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Scripture Study

Jesus spent much of His earthly ministry teaching about the kingdom of God and how it works. He taught us to seek first His kingdom and His righteousness. Christians for the most part have no idea what it means to seek first the kingdom, and a large percentage of those that do, aren't doing it. There are a lot of religious ideas about what it means to seek the kingdom. All of which make God's Word ineffective. Most professing Christians live their entire life filled with confusion, fear and lack. Jesus taught as a result of seeking the kingdom there would be provision for everything we would ever need. If there is need of provision then the kingdom is not ruling your life in that area.

In this study we are going to look at some of the laws and principles that govern the entire kingdom of God. Once we learn how the kingdom is governed, the only thing left for us to do is build our lives upon these laws and principles. Once we have dug deep and laid our foundation on the Word we can expect consistent results when it comes to receiving from the Word of God. Nothing in God's kingdom is accidental or mysterious. "For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad." (Mark 4:22) "And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, "(Eph 1:9)

John 3:3-6

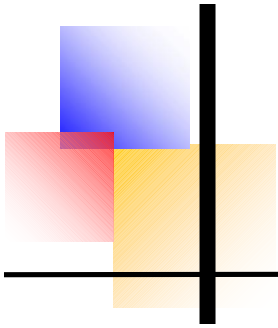
3 In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

4 "How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!"

5 Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. (NIV)

- † Entrance into the kingdom happens when we are made a new creature. The law of Genesis says that every seed will reproduce after it's own kind. God cannot reproduce sin. He reproduces righteousness and true holiness. "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." (1 Peter 1:23) "Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir." (Gal 4:6-7) We are children of almighty God, therefore heirs and residents of the kingdom.



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John 18:36

Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place." (NIV)

† The kingdom Jesus is referring to here is the kingdom of heaven which is a physical kingdom. A place we will one day see and feel. A place where only righteousness dwells.

Luke 17:20-21

20 Asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He replied to them by saying, The kingdom of God does not come with signs to be observed or with visible display,

21 Nor will people say, Look! Here [it is]! or See, [it is] there! For behold, the kingdom of God is within you [in your hearts] and among you [surrounding you]. (AMP)

† Jesus is not talking about the physical kingdom of heaven. He is talking about the sphere of God's rule. This is the kingdom of God and it supersedes anything we can see or feel. In order to learn about this unseen kingdom we must study the Word of God by faith. (Read the definition of kingdom on page 4.)

Luke 12:32

Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. (KJV)

† Our Father is not just giving us the kingdom, He receives great pleasure by making the kingdom ours.

John 8:23

But he continued, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world."
(NIV)

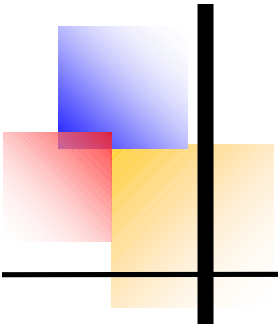
† Jesus is the head we are the body. If the head is not of this world how can the body be of this world? We are in the world but not of it.

Colossians 3:1-3

1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. (NIV)



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✠ If the old man died and you were made a new creation, then you are risen with Christ. We are to set our hearts on things above where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. We have access to the throne of God. We are not controlled or made subject to this world, for we live in the Kingdom of God NOW! "So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." (2 Cor 4:18) Kingdom laws are higher than natural laws.

2 Peter 1:3-4

3 His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. (NIV)

✠ He has made His divine power available to us. This power will provide everything we need for life and godliness. This kingdom provision comes through the knowledge of Him. Not just knowing about Him but knowing Him. He goes on to say that the precious promises were given so that we may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption that is in this world. There is no corruption in the world that is from above.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. (KJV)

17 So that the man of God may be complete and proficient, well fitted and thoroughly equipped for every good work." God has provided everything we could ever need in this earthly life. (AMP)

Matthew 6:25-34

25 "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?

26 Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

27 Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?

28 "So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin;



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29 and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.
30 Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?
31 "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'
32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.
33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.
34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble. (NKJV)

- ✠ There are unseen physical laws that are immutable which means, not subject or susceptible to change. Physical laws keep our entire universe working consistently in order. Take away the law of gravity and see what happens. There are unseen spiritual laws that are in effect as well. It is human nature to give more credence to things we see than to things we do not see. We can't see the law of gravity but once we are aware of what it is and how it works we can see its effects everywhere we look. There are unseen laws in the kingdom of God that control every aspect of life and death. All provision comes from the kingdom. "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Phil 4:19)
- ✠ Jesus didn't say that food and clothing were not important. He said that life was more than this. If we seek the life we have been given in Him instead of always identifying with the life we received from Adam, we would be walking in the kingdom provision now in this world. Jesus said to seek His righteousness and in the same breath He said to seek His kingdom. We will never walk in the fullness of the kingdom provision until we learn to walk in the righteousness of God.

Matthew 10:39

Whoever finds his [lower] life will lose it [the higher life], and whoever loses his [lower] life on My account will find it [the higher life]. (AMP)

Matthew 7:21-23

21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.
22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?
23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. (KJV)



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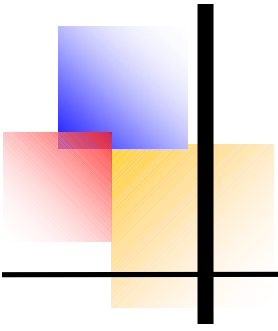
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- ✠ Be a doer of the sayings of Jesus and obey the Word. Make a quality decision to apply the Word to your life. There is much more to the Word of God than do's and don't. It is the hand book of life. It covers everything in this world and in the world to come. Make the Word of God the final authority of your life! Whether we look like it or feel like it, if the Word says we are, than we must be. If the Word says we have it, than we must have it. If the Word says do it, than do it. If we will agree with the Word and be a doer at all times and in every situation, we can live in the kingdom of God now.

Word Study

Kingdom (Greek Word) basileia #932 is primarily an abstract noun, denoting "sovereignty, royal power, dominion, denoting the territory or people over whom a king rules.

- ✠ The Kingdom of God is the sphere of God's rule. The earth is a place where lawlessness and rebellion against God is common. At any time the Lordship of Jesus is acknowledged God begins to declare His purpose and establish the kingdom in the individual's life. Through the gospel God calls upon men everywhere, without distinction of race or nationality, to submit voluntarily to His rule. In this way the kingdom of God doesn't come by observation but is found within and is spiritually discerned.
- ✠ Entrance into the Kingdom of God is by the new birth and is made evident by obedience to the Word and Will of God.



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Study Questions

1. What did Jesus tell Nicodemus?
2. Summarize the Greek word basileia.
3. Using the definition of basileia to assist you expound on Luke 17:20-21.
4. Summarize 2 Peter 1:3-4.
5. What causes us to be perfect and thoroughly furnished?
6. According to Matthew 6:25-34 provision comes as a result of doing what?
7. Expound on Matthew 7:21-23.
8. What did God reveal to you as you studied?

Extra Blessing

(Study To Show Yourself Approved Unto God 2 Timothy 2:15)

Ephesians Chapters 1 and 2