

Understanding the Kingdom

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In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight.' **Matthew 3:1-3 NKJV**

Membership is a privilege, but citizenship is a right. King doesn't just show up. He sends a herald ahead to prepare for royal arrival. Jesus didn't talk about His blood. He talked about the kingdom.

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse." **Malachi 4:5-6 NKJV**

"Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," Says the Lord of hosts." **Malachi 3:1 NKJV**

The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God'. **Isaiah 40:3 NKJV**

Preaching means to announce or declare.

For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight.' **Matthew 3:3 NKJV**

From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. **Matthew 4:17-18 NKJV**

Kingdom is the government of a country. Kingdom is the influence of a government in a territory. King and Kingdom and Royal Family. You don't vote Kings into power. They are born into power.

For if because of one man's trespass (lapse, offense) death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive [God's] overflowing grace (unmerited favor) and the free gift of righteousness [putting them into right standing with Himself] reign as kings in life through the one Man Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One). **Romans 5:17 AMPC**

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. **Matthew 4:23 NKJV**

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. **Matthew 24:14 NKJV**

Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." **Mark 1:14-15 NKJV**

Now when it was day, He departed and went into a deserted place. And the crowd sought Him and came to Him, and tried to keep Him from leaving them; but He said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent. **Luke 4:42-43 NKJV**

"For I say to you, among those born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he." **Luke 7:28 NKJV**

And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. **Luke 18:24-25 NKJV**

"Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, "Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of

God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”” **Mark 10:23-25 NKJV**

You are not as rich as the country you are in. You are as rich as the country you are from. You can be born on the earth but not be from the earth.

He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. **Luke 9:2 NKJV**

But when the multitudes knew it, they followed Him; and He received them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who had need of healing. **Luke 9:11 NKJV**

“But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the kingdom of God.” **Luke 9:27 NKJV**

Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God.” **Luke 9:60 NKJV**

“For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.” **Matthew 6:32-34 NKJV**

“And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind. For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things. But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you. Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” **Luke 12:29-32 NKJV**