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The Beauty and Power of Kingdom Life on Earth

Text: Matthew 13:44-46, 6:10

Introduction

A kingdom is a realm or a territory that is ruled by a king. The people of a kingdom are subject to the king and the set rules of the kingdom. A kingdom can be physical or spiritual. Physical kingdoms are the Kingdoms of Man (or Kingdom of this world) John 18:36 while spiritual kingdoms include the Kingdom of Darkness (or Kingdom of Satan) Colossians 1:13 & 1 Peter 2:9 and the Kingdom of Heaven (or Kingdom of God) Matthew 3:2 & Daniel 2:44.

The kingdom is in two phases- the kingdom to come and the of God in the present which Jesus proclaimed when He said- "The Kingdom of God can't be detected by visible signs. 21 You won't be able to say, 'Here it is!' or 'It's over there!' For the Kingdom of God is already among you." Luke 17:20-2. We are under our topic talking about living to demonstrate the reality of the kingdom in our generation.

The kingdom of man, which in our context is the life, family, career, business, etc. of a man or woman, is subject to a spiritual kingdom either that of heaven or the kingdom of darkness. The kingdom of darkness is not only in hell (underneath the earth or the dark places of the earth) it can also exist on earth but thank God the kingdom of heaven also rules in the affairs of men. That is why some people are experiencing hell in their families, while some others are experiencing heaven on earth in theirs. Whom you submit to, rules over you. You can't hang in the middle for too long.

Our text suggests that the Kingdom of Heaven is worth far more than anything else, therefore this message aims at revealing the worth of God's kingdom by looking at the following 3 important sections;

The Beauty of God's Kingdom on Earth

The Power of God's Kingdom on Earth

Accessing and Living Kingdom Life

The Beauty of God's Kingdom on Earth

When Jesus taught His disciples to pray, the first request was “Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven”.

Why? Because heaven is God’s abode where there is no oppression. Heaven is a beautiful place of love, righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit Romans 14:17, 1 John 4:16-17. Anywhere that God rules, is heaven.

The beauty of kingdom life on earth was perfectly exemplified by Jesus and consists in the following-

The joy of God.

The assurance of God’s presence and the enforcement of His will. Where the presence of God is, there is liberty (from the bondage and oppressions of man and hell) 2 Corinthians 3:17. If God is for me, who can be against me (Romans 8:31 & Psalm 23:4)

Peace of God in your heart that delivers from anxieties and cares of life.

Wisdom of God in the handling of situations and challenges effectively

Victory over negative emotions.

Freedom from inordinate cravings.

Hope of eternity at all times.

Jesus also makes it very clear that whoever makes the kingdom of God his priority, will have the good things of life. Matthew 6:33.

God’s presence guarantees that only His will/ plans/purposes are performed in our lives. What is the ‘will’ of God for your life? Jeremiah 29:11 & James 1:17.

The Power of God’s Kingdom on Earth

For the kingdom of God is not in word but in power (1 Corinthians 4:20).

Our God is a miracle working God Psalm 136:4. His presence guarantees the supernatural.

Tremendous power is also available by the Holy Spirit (Micah 3:8) for the manifestation of Kingdom people on earth (Isaiah 8:18, Roman 8:19, Mark 16:17-18)

Power to overcome sin, flesh and self. Romans 1:4;8:2, Galatians 5:16

Power to be a witness. Act 1:8

Power to excel. Daniel 6:3

Power to do good works Acts 10:38

Power to live. Romans 8:11

Power to overcome the evil one- Satan and his wicked schemes.

keys to living the kingdom life on earth

Luke 17:20-21

Jesus replied, "The Kingdom of God can't be detected by visible signs. 21 You won't be able to say, 'Here it is!' or 'It's over there!' For the Kingdom of God is already among you."

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The kingdom life is not automatic. Being born into a Christian home does not guarantee it. In fact Church attendance or being a worker in a Bible believing Church does not guarantee the kingdom life.

To experience the kingdom of God on earth

You must be born again! John 3:1-8 by

Putting your faith in the redemptive work God through Jesus Christ

Turning to God in repentance

Inviting Jesus Christ into your heart and life

Deciding to follow Christ wholeheartedly all the days of your life

You must have an assurance of sins forgiven and acceptance or adoption as a child of God.
Be conscious of the reality of God abiding in you.
Live in the consciousness of the presence of God everywhere you may be.
You must be conversant with the lifestyle of the kingdom. This lifestyle is governed by God's kind of love.
You must reject in your mind the value system of this wicked world which is governed by materialism, love of money, self-centeredness, self-will, inordinate pleasure etc.
Set your mind on things above at all times.
Lastly, what is the lifestyle of the kingdom? Becoming born again gives you access to the kingdom, but what keeps you in the kingdom? The lifestyle of the kingdom is Holiness 1 Matt. 5:8; Peter 1:13-16; Heb. 12:14. Not only to see God when we get to heaven but to also see Him in every area of our lives here on earth.

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LIVING AS AN AMBASSADOR OF CHRIST ON EARTH

Lead Bible Reference: 2 Cor. 5:17-20; Eph. 4:1; Philippians 1:27; Col. 1:10; 1 Thess. 2:12.

Introduction:

Who is an Ambassador?

An ambassador is an official acting as a representative of a nation in a foreign land. The ambassador's role is to reflect the official position of the sovereign body that sent him and gave him authority.

Apostle Paul, in our main text says that we are ambassadors of Christ here on earth. This suggests that this world is not our home. We are the citizens of the Kingdom of God, representing God and Jesus Christ on earth (John. 18:36).

Therefore, to live as an ambassador of Christ on earth, is to live or represent what Jesus stands for and to promote the kingdom of God here on earth. Christians are Christ's ambassadors in that we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. (1Thess. 2:4). As we go through this world, we represent the kingdom of God and it is our responsibility to reflect the official position of heaven.

Characteristics of an ambassador of Christ

An ambassador of Christ must be a citizen of heaven. No alien can ever represent our president and country in a foreign land. Therefore, an ambassador of Christ must be "in Christ", "a new creation" and "redeemed with the precious blood of Christ.." (2Cor. 5:17; 1Pet. 1:18-19)

He must be steadfastly faithful and loyal to God. (1Cor. 15:58; Phil. 1:27; 1Cor. 4:2; Eph. 6:20)

God requires that His ambassadors should live above suspicion. (2Cor.5:17; Phil. 2:15)

He must be selfless in his service to God. He must be willing to put aside completely his own interests so that he might do the will of his King. He must advance the positions of his home country – the kingdom of God. (1Cor. 15:31; Jhn. 12:24; Gal. 2:20; Jhn. 14:10)

He must practice humility, hospitality, courtesy and graciousness. (1Tim. 3:1-7; 1Pet. 3:15; Prov. 16:24)

He must manage his family well and have a good report. (1Tim. 3:4-7)

He must be in constant contact with the Throne of God. He must be a man of prayer (Matt. 26:41; Rom. 12:12; Eph. 6:18). A student of the word of God (2Tim. 2:15; 1Tim. 4:13).

He must know the language of the people among whom he lives. The language that we, as ambassadors of Christ, need to learn is the language of love. (Lk. 10:33-37)

Benefits of being an ambassador of Christ

God will be delighted in you. (2Cor.5:9; Ps. 149:4; Prov. 8:30-31)

You will be rewarded. (2Cor. 5:10; Col. 3:23-24; Dan. 12:3)

You will enjoy the ministry and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. (2Cor. 5:5; Phil. 2:1-2)

You will enjoy good health. (Exo. 23:25)

You will enjoy the prosperity and the provision of God. (Ps. 1:1-3; Deut. 28:8; Dan. 6:28)

You will enjoy the protection of God. (Isa. 41:10; Ps. 5:11)

At the end of your sojourn here on earth, you will be gloriously welcome home. (2Cor.5:1; Matt. 25:21 &23).

Conclusion

Prov. 13:17 reads: “A wicked messenger falls into trouble, but a faithful ambassador brings health.” As faithful ambassadors of Christ, we ought to bring health, refreshment and comfort to the people with whom we come in contact. We are in this world but not of the world. (Jhn. 17:16). Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we must take the message of our king to the ‘ends of the earth’ (Acts 1:8), imploring men and women everywhere to be reconciled to God.

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KINGDOM MANDATES FOR COUPLES AND CHILDREN

Lead Bible References: Ephesians 5:21-6:4; 1 Cor. 7:3-5; I Tim 5:8; Col 3:18-21

Introduction:

A kingdom is a domain whose sovereignty is dominant. The kingdom of God is a spiritual domain where God is sovereign. When we talk about Kingdom Mandates, we are referring to God’s kingdom where Christ is the ruler or king. Christian couples, parent and children belong to God’s kingdom where Christ reigns and rules by his own mandate. A mandate is a document that give an official instructions or command. The kingdom mandate (A divine instruction or command) for all couples, parents and children are expressly expressed in the Holy Scriptures. The mandates are for our benefits- to help us to enjoy peace, joy and synergism that God built into marriage and to save us from the calamities and regrets of marital unrest or collapse.

Couples, parents and children will enjoy heaven in their homes if they abide and practice these kingdom mandates.

The mandates

Rom.12: 9-21, I Cor. 7:3-5, Col. 3:12-19

Love one another with Jesus' type of love
Show tender heartedness, mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience to each other.
Give allowance for each other faults because no one is perfect
Forgive freely (unconditionally), quickly and totally as the lord forgave you.
Give attention, time, smiles, help and encouragements to each other's.
Be committed to your marriage vows- Malachi 2:15-16.
Pursue oneness- Gen. 2:24.
Respect and honour one and another.
Honor one another above yourself.
Be very courteous in the way you address and treat one another. Eph. 5:21
Pursue peace at all times- Prov. 11:29; Rom. 12:18.
Run far away from sexual immoralities- Ex. 20:14; Matt. 5:27-28.
Ensure excellent sexual relationship. Adjustment to one another's sex needs and satisfy one another sexually.

Power to keep the mandates all your marital life.

Power of the word of God in your heart: Allow the words of Christ to fill your heart.
Power of the word of the Holy Spirit: Be open to the leading and control of the Holy Spirit at all times.
Power of knowledge: Add to your knowledge on marriage on family life through reading and conferences on marital life.
Conclusion:
Kingdom mandate are God's ultimate instructions to guide his children through the ages. Be diligent to guide your mind and deed by obeying and doing the divine mandates so as to enjoy the kingdom harmony, in our homes and overcome sexual temptations and other social vices.

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note for the youth group in the church but may be summarized and combined with outline for couple

KINGDOM MANDATES FOR ALL CHILDREN

Lead Bible References; Eph.6:1-4; Col.13:20; Eph. 5:1, 6, 8)

Introduction

Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. "Honor your father and mother." This is the first commandment with a promise: If you honor your father and mother, "things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth." (NLT).

Above quotation is a biblical mandate for Christian children. The bible contains many of such mandates that will help children to grow up to be able to do valiantly day by day, enjoy daily victory and demonstrate everyday greatness. Some of the mandates are-

Some Kingdom Mandates for young people in particular

Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. Eph 6:1; Prov. 1:8;

"Honor your father and mother." This is the first commandment with a promise: If you honor your father and mother, Eph. 6:2; Ex. 20:12; Prov. 20:20

Eccl 12:1-2; Don't let the excitement of youth cause you to forget your Creator. Honor him in your youth before you grow old and say, "Life is not pleasant anymore."

Fear God- Eccl 12:13

This is giving very high degree loving reverence to God and trying to do what pleases Him out of reverence and love.

It is also being careful and watchful lest you fall into the dreadful wrath of God.

Obey the word of God- - Eccl 12:14.

Keep yourself pure. 1 Timothy 5:22; 2 Timothy 2:22

Avoid bad companionship. Prov. 1:10; 13:20.

Apart from obedience, they must help, assist the parent, care for the parent and bring joy to them. They must keep the good name of their family.

Fulfilling the Kingdom Mandates

Value the mandates

Think more about the benefits than the challenges

Avoid bad company

Read your Bible daily. It will keep you reminded of the mandates.

Trust the Holy Spirit to help you. Do not struggle in your strength only.

Be regular in church. Faith grows by hearing the word of God.

Be prayerful.

The benefits of following this mandate to children

You grow up to be spiritually strong and able to do valiantly day by day, enjoy daily victory and demonstrate everyday greatness.

Conclusion:

Kingdom mandates are God's ultimate instructions to guide his children through the ages. Be diligent to guide your mind and deed by obeying and doing the divine mandates so as to enjoy the kingdom harmony, in our homes and overcome sexual temptations and other social vices.

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DEMANDS OF KINGDOM SERVICE

Introduction:

To all believers, serving God is not an option but a must because that is the reason why we were redeemed from the land of slavery (sinful life) to abundant life in Christ (Exodus 7:16; Exodus 8:1; Exodus 8:20; Exodus 9:1, 13; Exodus 10:3). God therefore desires that we serve Him. However, there are ways God wants us to serve Him so that our services might be acceptable unto Him (Romans 12:1-2) and effective.

Kingdom Service

Generously and willingly doing good and contributing positively to their lives of the people around you with the objective showing the love of God- Matthew 25:35-40; Gal 6:10; 1 Tim 6:18-19

Sharing your things with others- your time, your money, things, and even your life.

Do good to people who are thirsty, give them water to drink in the name of the Lord.

Do good to people who are hungry, give them food to eat in the name of the Lord.

Give dresses to those who naked.

Come to the help of the needy.

Visit them that are in prison.

Comfort the sorrowful. Do not close eyes against them.

Preaching the gospel to all that you have the opportunity to. Matthew 29:21.

Praying for all especially those around you.

For all believers everywhere Ephesians 6:18

For the nation and national leaders 1 Timothy 2:1-2

Contributing to the smooth running and progress of the house and work of God with your talent and with your money.

Very many things and very many hands are needed to keep the house of God running smoothly.

The way to serve God effectively and gainfully

In truth- Be honest with God and your leaders. Avoid eye service and do not be Pharisaic.

In spirit

Do it from or with a spiritually regenerated heart; a mind fixed on satisfying and pleasing God and not people; according to spiritual regulations clearly stated in the word of God; spiritual motivations; without selfish motives of securing position or monetary gain Do it with a spiritual disposition in the honour of God and not careless unserious disposition.

With fear and with trembling

Very high degree loving reverence

Carefulness and watchfulness in respect of snares involved

Sacrificially 2 Cor 4:8-11; 2 Cor 6:4-10; 2 Cor 11:23-30

Readiness to suffer hardship

Readiness to face persecution, mockery

Readiness to forego that which costs you much

With all your heart and with all your soul-

Sincerely,

Faithfully,

Joyfully and 2 Cor. 4:8-11;

Zealously- with an earnest and fervent heart.

With undivided loyalty (without another god in your heart)

With your substance

In season and out of season 2 Timothy 4:2

With courage

With the higher motive of glorifying God. 1 Cor 10:31-32

Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.
