

Your Kingdom Come

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Matthew 6:9-13 (NKJV) ⁹In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as *it is* in heaven. ¹¹Give us this day our daily bread. ¹²And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. ¹³And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

This prayer, taught to the Disciples by Jesus, can lead us into revelation about God and about ourselves.

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Your Kingdom Come

- Reveals God's Domain
- Reveals God's Authority

What is God's Kingdom?

God's Kingdom is His Domain. KingDom = King's Domain. Therefore, God's Kingdom is His rule and government. It is His sphere of authority.

Romans 13:1-2 (NIV)

¹Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. ²Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.

- All authority is from God.
- Not everyone in authority acts righteously, so Jesus will judge them by the sword when he returns to earth.
 - **Isaiah 11:1-4 (NIV)** ¹A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. ²The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him-- the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD-- ³and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; ⁴but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

The Kingdom is Our True Message

The following scriptures show that the Message of the Kingdom was the message that led to the First Coming of Jesus, it was the message that Jesus preached, it is the message that His disciples are to preach, and it is the message that will usher in His Second Coming.

Matthew 3:1-2 (NIV)

¹In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea ²and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

- John was the forerunner for Jesus to come to the earth the first time.

Matthew 4:17 (NIV)

From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

Matthew 10:6-8 (NIV)

⁷As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.' ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

- This was Jesus speaking to His disciples, and the message is the same for us today.

Matthew 24:14 (NIV)

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

- Christ's Second Coming is the end spoken of here, and the Gospel of the Kingdom is what will usher that in.

How Do We Preach the Kingdom?

The scriptures we just read paint a pretty clear picture of how to preach the Kingdom.

- Repent
 - To repent is to change one's mind, to admit wrong and turn to what is right.
 - The kindness of God leads us to repentance
 - **Romans 2:4 (NIV)** Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness leads you toward repentance?
 - So, the preaching of repentance must come with a display of the kindness of God.
- How do we display God's kindness?
 - Kindness is always based in truth:
 - So, the preaching of repentance would never come with the glazing over of truth to shield people's feelings.
 - However, it also comes with meekness and humility.
 - Heal the sick
 - Raise the Dead
 - Cleanse lepers
 - Cast out demons
 - Give freely
- It is important to note that the Gospel of the Kingdom isn't just saying that "Jesus died for your sins."
 - This is what we commonly refer to as "the gospel of salvation," which is only part of the Gospel.
 - The Gospel of the Kingdom proclaims and demonstrates that God has authority over the powers of this world and the powers of the heavens.
 - The Gospel of the Kingdom also proclaims the second coming of Jesus to reign on the earth as King.

How Does His Kingdom Come?

First of all, it will always come with Shaking, and it comes both Now (Progressively) and Completely upon Christ's Return.

With Shaking

When God is establishing His Kingdom, whether progressively through us now or finally upon Christ's victorious return, He will shake everything that can be shaken so that only what is established on His Kingdom can stand.

Hebrews 12:18-29 (NIV)

¹⁸You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; ¹⁹to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, ²⁰because they could not bear what was commanded: "If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned." ²¹The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, "I am trembling with fear." ²²But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the

living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, ²³ to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the judge of all men, to the spirits of righteous men made perfect, ²⁴ to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. ²⁵ See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven? ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." ²⁷ The words "once more" indicate the removing of what can be shaken--that is, created things--so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for our "God is a consuming fire."

- Everything that can be shaken will be shaken and removed
- The Kingdom that we are receiving cannot be shaken; therefore, we should desire to remove everything from our own lives that does not submit to God's government

Haggai 2:6-9 (NKJV)

⁶ "For thus says the Lord of hosts: 'Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; ⁷ and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations [Jesus], and I will fill this temple with glory,' says the Lord of hosts. ⁸ 'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the Lord of hosts. ⁹ 'The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,' says the Lord of hosts. 'And in this place I will give peace,' says the Lord of hosts."

Isaiah 2:12-22 (NIV)

¹² The LORD Almighty has a day in store for all the proud and lofty, for all that is exalted (and they will be humbled), ¹³ for all the cedars of Lebanon, tall and lofty, and all the oaks of Bashan, ¹⁴ for all the towering mountains and all the high hills, ¹⁵ for every lofty tower and every fortified wall, ¹⁶ for every trading ship and every stately vessel. ¹⁷ The arrogance of man will be brought low and the pride of men humbled; the LORD alone will be exalted in that day, ¹⁸ and the idols will totally disappear. ¹⁹ Men will flee to caves in the rocks and to holes in the ground from dread of the LORD and the splendor of his majesty, when he rises to shake the earth. ²⁰ In that day men will throw away to the rodents and bats their idols of silver and idols of gold, which they made to worship. ²¹ They will flee to caverns in the rocks and to the overhanging crags from dread of the LORD and the splendor of his majesty, when he rises to shake the earth. ²² Stop trusting in man, who has but a breath in his nostrils. Of what account is he?

- These two passages of scripture make it clear what the shaking will accomplish that occurs when the Lord is establishing His Rule upon the earth.
 - Jesus will be glorified
 - The nations will be drawn to Him
 - The temple of the Lord be filled with greater glory than ever before
 - The high and lofty will be humbled
 - Everything that is not under God's Kingdom Rule will be destroyed.

Progressively Now

So, how do we live our lives in order to establish God's Kingdom now?

- Through Humility and Brokenness
- Through demonstration of power

- Through becoming like children

Humility and Brokenness

Follow the progression through these next few verses with me in order to see how we establish God's Kingdom. It has to do with God's Glory.

Luke 17:20-21 (NIV)

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."

- Jesus explains here that the Kingdom of God is inside of us.

John 17:20-26 (NIV)

²⁰ "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: ²³ I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. ²⁵ "Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

- Here Jesus is praying for us, and he makes at least two claims:
 - He is within us
 - He has given us the Glory that the Father gave Him

Psalms 145:10-13 (NIV)

¹⁰ All you have made will praise you, O LORD; your saints will extol you. ¹¹ They will tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, ¹² so that all men may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. ¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made.

- Here we see that the Kingdom, which is within us, is full of Glory and Splendor

Isaiah 6:1-9 (NIV)

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

- Here the angels explain something to us:
 - God is Holy, holy, holy
 - The earth is full of God's Glory!
- Where is this Glory that fills the earth?

- Is it visible to our eyes right now?
 - NO...it is within us.

Habakkuk 2:14 (NIV)

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

Isaiah 11:9 (NIV)

They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

- Both of these scriptures describe a time when God's Kingdom is already established on the earth.
- One of the key attributes of that time is that the Knowledge of God and His Glory will cover the earth as the waters cover the seas.
- This Glory can be Revealed and released through us!!!

Romans 8:17-25 (NIV)

¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. ¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with **the glory that will be revealed in us.** ¹⁹ The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

- So, how do we release this Glory and, therefore, help in establishing God's Glorious Kingdom?
 - Through Suffering with Christ we share in His glory
 - How did he suffer?
 - Through Humility and Brokenness.
 - **Philippians 2:5-11 (NIV)** ⁵ Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped [or something that He had to cling on to], ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross! ⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
 - If we are humble and broken, then what is inside of us will be able to come out—the Glory of God, His Christ, and His Kingdom!!!

Demonstrating God's Power

Matthew 12:28 (NIV)

But if I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

- Exercising God's power over the demonic is proof of God's Kingdom coming near.
- So, we release God's Kingdom through operating in the Power of the Holy Spirit

Becoming Like Children

Matthew 18:3 (NIV)

And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 19:14 (NIV)

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

- Becoming like little children is what allows us to come to the Kingdom of God.
- How do we do this?
 - Through faith in Jesus we become Children of God (Galatians 3:26).
 - Through Humility — like little children
 - Through Trust — like little children
 - Through Purity — like little children

And Yet to Come

The Millennial Reign of Christ

Jesus will return and establish His Kingdom on this earth. This time of Kingdom Establishment will last for 1,000 years (thus "Millennial Reign"), what happens after that is not addressed within the confines of this study. There are several scriptures that present this idea and give some explanation of what that time will be like.

Revelation 11:15-19 (NIV)

¹⁵The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever." ¹⁶And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷saying: "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign. ¹⁸The nations were angry; and your wrath has come. The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your saints and those who reverence your name, both small and great-- and for destroying those who destroy the earth." ¹⁹Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant. And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a great hailstorm.

- We see through this passage of scripture that the Kingdoms of this world will be turned over to God and become part of His Kingdom

- Jesus is returning to earth to take over all the Kingdoms of the world and establish His Kingdom everywhere.
- He will reign Forever!

Isaiah 9:6-7 (NIV)

⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

- Once again we see that Jesus (the child that was born) will establish the Government or Rule of God and that it will increase and last Forever!
- “On David’s throne and over his kingdom” shows that the center of God’s Kingdom will be in Jerusalem.

Isaiah 2:1-4 (NIV)

¹This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: ²In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. ³Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house 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. ⁴He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. 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.

- Here we see again that Christ will rule from Jerusalem and the nations of the world will come to Him to learn His ways.
- Of course, the establishment of His government fully throughout the earth will be a process, and the last enemy that needs to be defeated for the fullness of His Kingdom to be realized is death.
 - **1 Corinthians 15:19-26 (NIV)**
¹⁹If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. ²⁰But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²²For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.
 - **1 Corinthians 15:49-54 (NIV)**
⁴⁹And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven. ⁵⁰I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed-- ⁵²in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³

For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. ⁵⁴When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

- We see through this passage of scripture that the final enemy to be destroyed at the culmination of the fullness of God's Kingdom is Death.
- There will be no more death when God's Government is fully realized throughout the entire earth.

Isaiah 11:1-16 (NIV)

¹A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. ²The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him-- the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD-- ³and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; ⁴but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. ⁵Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist. ⁶The 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. ⁷The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. ⁸The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest. ⁹They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious. ¹¹In that day the Lord will reach out his hand a second time to reclaim the remnant that is left of his people from Assyria, from Lower Egypt, from Upper Egypt, from Cush, from Elam, from Babylonia, from Hamath and from the islands of the sea. ¹²He will raise a banner for the nations and gather the exiles of Israel; he will assemble the scattered people of Judah from the four quarters of the earth. ¹³Ephraim's jealousy will vanish, and Judah's enemies will be cut off; Ephraim will not be jealous of Judah, nor Judah hostile toward Ephraim. ¹⁴They will swoop down on the slopes of Philistia to the west; together they will plunder the people to the east. They will lay hands on Edom and Moab, and the Ammonites will be subject to them. ¹⁵The LORD will dry up the gulf of the Egyptian sea; with a scorching wind he will sweep his hand over the Euphrates River. He will break it up into seven streams so that men can cross over in sandals. ¹⁶There will be a highway for the remnant of his people that is left from Assyria, as there was for Israel when they came up from Egypt.

- Here we see an incredible picture of what the earth will be like when Jesus has established His Kingdom here.
- God will gather all of His chosen people (the Jews) to Himself—those of us who were Christians upon Christ's return have already been taken up into the air, given immortal, glorified bodies, and have now returned to reign with Jesus on the earth during the time period that these scriptures describe (Revelation 20:6, Revelation 5:10, Revelation 22:5, II Timothy 2:12, Romans 5:17).
- There will be such peace established that animals will not even devour one another anymore and little children can play next to deadly snakes and have no fear of harm.
- This will be the most beautiful time that anyone living has ever seen.
- However, it is possible to miss out on the beauty of Christ's Kingdom being established...

What will keep us from Inheriting this Kingdom?

The words in the following scriptures may seem harsh, but I am sobered by them — words like “don’t be deceived” and “I warn you” and “these will not inherit the kingdom.” We must truly take these things to heart. We are receiving this Kingdom if we are born again, but those whose lives look like what is represented in these passages of scripture have set themselves against God’s Government.

Galatians 5:15-26 (NIV)

¹⁵ If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. ¹⁶ So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. ¹⁷ For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law. ¹⁹ The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

Galatians 6:7-10 (NIV) ⁷ Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. ⁸ The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. ⁹ Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (NIV)

⁹ Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes [*malakos*—a term used for homosexuals] nor homosexual offenders ¹⁰ nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Ephesians 5:1-8 (NIV)

¹ Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. ³ But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. ⁴ Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. ⁵ For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person--such a man is an idolater--has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. ⁷ Therefore do not be partners with them. ⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.

○ The three preceding passages of scripture are summed up in the following:

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- I warn you, do not be deceived, for of this you can be sure:
 - This leaves no doubt of the validity of what is said.
- That the following types of people will NOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD:
 - Those who live a life of:
 - Sexual Immorality
 - This can include many things from Lust to sexual promiscuity to looking at pornography
 - Impurity
 - Debauchery
 - Or wickedness and corruption
 - Idolatry
 - This can be placing anything into a place of honor before God...even a false image of who He is.
 - Witchcraft
 - The Greek word that we translate into “witchcraft” is the word that we get our word “pharmacy” from. This indicates that drug use can be included in this kind of behavior.
 - Hatred
 - Discord
 - Or being in conflict or continually argumentative
 - Jealousy
 - This is actually a lack of trust in your relationships with others that makes you feel threatened by their other relationships.
 - Fits of rage
 - Selfish ambition
 - Or living life for yourself
 - Dissensions
 - Factions
 - Envy
 - Or always longing for what others have and not being content with what you do have.
 - Drunkenness
 - Orgies
 - Adultery
 - Male Prostitution
 - This was connected with Idol Worship with homosexual sex rituals
 - Homosexuals
 - This includes any sort of sexual conduct with the same sex.
 - Theft
 - Greed
 - Slander
 - Making a practice of defaming other people.
 - Swindlers
 - One who gets monetary or other types of gain through deceptive means.
 - Obscenity
 - Things that offend morality.
 - Foolish Talk

- This can include deception, fooling others for the fun of it, and not guarding your tongue in many other ways.
 - Coarse Jesting
 - This can include sexual jokes or sexual hand and body motions. Especially, but not exclusively, toward the opposite sex.
 - “And the like”—meaning this may not be a comprehensive list.
- All of these things can be traced back to Self-Centeredness.
- Of course, this does not mean that if you have ever gotten drunk or that if you tell a dirty joke that you have automatically been excluded from any inheritance in God’s Kingdom.
- What it does mean is that if you live a lifestyle of any of these—if you practice any of these things—and are not allowing God to change you, then you are at the mercies of God and in danger of not inheriting His Kingdom. Death and Destruction is reserved for those who do not inherit His Kingdom.
- It is for Him to judge and no one else, but Do Not be Deceived.

A Quick Reminder

Hebrews 12:25-29 (NIV)

²⁵ See to it that you do not refuse him [Jesus] who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven? ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." ²⁷ The words "once more" indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for our "God is a consuming fire."

- We cannot refuse Jesus and receive this Kingdom.
- Everything that is not based on this Kingdom will be shaken and destroyed.
- Since we are receiving this Kingdom we should worship God.

In Summary

- God’s Kingdom is His Domain or His Government (Governmental Rule).
 - KingDom = King’s Domain
- The establishment of this Kingdom Now and the truth of Christ’s return to establish it forever is the central point of the Church’s message.
 - As demonstrated by John the Baptist, Jesus, and His Apostles.
- His Kingdom comes in at least 2 ways:
 - Progressively Now—through salvation, healing, deliverance, and any display of the power of the Holy Spirit to turn men to God
 - Completely Upon Christ’s Physical Return to Earth—when Jesus establishes the Kingdom fully throughout the Earth by taking over all the Kingdoms of this world.
- It is possible to not Inherit this Kingdom by refusing Christ and living a life of Self-Centeredness.
- Since we are receiving this Kingdom we should always worship God.