

## The Gospel of the Kingdom is More Than Salvation

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Today we shall deal with the topic of **The Gospel of The Kingdom is More Than Salvation**.

Let's turn to **Mat 3:1-2** –

### I. The Kingdom of God Is At Hand

**Mat 3:1** *In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,*

**Mat 3:2** *And saying, **Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.***

Then turn to **Mar 1:14-15** –

**Mar 1:14** *Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,*

**Mar 1:15** *And saying, the time is fulfilled, and the **kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye and believe the gospel.***

Let's note the following important points from these verses that we just read.

- a. John the Baptist was sent to prepare the way for Yeshua by preaching the need for repentance. By proclaiming that the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand, he was pointing to Yeshua as King.
- b. Yeshua described His own preaching as the 'gospel of the Kingdom of God'
- c. Yeshua preached the need for repentance in order to receive the Kingdom of God.
- d. This passage shows that the Kingdom of Heaven is the same as the Kingdom of God.
- e. Yeshua is presented as both King and God.

Then we go to **Luk 17:20-21** –

### II. The Kingdom of God is Within [Among] You

**Luk 17:20** *And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:*

**Luk 17:21** *Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.*

- a. Yeshua revealed the Kingdom of God in His disciples [among them]
- b. The time for the physical manifestation of His Kingdom had not yet come, as He told Pontius Pilate:

Here we refer to **Joh 18:36-37** –

**Joh 18:36** *Jesus answered, “**My kingdom is not of this world.** If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.”*

**Joh 18:37** *Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “**You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.**”*

c. Yeshua did not deny His Kingship of Heaven and of the Jewish nation:

**Joh 18:33** So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “**Are you the King of the Jews?**”

*Joh 18:34* Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?”

d. Yeshua will inherit the throne of His forefather, King David:

**Luk 1:30** And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

*Luk 1:31* And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.

**Luk 1:32** He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David,

**Luk 1:33** and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”

Next, let us look at how the Kingdom of God was manifested in the ministry of healing and deliverance that both Yeshua and His disciples did. Let's look at **Mat 9:35** -

### **III. Kingdom of God: Healing & Deliverance**

**Mat 9:35** And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom, and **healing every sickness and every disease among the people.**

Then **Mat 10:1** –

**Mat 10:1** And He called to Him His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction.

Then **Mat 10:5-8** –

**Mat 10:5** These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans,

*Mat 10:6* but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

**Mat 10:7** And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’

**Mat 10:8** Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.

- a. Yeshua demonstrated the arrival of the Kingdom of Heaven by healing the sick and casting out demons
- b. He also instructed and gave authority to His twelve disciples to preach the gospel of the Kingdom with great signs of healing the sick including lepers, raising the dead and casting out demons.
- c. We have been translated from the kingdom of darkness to the Kingdom of the Son of God:

For those of us who have come to Christ, we have been translated from the kingdom of darkness to the Kingdom of the Son of God.

This clearly laid out by Paul in **Col 1:13-14** –

**Col 1:13** *Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:*

*Col 1:14* *In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:*

Let's look at what Yeshua said about the Kingdom of God after the resurrection. Refer to **Act 1:2-3** –

#### **IV. Post Resurrection: Yeshua Spoke of the Kingdom of God**

**Act 1:2** *Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:*

*Act 1:3* *To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:*

It is very important to note that, before He ascended to Heaven, during the days after His resurrection until ascension, He was concerned with teaching His disciples the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

It may interest you to note that the early church also preached the gospel of the Kingdom. Look at **Act 8:12** –

#### **V. Early Church Preached The Gospel of The Kingdom**

**Act 8:12** *But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.*

Then go down to **Act 28:30-31** –

**Act 28:30** *And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him,*

**Act 28:31** *Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.*

- a. The deacon Philip preached the gospel of the Kingdom of God, not merely Christ crucified and resurrected.
- b. Likewise, Paul preached the gospel of the Kingdom of God.

How many preachers have you heard nowadays preaching the Kingdom of God or preaching the Kingdom of Heaven? You do not hear of this. Why?

Next, we want to remember what Paul wrote that flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. It means in our present human bodies, we cannot enter the Kingdom of God. Look at **1Co 15:50** –

#### **VI. Flesh & Blood Cannot Inherit the Kingdom of God**

**1Co 15:50** *Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.*

**Note:** this verse informs us that the Millennial Kingdom will not be the ultimate Kingdom of God because natural, sinful people will populate it along with the resurrected and raptured saints. We know this because, at the end of the 1000-year reign of Christ, Satan, upon his release from the Pit, will instigate a massive rebellion against Christ.

Next, and then the end shall come. How, when and at what point? Turn to **Mat 24:14** –

### **VII. And Then The End Shall Come**

**Mat 24:14** *And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.*

You notice it does not say this gospel of salvation will be preached to the end of the world for a witness and then, the end shall come. It says preaching the gospel of the Kingdom. Now, of course, we shall not know or we do not know when this event will occur. Only Yahweh knows.

Next, let's go to what John wrote in **Rev 14:6-8** –

### **VIII. The Everlasting Gospel & Judgment**

**Rev 14:6** *And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,*

**Rev 14:7** *Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.*

**Rev 14:8** *And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.*

Firstly, the everlasting gospel is the same as the gospel of the Kingdom because we are told in Revelation 14:7 to fear God and give Him glory. 'Fear' Him means to reverence Him, treat Him with awe and tremendous respect, give Him glory and worship Him. And it says, "For the hour of His judgment is come." He is King of Kings, Lord of Lords. He is God. He is in charge of all the world.

Secondly, the angel is portrayed as preaching this gospel: that suggests to me, through the medium like radio, TV, YouTube and social media.

Next, we noted earlier that Yeshua said His Kingdom is not of this world. In **Joh 18:36-37** –

### **IX. Not of this World**

**Joh 18:36** *Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.*

**Joh 18:37** *Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. **Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.***

**Note:** at His trial and crucifixion, Yeshua was not yet ready to reign over the kingdoms of the world.

But He said something very important to Pilate. He said: for this cause [to be king], came I into the world. He was born for this purpose to show the world that 'I am King', not just King of the Jews but King of all the world.

Next, let's go to a scene depicted in **Dan 7:13-14** –

#### **X. The Kingdoms of this World**

**Dan 7:13** *I saw in the night visions, and behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.*

**Dan 7:14** *And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.*

Next, to **Rev 11:15** –

**Rev 11:15** *And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.*

#### **Note:**

- a. at the sound of the 7th Trumpet, a global proclamation will be made by the Angel to proclaim Yeshua as rightful King over the world
- b. this will cause all the nations of the world to send their armies to Israel at the Valley of Megiddo, otherwise known as Armageddon, to try and defeat Him.

Another important point to note from Daniel's account is the description or the term given to Yeshua as 'Son of man'. In the Gospels, Yeshua referred to Himself frequently as 'Son of man'. He was pointing us to Daniel 7 where the Son of man will be given the kingdoms of this world. And you can see that His usage of this term 'son of man' really caused the Pharisees to get so worked up in opposition to him because they believed He was an impostor who tried to portray Himself as King of all the world.

Next, look at the millennial kingdom in **Rev 20:4-5** –

#### **XI. The Millennial Kingdom**

**Rev 20:4** *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.*

**Rev 20:5** *But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.*

As I mentioned earlier, this Millennial Kingdom, which will last for 1,000 years, is not the ultimate Kingdom of God or Kingdom of Heaven. For we saw what Paul said, that flesh and blood cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven. But they will be able to enter the millennial kingdom because the survivors of Armageddon will be able to get into the millennial kingdom along with the resurrected saints and raptured saints.

The ultimate will be the heavenly Jerusalem in **Rev 21:1-3** –

#### **XII. The Heavenly Jerusalem**

**Rev 21:1** *And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.*

*Rev 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*

*Rev 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.*

Then turn to **Rev 22:3** –

***Rev 22:3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:***

**Note:** after the present world and heaven are destroyed, there will be a new Heaven and new Earth. The New Heaven, named New Jerusalem, will descend upon the new earth.

What must we do now? Well, Yeshua instructed us in **Mat 6:33** –

### **XIII. Seek His Kingdom And His Righteousness First**

***Mat 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.***

In **Rom 14:17** –

***Rom 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.***

- a. We are to seek first the Kingdom of God
- b. His Kingdom is a Kingdom of righteousness, peace and joy

Next, what are the qualifications required for us to enter the Kingdom of Heaven?

### **XIV. Qualifications To Enter The Kingdom**

- a. Repent
- b. Born of Water & The Holy Spirit

First point, repent.

Second point, we must be born of water and the spirit. As **Joh 3:5** informs us –

***Joh 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.***

In an earlier video, I explained that being born of water is to be washed by the water of the word, to be made spotless so that you and I can become the Bride of Christ. It is not just water baptism that will bring this about but the washing of water by the word and washing of regeneration as Paul put it. As we learn the Bible we obey and are made clean.

Next, note what Yeshua told us at the sermon of the mount in **Mat 5:10** –

- c. Persecution

***Mat 5:10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.***

If we come under persecution but do not give up our faith, we shall be privileged to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. Certainly, when the antichrist appears and if we refuse the mark of the beast on the forehead and forehead and get martyred in the process, we shall have direct entry into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Another qualification is that we must be like little children. Refer to **Mat 19:14** –

d. Like little children

**Mat 19:14** *But Jesus said, suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.*

Yeshua was pointing to little children, to their hearts and to the fact that little children can be corrected easily. They can be taught and they will learn. Hence, we must have the heart of a child: with meekness and humility to receive the things of the Kingdom.

Another important qualification that Yeshua mentioned is also in the sermon on the mount in **Mat 5:3** –

e. Poor in spirit

**Mat 5:3** *Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Poverty in spirit is described as having the heart of a child with humility and meekness.

What about His commandments? Look at **Mat 5:19-20** –

f. His Commandments

**Mat 5:19** *Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.*

**Mat 5:20** *For I say unto you, that except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.*

We are to have proper regard, respect for, and obedience to the commandments of God.

Next, what about doing His will? Look at **Mat 7:21-23** –

g. Doing His Will

**Mat 7:21** *Not everyone 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.*

**Mat 7:22** *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?*

**Mat 7:23** *And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

In some other translations, Mat 7:23 says “depart from Me you lawless people” [people without commandments and people without laws].

Just to sum up briefly what is the gospel of the kingdom?

#### **XV. Gospel of the Kingdom**

- a. It is more than a gospel of salvation
- b. We must acknowledge the Kingship of Yeshua
- c. A Kingdom has laws [commandments] to be obeyed
- d. We must submit to the Will of the King
- e. There will be a day of judgment by the King
- f. There will be rewards [eternal life] and punishment [eternal death, Hell]

There will be a day of judgment by the King whereby He will judge people on the basis of His commandments. There will be rewards of eternal life and punishment of eternal death or hell. The choice is ours.

Shalom my friends.