

KINGDOM LIVING

TEXT: (Matthew 6:10, KJV)

¹⁰Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven.

INTRODUCTION

1. “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near” (Matthew 3:2, NIV).
2. “Jesus began to preach, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near’” (Matthew 4:17, NIV).
3. “I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent” (Luke 4:43, NIV).
4. “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you” (Matthew 6:33, KJV)
5. “After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God” (Acts 1:3, NIV).
6. “And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God” (Acts 19:8, ESV).

I. WHAT IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD

1. “For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and receives human approval” (Romans 14:17-18, NIV).
- A. The Kingdom of God is Characterized by Righteousness
1. “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you” (Matthew 6:33, KJV).
 2. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled” (Matthew 5:6, NIV).
 3. “His delight is in the law of the LORD” (Psalm 1:2, NIV).
 4. “How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word” (Psalm 119:9, NIV).
- B. The Kingdom of God Is Characterized by Peace
1. “Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end” (Isaiah 9:7, KJV).
 2. “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace” (Colossians 3:15, NIV).
- C. The Kingdom of God Is Joy
1. When the Kingdom of God came to Samaria, “there was great joy in that city” (Acts 8:8, NIV).
 2. When the Kingdom of God came to the Philippian jailer, he experienced great joy.
 - a. “The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household” (Acts 16:34, NIV).

II. THE KINGDOM IS TO BE A KINGDOM WITH WHICH TO BE RECKONED

A. The Salt of the Earth

1. “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be

made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men" (Matthew 5:13, NIV).

2. "And if a believing woman has a husband who is not a believer and he is willing to continue living with her, she must not leave him. For the believing wife brings holiness to her marriage, and the believing husband brings holiness to his marriage. Otherwise, your children would not be holy, but now they are holy" (I Corinthians 7:13-14, NLT).
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B. The Light of the World

1. "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden" (Matthew 5:14, NIV).
2. "For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ" (II Corinthians 4:6, NIV).

C. Lives Are Read by Those Around Us

1. "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world" (James 1:27, NIV).

III. HOLINESS IS THE THEME OF THE KINGDOM

A. Holiness Is Not an Option in the Kingdom of God

1. "Be holy, because I am holy" (I Peter 1:16, NIV).
2. "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? (Romans 6:1-2, KJV).
3. "So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith" (Galatians 3:24, NIV).

B. Holiness Is Necessary to See God

1. "You are to be holy to me because I, the LORD, am holy, and I have set you apart from the nations to be my own" (Leviticus 20:26, NIV).
2. "Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14, NIV).

C. On Display by God

1. "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light" (I Peter 2:9, NIV).

CONCLUSION

1. "Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life" (Philippians 2:14-16, NIV).
- b. "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven" (Matthew 6:10, KJV).