

## The Mystery of the Kingdom

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Matthew 4:17 "From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

Mark 4:11 "He (Jesus) told them, 'The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables.'"

Matthew 5:3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

I. The Kingdom of Heaven is not a New \_\_\_\_\_ Idea

A. The phrases Kingdom of God and Kingdom of Heaven appear \_\_\_\_\_ times in the Gospels.

B. The kingdom of Heaven began in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

1. Man was to \_\_\_\_\_ the earth.

2. Man was to \_\_\_\_\_ over the earth.

3. Man was to enjoy intimate, daily \_\_\_\_\_ with God.

C. God gave man two \_\_\_\_\_ of the Garden or Kingdom. See Genesis 1:28

Genesis 2:15-17 "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. <sup>16</sup> And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; <sup>17</sup> but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

II. Man was Given A \_\_\_\_\_ Choice They had \_\_\_\_\_ on How to Live Their Lives and Exercise their God-Given \_\_\_\_\_.

A. The Tree of \_\_\_\_\_ – a Kingdom based on the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, man, and creation, in which man openly embraces the light.

They all worked \_\_\_\_\_.

B. The Tree of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ - a kingdom based on \_\_\_\_\_, desire, and \_\_\_\_\_ with darkness.

III. The Differences of the Kingdom of Heaven. – Ultimately it's about returning God and man to their original \_\_\_\_\_ structure.

IV. The Steps to Establish a Kingdom

A. Earthly kingdoms:

1. Are established by force.

2. Impose law and enforce the will of the sovereign.

B. The Necessary Steps to Establish the Kingdom of God

Luke 11:2 "He said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come."

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ for sin must precede the Kingdom campaign. See Hebrews 9: 27-28

2. Atonement is made and the **chains** of Satan the tyrant could be broken. See Romans 3:21-26

3. The third step would be to destroy the work of the evil one and establish a means whereby man could live a righteous life. 1 Jn 3:8

C. Why are these steps necessary?

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1. Without a heart transformation, liberated people will always return to \_\_\_\_\_

2. God sent His Son to change man's \_\_\_\_\_ before the final, visible evidence of the Kingdom would come on earth.

D. The seven-fold mission of Jesus to implement the Kingdom.

1. Change how mankind thought about the Father.

2. He must live a sinless life in order to \_\_\_\_\_ the earthly sovereignty of Satan.

3. Jesus would provide a way to \_\_\_\_\_ for sin and redeem the world.

4. He would demonstrate how the Kingdom \_\_\_\_\_ the works of the evil one.

5. He would prepare the way for the Holy Spirit to come and impregnate the world with the leaven of the Kingdom of Heaven.

6. He would live a life that would reveal to mankind how they might \_\_\_\_\_ the Kingdom of Heaven while alive on earth.

7. He would promote \_\_\_\_\_ as the first requirement for the Kingdom to work. The Kingdom of Heaven would expand at the rate of the expansion of righteousness.

See Joel 2:28-29 and Acts 2:2-4."

2 Corinthians 5:17 "If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here!

Matthew 6:33 "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

The Holy Spirit is now available to any believer. Any believer can enjoy the outpouring of the Spirit, experience \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and perform the miraculous.

With a new heart, you're now ready to advance the Kingdom.