

Lecture 4 : The Leader Who Establishes/Constructs the Kingdom of God

The person of vision builds God's Kingdom

► Introduction/ Thy Will be Done on Earth as it is in Heaven

The heart of the Lord's Prayer is "Thy Kingdom Come..*." This person's dream is in God's Kingdom. This person lives focused on the coming of God's Kingdom among all nations, languages, and people. This person sacrifices all his time, money, and heart for the Kingdom. This person doesn't care about method but about principle, not about form but about content, and not about maintaining tradition but about creating a new tradition.

1. Seek first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness

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

The "his kingdom and his righteousness*" here is showing us the reality of God's Kingdom.

God's "Kingdom and his righteousness*" point to Jesus Christ. Through Jesus Christ is God's righteousness revealed and his Kingdom perfected. Through Jesus Christ's coming God's Kingdom has already come; through his life, death and resurrection is God's Kingdom realized; and through the return of Jesus Christ will God's Kingdom be perfected.

With these meanings has God's kingdom already come, is within us now, and will soon come to perfection. The name of Jesus Christ must be lifted up, evangelized and proclaimed to every individual, family, business place, and to our society and people. There is no dream more essential and primary than this.

Allow Jesus to rule in all the spheres of our lives. Jesus Christ is our Lord, and King, and Saviour.

2. The Kingdom of God is not a Matter of Eating and Drinking

"For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.* (Romans 14:17).

The Kingdom of God isn't a materialistic, worldly, or carnal place; it's not of this world. Righteousness, peace, and joy rule in the Kingdom of God. This is a place where the righteousness of Jesus Christ rules, a place where the peace of Jesus Christ rules, and a place where the joy of Jesus Christ rules.

This picture of God's Kingdom coincides with the fruit of the Spirit. The presence and dominion of the Holy Spirit are there. The life we enjoy in the Holy Spirit is the life of the Kingdom of God.

3. God's Kingdom is Perfected Through Love

Love is the perfection of the Law.

"Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law.* (Romans 13:8).

Loving God and loving our neighbor is the core of Jesus* teaching.

...'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.* All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.* (Matthew 22:37-40).

The Kingdom of God is perfected through love.

..Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,... (Matthew 5:44).

God's Kingdom is perfected through love and is related to others through evangelism.

4. The Kingdom of God is Transmitted through Evangelism

Love is the perfection of salvation and evangelism is the method. (1Corinthians 1:21). Jesus* command for us is to make disciples of all nations, to proclaim the gospel, and to teach and raise them.

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.* (Matthew 28:19-20).

Proclaiming the gospel and making disciples is the method for transmitting the Kingdom of God.

... "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.* (Mark 16:15).

If there is no one to preach the gospel, how will God's Kingdom be spread?

"You are witnesses of these things.* (Luke 24:48). There is no more pressing and important work than that of being a witness.

In John chapter 21 verses 15-17 Jesus has said "feed my lambs*, "take care of my sheep*, and "feed my sheep*.

Preaching Jesus Christ to every tribe, tongue, and nation is spreading God's Kingdom and bringing the Kingdom of God to the Earth.

The Kingdom of God spreads like yeast, and the Kingdom of God is for the person who goes out and takes this world. The Kingdom of God lies not in words but solely in power. (1Corinthians 4:20).

5. The Kingdom of God must first be realized within the family and in the Church

The first Kingdom of God was realized in the Garden of Eden. This began with a sinless Adam and Eve.

God's Kingdom is realized through the Church. The church is the body of Christ. The reality of God's Kingdom can be seen within the church. If God's Kingdom is started within the family then the Kingdom of God is perfected in the church.

The relationship between a husband and wife is very similar to the relationship between Christ and the church (Ephesians 5:23-25). The realization of God's Kingdom is begun within the family and the church. If family is not changed and thereby the church is not renewed, then neither society nor the country will be able to change.

The key to the secret behind our country's unification and restoration is in the church. The restoration of the family along with revival in the church is the only shortcut to our society and country's salvation.