

Kingdom Authority

INTRODUCTION

We live in a world full of noise, power struggles, and counterfeit authority. But as citizens of God's Kingdom, we don't operate by titles, personalities, or earthly power. We operate under the King's authority—the same authority Jesus gave His disciples to heal the sick, cast out demons, and declare heaven's rule on earth (**Mark 16:17-18**).

Matthew 11:12: *Since the days of John, the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.*

Note: Authority is not just for apostles and prophets; it's the right of every believer to enforce heaven's will where God has placed us.

DEFINITION OF KINGDOM

Kingdom (*Greek – basileia*):

- Rule, reign, sovereignty, royal power.
- Not limited to territory, but the active authority and government of God wherever His will is carried out.

Note: The kingdom is not simply about Kings, Queens, land, castles, palaces, riches/wealth, treasures, government, territories, crowns, thrones, armies, and nations. It is not what we eat, drink (Romans 14:17), or drive. The Kingdom of God = **God's rule and reign manifested through His people by Christ and the Holy Spirit.** It is God's rule and reign breaking into the world and into our lives. Neither our social status nor where we live prove our subjection/submission to the rule of the King. The evidence that God is our King and that He truly reigns in our lives is *righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost*. [where the King is, the kingdom is]

KINGDOM ACCESS – John preached in the wilderness (Matthew 3:1-3): *repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand*. He knew his assignment was to preach this message and he knew the hearts of the people had to be prepared to receive the King. **Repentance** = changing direction, turning from sin – to make room for God's rule. Jesus answered a question (Nicodemus) from a Pharisee, who wouldn't admit publicly that he believed the power by which Jesus did miracles: *"verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."* John 3:3 And again, in John 3:5, Jesus answered, *"verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."*

Colossians 1:13 – We've been delivered from darkness and **transferred** into the Kingdom of His dear Son. (**moved** from one condition to another)

1 Corinthians 4:20 – *"For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power."*

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Note: Authority in Christ is not arrogance—it's delegated responsibility. We represent heaven as ambassadors (**2 Corinthians 5:20**). *"We're Christ's representatives. God uses us to persuade men and women to drop their differences and enter into God's work of making things right between them. We're speaking for Christ himself now: Become friends with God; he's already a friend with you."* **MSG**

SIGNIFICANCE OF KINGDOM AUTHORITY:

- Authority is always tied to relationship with the King. The sons of Sceva (**Acts 19:13–16**) used the right words but had no relationship or position, so they had no authority.
- Kingdom authority is not optional—it's the believer's birthright.
- Kingdom authority is demonstrated daily in how we pray, speak, forgive, serve, and stand in faith.

BIBLICAL APPLICATION

- In **prayer**: Bind and loose according to **Matthew 18:18**.
- In **warfare**: Rebuke fear, sickness, oppression in Jesus' Name. **Ephesians 6:13-18** – *we don't wrestle against flesh and blood; Luke 10:19 we have "power to tread on serpents and scorpions, ...over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you."*
- In **daily life**: Speak God's order into your home, workplace, and community.

FINAL THOUGHT

The Kingdom of Heaven is *still at hand* today. It is neither material nor political. It is not coming by observation nor is it coming as an earthly power. *"...the Kingdom of God is within you."* (**Luke 17:21**) - Demonstrate this authority by conquering forces of sin, sickness, and satan through the power of the Spirit. You are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people (set apart). You show forth the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. (**1 Peter 2:9**) Act like you know!!!!