

The Kingdom of God!

Now and Not Yet?

KJV Psalm 145:13 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

King David wrote this song—David saw God as his LORD and King, he understood that his rule and reign on earth was to be an extension of Gods sovereignty.

Jesus in teaching His disciples to pray tells them to pray for God's Kingdom to come and that His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

KJV Matthew 6:9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

The Kingdom of God is the sovereign rule of God on earth! A king has a kingdom where His word is all powerful and He has no equal.

KJV Matthew 3:1-2 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,

2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Repentance and faith in Jesus Christ gets us into The Kingdom of God!

NIV Luke 17:20 Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation,

21 nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is within you."

All earthly kingdom began when someone conquerors another's land and subjugates the people forcing them to obey their laws.

God's Kingdom begins in the heart that submits to Christ's love for them and their willingness to submit to His Word (Law of love).

This is what Jesus means by "The Kingdom of God is within you"

God's rule begins as we submit to His Word and allow Him to govern every area of our lives.

As we submit to His Word it changes our hearts and minds—we think differently about ourselves, our families, our neighbors and our jobs.

As this happens God's power is released in these areas of our lives and His Word has the final say making Him sovereign.

The Kingdom of God affects our world view—how we look at and respond to world events.

We know in the end *"The kingdom of the world becomes the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever."*
Rev 11:15

This is why Jesus said in ^{KJV} **Mark 16:15-16** *Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*

16 *He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved* (and enter The Kingdom of God); *but he that believeth not shall* (remain in the kingdoms overthrown and) *be damned.*

David saw God as his LORD and King, he understood that his rule and reign on earth was to be an extension of Gods sovereignty.

David saw his defeating the Jebusites, Moabites, Syrians, Edomites, Ammonites and the most popular the Philistines as expanding the (rule) Kingdom of God and Israel.

Jesus said *"If I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you"*. **Matthew 12:28**

Dispossessing (**taking back**) territory from the enemy; whether it be people, lands or systems and giving control to God is expanding The Kingdom of God!

^{KJV} **Luke 19:12** *He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.*

13 *And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, **Occupy till I come.***

Meaning **do business and expand my kingdom** until I return!

He gives each servant the same amount of money (the same measure of faith) and tells them to use it to increase the Master.

It's every believer's responsibility to **do kingdom business** (reach the lost, renew our minds, subdue systems, cast out devils, take territories & love people) until Jesus returns.

“However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

Luke 18:8b

When Jesus returns I want Him finding us occupying, using our faith to expand his Kingdom?