Days of Heaven on Earth Sunday July 7, 2024 Dr. Pete Norris

Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land of which the Lord swore to your fathers to give them, like the days of the heavens above the earth. (**Deuteronomy 11:18, 21 NKJV**)

His seed also I will make to endure forever, And his throne as the days of heaven. **(Psalms 89:29 NKJV)**

And saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel. (Mark 1:15 NKJV)

God's Kingdom is where God is King and He has dominion.

In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. (Matthew 6:9, 10 NKJV)

This means through Jesus we can, live in heaven and on earth at the same time.

Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you. (Luke 17:20, 21 NKJV)

He perpetually wants to bless us and do wonderful things for us.

Let them shout for joy and be glad, Who favor my righteous cause; And let them say continually, "Let the Lord be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant." (Psalms 35:27 NKJV)

And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables? (Mark 4:13 KJV)

And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts. And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended. And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful. And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred. (Mark 4:15-20 KJV)

All four groups heard the Word of God, but it didn't produce the same results for all of them. What happened to each group varied depending on how they received the Word.

Receive means "to come into possession, to act as a receptacle or container, to accept as authoritative and true, to take". We do it by becoming containers of His Word, by accepting it as authoritative and true.

The point of his parable is clear: What we receive from heaven depends on how we receive God's Word!

He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given." (Matthew 13:11 NKJV)

But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides. (Matthew 6:33 AMP)

Seek means "diligently inquire, to ask, to require, or to search". When you seek first God's kingdom, it's the main thing in your life.

MY SON, if you will receive my words and treasure up my commandments within you, Making your ear attentive to skillful and godly Wisdom and inclining and directing your heart and mind to understanding [applying all your powers to the quest for it]; Yes, if you cry out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, If you seek [Wisdom] as for silver and search for skillful and godly Wisdom as for hidden treasures, Then you will understand the reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of [our omniscient] God. (Proverbs 2:1-5 AMP)