. The Kings, who inherit the Kingdom, will reign and control all national boundaries at that time. Today, we have a job just controlling ourselves within His body, the Church. But, there is harmony in the KINGDOM OF GOD'S HEAVEN. It will pay eternal dividends for the one that Prays and lives, as if he were in the Kingdom of God's Heaven today. Study the following points. God Bless.

1. **GOD'S PLAN, INITIALLY**

"Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared from the foundation (laying down) of the world," Mt 25:34.

2. **A JEWISH PROMISE (but, removal of the Law was necessary)**

"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the Law, being made curse for us...that the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Jesus Christ" (Heir & Seed of the promise) Gal 3:16.

3. **NOT OF THIS WORLD; FOR A RESURRECTION MUST HAPPEN**

"Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God;" 1st Corinthians 15:50.

4. **EVERY PERSON, INCLUDING JEWS, MUST BE BORN AGIAIN**

"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God," Jesus, in John 3:3.

5. **HEIRS ARE CHILDREN OF GOD, HAVING REJECTED THE OLD LIFE STYLE AND THE WORKS OF THE FLESH**

"they which do such things (adultery, strife, heresy) shall not inherit the Kingdom of God," Gal 5:21 (see 1st Co. 9).

6. **PARABLE TEACHING ABOUNDS ON "WHEN" THE KINDOM COMES**

"A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return," Luke 19:12.

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