

GOD has a KINGDOM

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*Did you know God has a literal Kingdom here on Earth! Not a Denomination, not an organized Religion (by man), not a Synagogue, but an invisible spiritual Kingdom lead by the Holy Spirit. Did you also know Satan has a Kingdom here on Earth, a deceptive illegitimate kingdom? It is full of lies, deception, and death (physical and eternal). You belong to one or the other whether you know it or not! **Only two Kingdoms exist.** You are either a child of the devil (un-saved), or a child of God (saved)!*

Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. For **He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,** in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

(Col. 1:12-14) NASB

Most People Don't Understand What it Means to be in The KINGDOM

*They relate Church to a historical denominational building, some traditional dogma, a set of moral rules and regulations setup by their leaders, etc, etc... To be in God's Kingdom means; you belong to it's KING (Jesus Christ). **He Lives in you by the Holy Spirit,** and you live to do His will. **God has placed His KING (Son) over His Kingdom to Rule.***

The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

(John 3:8) ESVS

What? **know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?** For **ye are bought with a price:** therefore **glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.**

(1 Cor. 6:19,20)

In that day **you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.** But **the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.**

(John 14:20,26) ESVS

Therefore **let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe,** for **our God is a consuming fire.** (Heb. 12:28,29) ESVS

The World and Much of the so called Church Does Not Fear GOD (It's KING)

Why are the nations restless And the peoples plotting in vain? The kings of the earth take their stand And the rulers conspire together **Against the LORD** and against **His Anointed**, saying, “Let’s tear their shackles apart And throw their ropes away from us!” **He who sits in the heavens laughs, The Lord scoffs at them.** Then **He will speak to them in His anger And terrify them in His fury,** saying, “But as for Me, **I have installed My King Upon Zion, My holy mountain.**” (Psa. 2:1-6) NASB

And **do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.** (Matt. 10:28) ESVS

I say, “**Keep the command of the king because of the oath before God.**” **“Do not be in a hurry to leave him. Do not join in an evil matter, for he will do whatever he pleases.”** **Since the word of the king is authoritative, who will say to him, “What are you doing?”** **One who keeps a royal command experiences no trouble,** for a wise heart knows the proper time and procedure. For there is a proper time and procedure for every delight, though a person’s trouble is heavy upon him.

(Eccl. 8:2-6) NASB

Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. To draw near to listen is better than to offer the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they are doing evil. Be not rash with your mouth, nor let your heart be hasty to utter a word before God, for God is in heaven and you are on earth. Therefore **let your words be few.** For a dream comes with much business, and **a fool’s voice with many words. When you vow a vow to God, do not delay paying it, for he has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you vow. It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay.** Let not your mouth lead you into sin, and do not say before the messenger that **it was a mistake. Why should God be angry at your voice and destroy the work of your hands?** For when dreams increase and words grow many, there is vanity; but **God is the one you must fear.** (Eccl. 5:1-7) ESVS

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. **You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.**” Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. **Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.** (Psa. 2:8-12) ESVS

Examine the LORD'S Prayer; "What Does it Mean?" (Matthew 6:9,10)

After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. (v. 9,10)

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name;

This signifies relationship. He Not only is God all mighty but, He is Your Father: When you pray you come into His presence with the Authority of a Son. We must have a personal relationship with God, we cannot come to Him to only ask for the things we want or desire and totally ignore Him. How would your earthly father feel if you treated him that way?

Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will be Done in Earth, as it is in Heaven;

*This means God has rules in His Kingdom. God's rules are His will! God's rules are realized by a personal relationship between Father and son. God's rules are over all His Creation (Angels, Humans, etc...) there are rules in His Kingdom everyone must obey. So everyone must obey through their relationship with God. **God Rules over All.***

The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all. (Psa. 103:19)

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations. (Psa. 145:13)

Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. (1 Chr. 29:11,12)

*God has rules to follow in His Kingdom. Everyone must operate by these rules. There is an opposing kingdom called the world which is ruled by satan. Satan's strategy is to get his rules into God's house (Kingdom). Satan's strategy is to cause conflict and confusion between the Kingdoms. God is having problems with some of His children because they want to bring the rules of the world into the Kingdom of God. God says **NO**; those are not my rules the rules of my house (Kingdom).*

*There is No Sin in Heaven! So, if we want our own rules (the world) in God's house we are in conflict with God who is the Head of the House. Some Churches confess God's Word but don't want to come under the rules of the house. They are in conflict with the Head of the House. God's desire for us is that we say; "**Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.** and mean it (Obey). False Christians say the same thing; but don't obey. They want God to adjust the rules of His house to appease their selfish desires. You cannot disobey God and try to pursue a relationship with Him. We must all submit to the rules of the house. When we pray the Lord's prayer, we are inviting God to be the Ruler of our life. **Jesus is our Eternal KING:***

Jesus answered, **My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight**, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. Pilate therefore said unto him, **Art thou a king then?** Jesus answered, **Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.** (John 18:36,37)

*God the Father has brought His rules to Earth through His Son Jesus Christ. Jesus became a man to bring Heaven down to Earth. All of God's rules are found in the Bible. God's Kingdom is in Heaven but Jesus brought it down to Earth. **God want's disciples Not Church members.** When you pray the Lord's prayer, your telling God you want to come under His Rulership and Authority. The Bible calls discipleship "**to come under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.**"*

For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. **For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.** For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that **he might be Lord both of the dead and living.** But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, **As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.** (Rom. 14:7-12)

God owns us through the Blood of Jesus Christ, we were bought with God's own Blood! God now rules your life through the Holy Spirit. We must surrender our lives to God; that is God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Kingdom Authority in the Name of Jesus when we Obey

All of God's children have the Authority of Christ within them through the Holy Spirit. The Bible calls us Kings and Priests. We must understand the Authority we have is God's not ours. That means we must speak thru the power of the Holy Spirit (God) that is within us. We cannot speak for God or order Him around. We have authority to use His Name, according the moving of the Holy Spirit, that's it. Anything other than that is Blasphemy.

And Jesus came and said to them, “**All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.** And behold, **I am with you always, to the end of the age.**” (Matt. 28:18-20) ESVS

“**The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me.**” The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “**Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!**” And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. **Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.** Nevertheless, **do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.**” (Luke 10:16-20) ESVS

“**Any place that does not receive you or listen to you, as you go out from there, shake the dust off the soles of your feet as a testimony against them.**” (Mark 6:11)
NASB

All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD will I destroy them. They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about: but **in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.** **They compassed me about like bees; they are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.** **Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall: but the LORD helped me.** **The LORD is my strength and song, and is become my salvation.** **The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.** (Psa. 118:10-15)

This Brings Us to Our Next Lesson; (Lesson # 7)

“Persecution; A Promise of GOD”

Persecution is a Biblical pattern for all to experience.