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# "Kingdom Living Fact Sheet for the Last Days" (Parts One & Two)

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#### **Introduction: Laying the groundwork for Kingdom Teaching**

For us to understand Kingdom Teaching, we need to understand a few things about what God says about His Kingdom. Did you know that the first and last things that Jesus preached about was the Kingdom of God?

According to the Word of God, God's Kingdom has:

**A King.** Psalm 24 says that our King is the "King of glory". He is "strong and mighty" and He is "mighty in battle". He is also the "Lord of Hosts".

**A Territory.** In Mark 16:15 we learn that the territory of our King is the whole world. "Go into all the world and preach the gospel."

**Citizens.** <u>1 Peter 2:9-12</u> teaches us who the citizens are in God's Kingdom. They are "a chosen generation, royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people..."

**Laws and Government.** In <u>Matthew 28:20</u> we see that as citizens, Jesus taught us to "observe all things that I have commanded you." Our laws are whatever Jesus taught.

One important thing to understand is that God's Kingdom is not in a specific place, but instead it resides in each believer. <u>Luke</u> <u>17:21</u> says "...behold, the kingdom of God is within you."

#### What else do we know about God's Kingdom?

We know that Daniel and Isaiah both prophesied about the Kingdom of God. Daniel said that God's Kingdom would consume other kingdoms and would never be destroyed. (<u>Daniel 2:44</u>) Isaiah told about Jesus being the one to establish the Kingdom of God on the earth. (<u>Isaiah 11:1-10</u>)

#### How does someone get to be in the Kingdom of God?

People enter the Kingdom of God when they ask Jesus to be their Lord and Savior and profess that He is. Once a person does that he is "saved" from eternal separation from God and Jesus comes to live in that person. God's Kingdom is then in them and they are part of God's Kingdom.

Jesus, the Prince of Peace, came to set up the Kingdom of God in the earth. His purpose was to preach the Kingdom of God so people would know. Only Jesus can establish a kingdom of peace. In no other kingdom can there be total peace because they are kingdoms of man.

Jesus wants people to be saved so they can be in God's kingdom. He trained the disciples to teach the things of God's Kingdom all over the earth so that people would come to receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior. The Kingdom of God grows by people coming to profess Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Then they become part of the Kingdom of God.

#### Why is this so important?

It is important that as many people as possible come into the Kingdom of God because when Jesus comes back, those who are not saved and are therefore not in the Kingdom of God will be judged and separated forever from God. God loves all people and doesn't want one person separated from Him forever.

In the earth today, the Kingdom of God, in which manifests the government of God, is rapidly rising in strength and power, while the kingdoms of man are declining in strength and power.

Jesus instructs us in the Word to "seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness" (Matthew 6:33).

We must realize that the Kingdom of God is for us to manifest in the earth right now, as it is in heaven. It is not for a future event, but for this present time. (John 3)

Keep reading below for facts about how to manifest the Kingdom of God in the earth in these last days.

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## Kingdom Living Fact Sheet for the Last Days Part 1

1. The Government of God is the Kingdom of God. It is where the King rules. Remember, the Kingdom of God is in each saved person. (<u>Luke 17:21</u>)

- 2. The Kingdom of God is an Absolute Monarchy. Only the will of the King is important and His every desire is to be fulfilled. (Romans 12:2)
- 3. Who will enter the Kingdom of God? (Only those who have been saved Mt. 7:21-23)
- 4. In order to develop a Kingdom Mindset we must allow the Holy Spirit to set us free from a false religious mindset in our thoughts, speech and actions. (Mt. 6:19-33; Rom 12:12)
- 5. The kingdoms and governments of mankind that are not aligned with the Kingdom of God are rapidly decreasing and losing strength; while the government and Kingdom of God is increasing in strength and power. (Is. 9:6 & 7; Dan. 2:44; Dan. 7:9-14)
- 6. There are 5 operations of authority in the earth today:
  - Original Authority (This is Jesus Mt. 28-16-20);
  - Delegated Authority (The Church <u>Acts 1:8</u>);
  - Clothed Authority (To be filled with power from Heaven <u>Luke</u> 24:46-49);
  - Illegitimate Authority (Authority not under His Authority Mt. 8:9-17);
  - Counterfeit Authority (Those bound with witchcraft and controlling spirits - Acts 16:13-17)
- 7. The foundation of any Kingdom is the authority of it's King. Jesus received all authority from the Father and upon this authority is constituted the Kingdom of God. (Mt. 28:16-20)
- 8. In order for us to impart (to give or convey) the Kingdom of God that resides in the believing believer's life, we must allow the Holy Spirit to fill us with His ability to receive:
  - Spiritual Vision
  - Discernment
  - the Power of binding and loosing
  - Claiming of territory that God has assigned us to take

- 9. A true Kingdom believer:
  - Is filled with the power of the Holy Spirit
  - Speaks the Word of God with boldness and authority
  - Is involved in corporate prayer and intercession
  - Releases the power of the name of Jesus
  - Believes in and is committed to sacrificial giving
  - Walks and lives in the fear of the Lord
  - Is a worshipper and gives praise to God continually
- 10. In order to develop a Kingdom mindset, we must allow the Holy Spirit to set us free from a false religious mindset. (Mt. 6:19-33; Rom 12:12)
- 11. In claiming the territory that God has assigned for us to take we must:
  - Move from a defensive position to an offensive position
  - Confront and defeat the enemy through the Power of God's Word;
  - Walk in the fullness of the Holy Spirit;
  - Determine to do God's Will regardless of the cost;
  - Know that we have been called and sent by God;
  - Practice what we preach and release our faith for total restoration.
- 12. Man's efforts to bring peace on the earth are futile and impossible to accomplish, because there can be no lasting peace until the Prince of Peace comes forth.
- 13. Jesus is the only one that can establish a Kingdom that manifests the peace and government of God; therefore, the impostors that proclaim that they can bring forth hope to mankind without Jesus are actually operating in the spirit of antichrist.
- 14. The Kingdom of God has absolutely nothing to do with the kingdoms of this world; therefore, as the Kingdom of God begins to manifest and come forth the world and the spirit that controls it will begin to persecute and attack those who lift up the standards of the Kingdom of God.
- 15. Kingdom believers are:
  - Empowered by the Holy Spirit

- Endowed for Service
- Established with the Fullness of Christ
- Equipped with the Supernatural

#### **Part Two**

Last month our subject was the basics of Kingdom Living for the Last Days. This month, we're focusing on Kingdom Living for the Last Days in more depth. This is an exciting time to be a child of the Living God on the earth.

God our Father has given a Mandate of the Millennium to His children on earth. Remember that His children are those who confess salvation and have made the Lord Jesus Christ the Lord of their lives. (Romans 10:9)

The Mandate of the Millennium is to prepare the earth for the coming of the Father. We are to accomplish this by bringing the nations to righteousness. (1 Corinthians 15:24-28)

What does that mean, to bring the nations to righteousness?

It means simply that believers of Jesus Christ are called to populate our Father's Kingdom before He comes back to the earth, and to destroy the works of the devil. (Mark 16:15, 1 John 3:8)

If we ask Him to, God will put people in our paths who need to be saved and you will be able to share the love of Jesus Christ with them. As more and more people come to receive God's free gift of salvation through the sacrificial death of Jesus, the earth is being cleansed of unrighteousness, or evil. Once a person has made the decision to be saved by confessing with his mouth the Lord Jesus and believing in his heart that God has raised Him from the dead (Romans 10:9), that person is born again in Jesus.

With that new birth, all of God's children are instructed in His Word to live according to the standards of the Kingdom of God (Matthew 5:1-12).

For those willing to live by these standards, we are being trained and prepared to rule and reign in the Millennium, the thousand year reign of Jesus on Earth (Revelation 20:1-6).

In populating the Kingdom of God and destroying the works of the devil, we are preparing the Kingdom for Jesus Christ to come back to earth as the ruler God's Kingdom for the thousand year reign.

Then after a time, Jesus will deliver the Kingdom to God, His Father after He has destroyed every ruler and authority and power of darkness. (1 Corinthians 15:24)

The foundation of God's purpose is awesome, to bring heaven and earth together.

Scripture says it this way:

"...having made known to us the mystery of His will...that He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth" (Ephesians 1:9-10).

As God joins the heavenly and earthly realms together into His Kingdom on earth, His purpose is for Jesus to come back to establish this Kingdom over all the earth. God's purpose has always been for His people to live together with Him on the earth in this way (Revelation 21:3).

What is meant by the heavenly and earthly realms?

The heavenly realm speaks of the spiritual realm where the presence of God is openly manifested. The earthly realm speaks of the physical realm where human processes, emotion and physical sensations are experienced (Colossians 1:10-22).

As humans, our physical bodies reside in the earthly realm.

Presently, the heavenly realm is where God and Jesus reside. Our Father God, when Jesus was sacrificed on the Cross, gave Jesus all authority on the earth and then He gave Jesus to be the head of the Church.

There's an important relationship to see here: To our Father, we are His sons; to the Son, Jesus, we are the bride of Christ; and to the Holy Spirit, we are the Church that manifests the Kingdom of God.

The Church is God's chosen vehicle, or way, to release His Kingdom throughout the earth for eternity. (Ephesians 1:15-23)

In order for us to release, or manifest, God's Kingdom here on earth, our Father in heaven determined to give us every spiritual blessing from the heavenly realm so that we could rule the earth in great power and blessing as we are filled with love as His children:

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved." (Ephesians 1:3-6)

As Kingdom citizens, we are being restored back to the original plan of God as He established in the beginning - a family that would rule all creation with Him:

"And God said, Let us make man in our image...let them have dominion...over all the earth... God said unto them, 'Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion...over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.'" (Genesis 1:26-28)

"And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him." (Daniel 7:27)

"...For all things are yours; whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's." (1 Corinthians 3:21-23)

It is important for us to keep in mind in these last days that in the heavenly or spiritual dimension, God's Kingdom lives in us. (<u>Luke 17:21</u>) Throughout history, Israel has focused on the earthly dimension of the Kingdom, without the heavenly. (<u>Acts 1:6</u>)

On the other hand, Christians have focused on the heavenly dimension. We as the Church are now receiving the divine revelation that the heavenly dimension will impact the earthly dimension, and we will forever live in what is declared in Revelation 21:3:

"And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.'"

And actually, the heavenly dimension is already impacting the earthly dimension.