

# **The Gospel of the Kingdom of God**

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## **Introduction**

The term ‘gospel’ is used in churches every week, but very few people understand what this term means! The word gospel simply means “good news”. One of the downfalls of Christianity today is that we do not explain what this Kingdom is or why people need to be apart of it!

Most preachers will acknowledge that there will one day be a 1,000 year reign of this Kingdom of planet earth. Jesus Christ will be at the head of this government. Very few, if any preachers, discuss what this Kingdom will be like and what we as believers will do during this reign of peace and righteousness.

Our behavior and lifestyle is supposed to be governed by God’s Kingdom. This Kingdom has righteous laws that will bring forth health and prosperity (both physically and spiritually) to our lives and the lives of others. It manifests today through the supernatural realm. Learn about this Kingdom and how to experience it today!

## The Gospel of the Kingdom of God

When our Savior, Jesus Christ, came to earth, He said, “The time has come...The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!” (Mark 1:15) Jesus talked about a Kingdom that was coming. That was the central focus of His ministry. His sermons and teachings give us details about that Kingdom. When we repent for our sins and receive Him as our Savior, then we enter into that Kingdom. What does the gospel of the Kingdom of God mean, and how do we experience that Kingdom today?

Before we can really understand this good news, we must understand the historical background behind Jesus’ words. The Roman Empire ruled the Promised Land (and most of the Mediterranean world) in Jesus’ lifetime (approximately 4 BC to 31 AD). The ministry of Christ began around 27 or 28 AD.

Just before His ministry began, the Romans had a time of peace and prosperity under the Emperor Augustus. All debts recorded in Rome were burned. There was plenty of food in the empire. They had peace from all of their enemies. This led many people to call Augustus the “Savior” of the Roman Empire. People began to proclaim the “good news” of the Roman Empire. The Greek term they used for good news was *euangelion*. There were songs written about Augustus, and his fame spread far and wide. Jesus preached the good news of the Kingdom of God. He used the same Greek word, *euangelion*, to describe God’s Kingdom. The term gospel is a word which simply means “good news.”

The gospel was not just a message with spiritual meaning; it also carried political ramifications. It stirred up the Romans because this gospel was about a different kingdom. This is why so many Roman Emperors over centuries have tried to destroy Christianity. They saw the gospel message about the Kingdom of God and its supreme ruler in opposition to their own kingdom. This was a true assumption on their part! The gospel message is in opposition to the idea that human governments can be supreme.

Today, the world thinks that it can solve all of its problems by human intervention. We think that by human government and effort, we can make the world a better place. We are trusting in man. Our political leaders are trusting that other nations will solve their problems peaceably and not resort to war. The Romans wanted to spread the message that the Roman Empire would take care of all their needs, provide military protection, and give them hope for their future. When the gospel of the Kingdom of God was being proclaimed, it was a challenge to Roman dominance in the lives of people. Instead of looking to people and human effort to provide for our needs, we are to look to the Almighty God. Instead of relying on human government, we are to rely on the Government of God.

Jesus was trying to focus people's thoughts away from the earthly toward the spiritual, Heavenly realm. As Paul wrote, "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth" (Colossians 3:2, NKJV). By accepting Jesus Christ, we enter into a Kingdom where our needs are provided for. Jesus said in Matthew 6:25-33, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. **But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.**"

When we seek the Kingdom of God, our needs will be provided for. We also learn from Jesus' words a proof of God's existence: God exists because He knows our needs and will meet them. People in other religions (which Jesus called pagans), have to run after and search for food and clothing. They are worried about their daily needs. Why is this? They do not serve the one true God that created all things. They are trying to achieve these things by human effort alone to meet their needs. We should always do our part (faith without works is dead –James chapter 2), but those that belong to God's government receive supernatural intervention for their needs!

Human governments obtain legitimacy by offering to provide for basic human needs. Instead of forcing you to run after basic needs, they want to be your provider! Think for a moment about the things that human governments promise us. 1) food or money (food stamps and welfare); 2) healthcare for those times when you are sick; 3) protection from foreign enemies; 4) freedoms defined by law. God's Kingdom provides all of these things as well. Jesus made the promise in Matthew 6:25-33 that our physical needs would be met. There is a built-in healthcare system in His Kingdom where we can pray for the sick and they are healed (Matthew 4:23). He promises to protect us from our enemy, Satan the devil (Luke 10:19, John 17:15). He also has a righteous body of laws that guide our daily lives (James 1:26-27, Isaiah 2:1-5).

Human governments want to take your children and teach them right from wrong. They want to train us to think a certain way so we can be subject to the state. The Lord promises to teach us all things through the Holy Spirit (John 14:26). Part of Jesus' gospel message is that we no longer have to put our trust in human governments when it comes to our needs. Our focus is re-directed to the Heavenly Father. Being citizens of the Kingdom of God means that we are a part of a different world entirely that defies the natural realm; it defies the normal way of doing things. Our provision, our behavior, and our lifestyle will be opposed to the world as it is today. God is preparing us for the world tomorrow!

## How Do We Enter into this Kingdom?

Jesus said, “My **kingdom** is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my **kingdom** is from another place” (John 18:36). The Kingdom of God is not of this world. We have been raised in a world that does things according to the kingdoms of this world. We do what we want and go where we want when we want to do so. The problem is that the kingdoms of this world teach us to live contrary to God and His instructions for us, the Holy Bible. For us to enter into the Kingdom of God, we must do something that is not of this world! In Matthew 4:17, Jesus said, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” The word repent means “a change of mind” or to “turn to God.” To enter into a Kingdom that is not of this world, we must make a decision to change the way we think and live. This is the meaning of repentance. We must turn to the way of life that pleases God. We must decide to leave the ways of the kingdoms of this world and turn to the Kingdom which is from above.

The first step in repentance is to realize that we have transgressed the Laws of His Kingdom, which are embodied by the Ten Commandments. We have each lied, stolen, worshipped other gods, had idols in our lives, committed fornication and adultery, committed murder, broken God’s Sabbath, and other sins. This sin caused the death of God’s Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus was beaten for our sins and He died. However, He came back to life three days and three nights later. Death could not hold Christ because He never transgressed the Laws of the Kingdom. His sinless life kept Him permanently tied to the Kingdom which is from above. This means that this world could not hold Him, and the natural death of this world could not hold Him. When we realize we have gone contrary to the Laws of His Kingdom, we ask God to forgive us. We must believe that Jesus died for us and resurrected from the dead to bring us into His Kingdom. This will bring about a changed life. It will bring the Kingdom of God into your life.

To make this tremendous transition, repentance is required. When we become poor in spirit, we can receive the Kingdom of God. Jesus said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:3). This verse does not refer to physical prosperity. It refers to being poor in spirit. Poor in spirit means seeing your own spiritual poverty. This means you can see the need for God in your life. Poor in spirit means we see our own inadequacies and downfalls. It is seeing where you hurt others and God. We must come to the realization that the kingdoms of this world will not suffice for us, especially our own kingdom of SELF! We must see that something is missing! We must see that the life we are living is not satisfying us; we must see the need for God's Kingdom and the divine order that this Kingdom brings. Until that happens, we cannot enter into it.

When we come to a place of spiritual poverty, it enables us to see the need to repent. At this point, we receive the Holy Spirit of God. This makes us His children, and we are begotten of God. In John 3:3, Jesus said, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." The Greek word translated as born is *gennao* and it can also mean begotten or conceived. Just as the sperm of a man joins with the egg of a woman to form a new child, so we are a new creature in Christ when the Holy Spirit of God (God's seed) comes together with our human spirit. As Paul wrote, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" (2 Corinthians 5:17). We are conceived in Christ at salvation. The process of trials in life is to form the character of God in us. It is to bring us from the earthly to the Heavenly. Since humans are earthly, for us to enter into a Kingdom that is Heavenly is the greatest miracle of all! We are begotten of God at salvation; we are born again as a Kingdom, glorified being in the resurrection of the dead.

True repentance will bring about behavior that is constructive towards other people and constructive towards the things of God. You will desire to live by everything written in God's Kingdom instruction book, the Holy Bible. Too many times Christians are destructive towards the things that are Godly. We fight to destroy

the things we do not understand, even if it is from God. This is not the Kingdom of God. It is the kingdom of the devil. The things of the devil should be destroyed, but the things of God should be honored.

When we receive the Holy Spirit, we enter into the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God also enters into us. Jesus said that "... the kingdom of God is within you" (Luke 17:21). When the Kingdom of God is within us, we enter into all the benefits of that Kingdom. We also agree to come under the rule of that Kingdom with its Way of Life. As a child of God, the Holy Spirit in us desires to live in opposition to the kingdom of SELF. The way we want to live must be sacrificed and completely surrendered to God before we can enter into the Kingdom of God. In our sinful nature, we are selfish. In God's Kingdom, we must be selfless.

## **Kingdom Manifestation**

The Kingdom of God in a believer is the greatest miracle we will ever experience. It is the transformation from earthly to heavenly, from material to spiritual. How do we show this Kingdom to others? Power is how the Kingdom of God enters into this natural world. Because this world has set ways and fixed laws, it requires power from another world to cause true change. In I Corinthians 4:20, Paul said, “The Kingdom of God does not depend on talk, but on power.” People like to talk at church. There are committee meetings, business meetings, personnel meetings, etc. There is a lot of talk in churches today. Talk is not what gets the gospel of Christ out. It is the power of God that advances His Kingdom purposes. The word power can have different meanings based on its usage and context in the Bible. There are different manifestations of power discussed in the Bible. They are used by God to advance His Kingdom purposes.

It requires power from another source for us to resist the natural course of this world. When we belong to a Kingdom that is not of this world, we will receive Heavenly power to overcome normal human problems. The first manifestation of power in our lives should be the power of salvation, which is a changed life. For us to transition away from rebellion and towards living for God, it requires power. It requires an intervening force. When we go from being a thief to a giver, that is God’s power manifesting. It is contrary to natural way of humans and this world. When a person goes from drunkenness to sober and sound-minded, then that is God’s power manifesting. The natural course of humans is to be selfish and hurt others. These mindsets are destructive.

We each experience hurt, pain and suffering. Most people live their entire lives in these strongholds. The actions of most people spring from these mindsets. Only God can free us. The natural mind is contrary to God’s Law (Romans 8:4-8). His Law is spiritual (Romans 7:12-14). To change where we love others and desire to see them grow comes only from God. Change in the natu-

ral world comes only through God's sovereign power.

The day-to-day procedures of the Kingdom of God are established first by His Law and Word. Secondly, they are administered in the world through the supernatural, spiritual manifestations of the gifts of the Spirit. Words of Wisdom, Words of Knowledge, Discerning of Spirits and Prophecy explain how we are to officiate and apply the entire Word of God in this world (the entire Word of God meaning every book of the Bible from Genesis through Revelation). They help us to distinguish right use from wrong use. The gifts of another kind of faith, Healing and the Working of Miracles bring forth the provision of the Kingdom. Different Kinds of Tongues and Interpretation of Tongues assist in directing the provision and policies to the right individuals.

In our world, politics is defined as "Who gets what when where and why?" It is the distribution of scarce resources. The vast abundance of God's Kingdom will be poured out through many people to many people. You must realize that as a member of God's Kingdom, He wants to use YOU as an instrument of change in this world and in the lives of others. He uses the Spirit of God to bring this forth into people's lives. I would like to focus on one particular aspect of this Kingdom that the Lord is going to bring about through His children: healing.

If you are injured, the natural course of life is for you to nurse your injury until you recover. God has created the Body with a degree of repair that corrects injuries. The Kingdom of God defies the natural realm. Therefore, by proclaiming the Kingdom to others, there will be manifestations that defy the natural realm. Consider someone who has a broken arm. When you pray and they receive healing, then their healing is a sign of the God's Kingdom to that person. It is an invitation and a wooing from God to enter into the World of Tomorrow. This is reiterated by Christ's own words. In Luke 10:9, Jesus said, "Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'" To see a change in Creation is a sign that the Kingdom of the Creator is

## **What Will the Kingdom Be Like?**

There will be a day when this Kingdom will rule planet earth. The Kingdom that is in us will be let out of us and begin to manifest in its fullness.

In the near future, a seven-year time period will come upon the earth. It is divided into two parts: the Great Tribulation and the Wrath of God. Each of these time periods are 3 ½ years (3 ½ plus 3 ½ equals 7). During this time period, God is judging the earth. A remnant of humanity will be left alive after this time.

After the seven years have passed, the Kingdom of God will PHYSICALLY rule the earth for 1,000 years. The Kingdom of God is now spiritually manifesting on earth, but when this millennial reign begins, it will have physical control of the entire world. It will be the only governmental system on planet earth. Jesus Christ will be the Head of this government, and His children will rule under Him.

“1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, 3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a

thousand years” (Revelation 20:1-6).

Just before the Millennium begins, satan and his angels are bound and cast into the Abyss. The Abyss is a special dungeon reserved for satan and his angels. This is found in Revelation 20:1-3. The deceiver of mankind will be locked up and prevented from tempting mankind for 1,000 years! This will unlock a time of obedience and prosperity never seen before on planet earth.

At the time when the Millennium of Christ begins, those who are Christians will already be Spirit beings in glorified bodies. This means we will be like the angels in that we cannot reproduce. We will not be able to die. We will be like Jesus our Savior (I John 3:1-3). However, the survivors of the wrath of God will still have physical bodies. This means they can still have children. During this 1,000 year period, they will repopulate the earth. This means we will spend this special reign on earth teaching them and their descendants the Law of God! Since Jesus Christ will be ruling, there will be a time of peace that the world has never seen before. The Bible tells us more:

“In the last days, the mountain of the Lord’s temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and peoples will stream to it. 2 Many nations will come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.’ The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. 3 He will judge between many peoples and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. 4 Everyone will sit under their own vine and under their own fig tree, and no one will make them afraid, for the Lord Almighty has spoken” (Micah 4:1-4).

In Micah 4:2, it says that the Law will go out from Zion and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. Zion is the church of believers

(see Hebrews 12:22-24). This shows us that the Kingdom of God will be ruled by spiritual authority (Zion) based from a physical location (Jerusalem). These verses go on to say that many nations will come and ask YOU and I (His Children) to teach them God's ways! The nations will REPENT and enter into the Kingdom! These are the people who have survived the Wrath of God! They have been disobedient to God, but have learned their lesson. They will enter into covenant with Him (see also Zech. 2:10-11).

The survivors of the nations will be ready to be taught the Law of God. We will be their teachers! The Bible says that we are a Kingdom of priests (I Peter 2:9, Rev. 1:5, 20:4-6). A priest's duty is to distinguish clean from unclean, common from holy, and teach all the decrees of the Lord (Leviticus 10:10-11, Ezekiel 44:23). We will teach them the entire BIBLE from Genesis through Revelation! They will ask us how to celebrate the Feast Days of Leviticus 23 since they do not know. How glorious it will be to teach God's way to the whole world without any Satanic opposition!

Today, there are different churches with different beliefs. Some worship this way and others worship another way. In the Kingdom of God, we will all worship the same Father in the same way through one Son. The Feasts of the Lord will be celebrated worldwide by all peoples (see Ezekiel 46:1-14, Zechariah 14:16). We will all worship the same Father in the same way so that Christ is all in all through us (John 17)! This way of life will carry over into the final phase of God's plan, the New Heavens and the New Earth (Isaiah 66:22-23).

In Micah 4:3, the Lord mentions how we will settle disputes for many nations. The nations who survive the Wrath of God are going to have ancient hostilities toward each other. For instance, the Tutsi and Hutu tribes of Africa have committed atrocious acts toward each other. In 100 days, the Hutu militias killed between 800,000 and 1 million Tutsi's. This has become known as the Rwandan genocide. We, the children of God, are going to have to settle the disputes between these nations. The Bible says that the

nations of the world will beat their swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks. The nations of the world are going to see peaceful mediation as a more attractive alternative than going to war. The petty disputes we have between each other now are preparing us to handle the disputes of entire nations! They will have arguments over water rights, natural resources, and boundaries. We will have to be able to resolve them. That is why the peacemakers are called the children of God. His Children will be ruling in the Kingdom, and they must be people able to administer peace on planet earth. Nations will not even train for war during the Millennium!

Every person will have their own vine and fig tree. In other words, every person will be provided for. The Millennial Reign of Christ will be the greatest time of prosperity that has ever existed on planet earth. No one will have the thought to try to take from someone else because everyone will have plenty! There will be no fear that someone else will take from you and no fear that you will be taken from. A world without fear! Imagine that! Satan will not be there to stir strife between mankind. Satan will not be there to tempt us to fight each other or fight against God.

The Lord speaks about this time further in Isaiah 11:6-9: “6 The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. 7 The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. 8 The infant will play near the cobra’s den, and the young child will put its hand into the viper’s nest. 9 They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.”

In verse 8, Christ says that the infant will play near the cobra’s den. The Hebrew word used for an infant means a child that is still nursing. Literally, this refers to a baby that has just been born! This is referring to children born during the Millennium! Why would they play near the nest of a snake? This seems unrea-

sonable.

They will play near the nest of a snake because they will have NEVER known a world where snakes attacked people. The entire system of reproduction and consumption will be different because there will be a completely different attitude during this time. The attitude that covers the earth now is the attitude of devouring. Creatures are constantly devouring each other. To prevent from being wiped out, animals have to reproduce as many of their kind as possible. Devouring is part of the curse on animals that came from the Garden. The curse on the animals will be lifted during this time so that they stop devouring each other!

The knowledge of the Lord comes from His Law (Hosea 4:6, Romans 2:20). The knowledge of the Lord is going to cover the world to the extent that even the animal life will come under the Law of Love! They will operate according to an attitude of cooperation and love. Adam named the animals in Genesis. He did not have to worry about them biting or attacking him. It will be this way in the Millennium.

During the Wrath of God, there will be much devastation on planet earth. Mountains and islands will be removed from their places. Part of the earth will be burned up. In doing this, God is preparing things for the 1,000 year reign of Christ! First of all, the mountains will have to be removed so that there can be level weather patterns on earth. Mountains create fertile ground on one side of it and desert on the other side. When the mountains are removed, the verses will come to pass that speak of the dry ground becoming fertile and the desert blossoming with trees and flowers. The islands will be removed because the Kingdom of God promotes interpersonal communication. Many of the people in our society who are deviant are social recluses. Nations on secluded islands are typically very poor. The Lord wants everyone to be within a reasonable distance so we can share the wonderful blessings of God. In burning up the earth in the Wrath of God, Christ will be burning up many of the areas covered with ice and tundra. All of these tremendous changes to the planet are to make

room for the great numbers of people to be born during the Millennium!

Not only will there be a consistent rain pattern on earth that will allow for more fruitful land, but only the obedient will receive rain. In our current age, rain falls on the just and the unjust (Matthew 5:45). Zechariah 14:16 says that those who fail to go to Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles in the Millennium will not receive rain! Only those who obey will receive rain. The disobedient will have to turn to the obedient to receive food. It will not take long for them to start obeying!

God's government will be a government of plenty and give people opportunities to climb out of poverty. Every family will be given a permanent inheritance. You will be allowed to take your plot of land and do whatever brings you the most joy in life! Land can be used for any pursuit in life. You must have land for farming, to have a building for a business, for office space, and many other ventures. If you look at your desires for this life, it involves needing land. Every person will have an equal opportunity to make a living doing whatever brings them the most happiness and God the most glory. If a person has a bad year and has to sell their family inheritance, they will receive fair pay for it.

People will no longer take a huge financial loss just to get rid of property! The Law requires fair pay for land (see Leviticus 25:14-17). Also, in the Jubilee year (every fifty years), families will be able to return back to their inheritance. Debts will be cancelled every seven years. These laws will prevent continual debt and generational poverty which have plagued modern societies. These laws promote freedom and prevent people from taking advantage of others.

There will be no prisons. In God's government, if a person cannot pay a debt or steals money, he will be required to work as a servant until he pays the debt or repays what was stolen. This means people who owe money will have to work alongside people who are successful. This will allow them the opportunity to learn how

to be successful themselves so that they no longer have to resort to stealing! No more will people go to prisons and learn how to become more criminal. When criminals hang around other criminals it makes people worse criminals because our companions influence our behavior (Proverbs 13:20). God wants us to spend time around people who have wholesome thinking and who are successful so that we can be successful ourselves. This means people will not be isolated. Thieves, for instance, will be working alongside the people they stole from so that they can have an appreciation for what it takes to acquire goods. The whole purpose of treating criminals this way is so that they can be rehabilitated through hard work and personal relationships.

There will be no welfare in God's Kingdom, but the poor will be allowed to glean the edges of the fields and whatever is left behind by harvesters. This means that the poor will have food to eat, but they will have to work to earn it. There will also be a third tithe taken up in the third and sixth year of a seven year cycle. This will prevent people from having a continual dependence on others every year or from having a dependence on the government. Third tithe will simply be a boost to help you get your life back on track. You will have to appear to collect it and meet other people. It will not simply be a check impersonally mailed to you. It will be amazing to see Saints of God, perhaps even Ruth and Boaz, waiting at a place where third tithe is distributed and choosing people to come back to their farm to learn how to be successful! But that is the attitude of the Kingdom of God: "Find someone else who needs to be taught God's way and teach them. Help them move from lack to abundance." God's Kingdom is all about finding other people who need to be trained to be successful and teaching them how to be! The purpose of these laws is so that thieves, debtors, and the poor will be able to interact with successful businessmen and become successful themselves, just like convicted prisoners. With these laws, you can see that God is trying to develop relationships, which is a basic human need. Many criminals, debtors, and malcontents in our society have been isolated, neglected, rejected, or had a lack of meaningful relationships. During the Kingdom of God, all humans will have the op-

portunity for meaningful relationships with other people and with their Creator.

These social safety nets will be vital to the prosperity available in the Kingdom of God. The rule of law will also be consistent so that people can prosper and justice is administered. Penalties will be carried out swiftly and judges will rule fairly. Judges will not take bribes, so rulings will be based on the facts of the case. Christ will also require judges to render decisions consistently based on the facts of the case. There will not be huge lottery-type lawsuits for people who are injured. Every person will be compensated justly and properly for their losses. The punishment will fit the crime. One of the biggest problems in American society is frivolous lawsuits. If we would eliminate them, then all of our lives would be easier! Christ will oversee the entire system of law so that it is administered properly! As you can see, all of these laws are designed for freedom, happiness, and fairness.

We learn about the way Christ will judge in the millennium in Isaiah 11:3-5: “And shall make him [Christ] of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.”

Jesus is not going to judge by His natural senses. In nations today, there is favoritism in justice. There are judges that make decisions based upon political motivations. Sometimes laws are enforced unevenly based upon the people involved. At other times, persuasive speech of a lawyer prevents the guilty from being punished. If a judge is dealing with two parties and hates one of them, then they rule based upon personal feelings. They do not weigh the evidence of the court. In the Kingdom of God, Christ will judge every person based upon the Law of God. He will not allow the outward appearance of a person, their persuasive speech, false

humility, or hearsay to sway Him! There will be no more favoritism. He will use spiritual discernment and the evidence of the case to administer the judgments of the Law of God. We will be expected to judge the same way! This means we must learn to judge that way right now! The entire world will be held by the exact same standard. Laws will not vary from country to country like they do now. Corrupt Roman law will definitely not exist!

In Isaiah 11:9-10, the Lord discusses this further: “They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.” It is clear from these verses in Isaiah that the Gentiles will not just half-heartedly come to God (like many people act today). They will eagerly seek God. They will be appreciative that He healed them from judgment after the Wrath of God. They will be appreciative that He gave them the option to receive life.

Because God’s Kingdom is spiritual, it supercedes time as we understand it. This allowed us to enter into and participate in that Kingdom before it manifests in the fullness on planet earth. We can participate in and share that Kingdom now. This is the good news Jesus came to preach.

Now, it is time for you to take your place in the Kingdom (next chapter).

## **Your Place in the Kingdom of God**

Now it is time for you to take your place in the Kingdom of God. As described in the last chapter, this Kingdom is wonderful. It will change your life. To learn more about this amazing journey, we have developed a series of short, easy to understand booklets. And a recommended reading order for them. This is booklet number 2 in the discipleship series, so this series will start with booklet #3.

All of these booklets can be download it for **FREE** off our website [www.hungryheartsmistry.com](http://www.hungryheartsmistry.com). Go to the FREE RESOURCES page and then you will find this booklet.

### **Booklet #3: Our Hebrew Roots**

The term “Hebrew Roots” refers to getting back to the way of life lived and taught by the early disciples. It involves changing how we think, how we live, and how we worship God. It is the Way of life taught and lived by Jesus Him-self! Learn more about your Hebrew Roots!

### **Booklet #4: Understanding the Bible – Beginner’s Edition**

The Bible is how you will learn about the Kingdom of God and your new way of life. We usually recommend an easy to read version like the New International Version or the New King James Version. The Bible will be a great source of strength in times of trouble and a reliable witness when you need to make important decisions.

### **Booklet #5: Essential Keys to Prayer**

Prayer is how you will communicate to God. You can ask for instruction, strength, help, and guidance through prayer. God’s Spirit lives within you as a child of God. This means you have constant communication and fellowship with Him.

### **Booklet #6: The Sabbath**

Jesus is called Lord of the Sabbath (Matthew 12). The Sabbath is from Friday sunset to Saturday sunset. It is a time where we rest our bodies, minds, and emotions from the rigors of everyday life. We also receive a spiritual refreshing from God by worshipping Him. This one day will make a huge difference in your life.

### **Booklet #7: Spiritual Warfare**

The moment you are saved, you enter into a battle between the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of the devil. In this booklet, you will learn about the battle you face as a believer as well as ways to fight back. Learn how to survive the testing of your faith!

### **Booklet #8: The Dietary Laws**

There are certain animals, discussed in Leviticus 11, that help us maintain our physical health so that we can live long, healthy lives. Following them will protect us spiritually as well and give you strength to overcome.

### **Booklet #9: Tithing and Giving**

If you are still working, then you have an income from your job or career. In your new Kingdom life, there is a special way to handle money that will help grow the Kingdom and help you be joyful in God's presence.

### **Booklet #10: The Lord's Feasts**

There are three festive times of the year. Each of these festive seasons has specific days that we celebrate. In this booklet, you will learn the Biblical significance to celebrating these special times of the year.

### **Booklet #11: The Heart of Worship**

Worship is a condition of the heart that results in action, specifi-

cally a changed life. There is a certain approach to worship that we must take if we want to receive the full benefits of honoring God in this special way. In this booklet, you will learn the basics of worship in a church service setting.

### **Booklet #12: The Baptism of the Holy Spirit**

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is an overflowing of God's Spirit within you. This Baptism will impart to you a new language that will help you communicate to God. It will help you understand him even better and assist you in discerning His will for your life. Your passion for God will grow. Spiritual gifts and a calling will then manifest in your life. This will increase your living witness for His Kingdom.

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## Meet the Author

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