

The Gospel of The Kingdom

"THIS GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM SHALL BE PREACHED IN THE WHOLE WORLD AS A TESTIMONY TO ALL THE NATIONS, AND THEN THE END WILL COME.

(MATTHEW 24:14)

BEING COMMISSIONED

- ▶ These twelve Jesus sent out after instructing them: "Do not go in *the way of the Gentiles*, and do not enter *any* city of the Samaritans; but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. "And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' "Heal *the sick*, raise *the dead*, cleanse *the lepers*, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give.
- ▶ (Matthew 10:5-8)
- ▶ "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven."
- ▶ (Matthew 16:19)

Impact of the Kingdom

- ▶ **Matthew 4:23** Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people.
- ▶ **Matthew 9:35** Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.
- ▶ **Mark 1:15** and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Obedience to the call

- ▶ And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the book and found the place where it was written, "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED,
- ▶ (Luke 4:17-18)
- ▶ "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven *will enter*.
- ▶ (Matthew 7:21)

Only one true Kingdom

But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

(Matthew 6:33)

We need to be the right kind of leaven

He spoke another parable to them, "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three pecks of flour until it was all leavened."

(Matthew 13:33)

And He was giving orders to them, saying, "Watch out! Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod."

(Mark 8:15)

An exhortation

- ▶ Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness, and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. For if these *qualities* are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these *qualities* is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten *his* purification from his former sins. Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.
- ▶ (2 Peter 1:5-11)