

THE KINGDOM OF GOD II

In the first part of this message, I emphasized that the whole purpose of the coming of Jesus was to reintroduce the kingdom of God to men.

“And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom” Math 4:23.

The heart of Jesus’s message was the kingdom of God, in his teachings and parables he opened up to us the operations and workings of that kingdom, he taught on faith, love, holiness, giving, hope, forgiveness etc as essential characteristics of the kingdom.

He spoke to us, telling us that the born-again experience was the entrance into that kingdom but it was not the kingdom itself, in the church today we urge people to give their lives to Christ and be born-again, and rightly so then we tell them to start coming to church, to try and live good lives, so that God will bless them and they will eventually make heaven, but we leave them to with no consciousness of this fact, that they are now citizens of the heavenly kingdom and they must live in the reality and understanding of who they are as members of God’s kingdom, see what the Apostle had to say.

“And now behold, I know that ye all amongst whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, Acts 20:25”

The purpose of salvation is not in enjoying the blessings of God, or going to heaven, (these are true benefits of salvation) it is in bringing us into God’s kingdom and making us a people chosen by God who represent his values, who enforce his dominion on the earth and who are zealous for his good works.

Just as Jesus was the revelator of God’s kingdom on earth in his day, so we today through him are revelators of that glorious kingdom.

One day Jesus said to me, ‘Son you need me that you may have life but I need you to live through and work through on earth today’, (Is.53:10)

Today we through the churches seek the ‘blessing’ of God, when God is seeking to send us out into the world to manifest his glory and dominion.

Jesus said,

Seek ye first God’s kingdom and its righteousness, this should be our earnest desire and pursuit, the internalization of the teaching of Christ of the kingdom to which he has called us and the outworking of that teaching on a daily basis.

We who are ministers of the Gospel have a solemn responsibility before God, to understand the nature of our calling within the reality of the kingdom and work to help others live out their callings within this reality.

The message of the gospel is the good news of the kingdom, when the kings dominion is enforced by the power of the Holy Spirit, every other dominion will become subject to it.

Today the kingdom God is within us and as more and more people submit to the Lordship of Christ by our teaching and example, the kingdom grows in the hearts of men, as we disciple them and establish them in the ways of the kingdom, the kingdom becomes more visible.

The day comes when the nations of this earth will become the kingdom of our God and his Christ, until that day may we live daily saying 'Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

