

The Kingdom of God

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In the beginning, God created the kingdom of the world for humankind. He gave everything in the world to Adam and Eve to dominate and govern as their perfect home. However, Adam went against God and obeyed satan, transferring his ownership of the world to the enemy.

The kingdom of the world and the kingdom of God separated, and since that time satan has ruled over the world and its inhabitance.

Jesus came into the world to restore what the enemy had stolen. He preached for all who would hear that there was another kingdom available to all who would believe: the kingdom of God.

There are two distinct kingdoms in operation today: the kingdom of darkness, governed by satan; and the kingdom of God, governed by Jesus. Every person is under the authority and influence of one of the kingdoms.

The two kingdoms is not a concepts or an allegory. They are real. And Jesus invites every person to join Him and becoming a citizen of the kingdom of God and to then live by its laws.

Read the verses below (all from the NKJV) and ponder some what the Bible teaches about the kingdom of God (also called the kingdom of heaven). Open your mind and your heart to your new citizenship and accept your role as member of the family of God and as a citizen of heaven.

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- But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Matthew 6:33*
 - But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. Matthew 12:28*
 - And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. Matthew 19:24*
 - Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said to Him, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you. Matthew 21:31*
 - "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. Matthew 21:43*

- [Jesus Begins His Galilean Ministry] *Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." Mark 1:14-15*
- *And He said to them, "To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables. Mark 4:11*
- [The Parable of the Growing Seed] *And He said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. Mark 4:26-27*
- [The Parable of the Mustard Seed] *Then He said, "To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we picture it? Mark 4:30*
- [The Transfiguration of Christ] *And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power." Mark 9:1*
- *And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire. Mark 9:47*
- *But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." Mark 10:14-15*
- *Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, "Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Mark 10:23-25*
- *Now when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." But after that no one dared question Him. Mark 12:34*
- *Assuredly, I say to you, I will no longer drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." Mark 14:25*
- *Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Mark 15:43*
- *He said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent." Luke 4:43*
- [The Beatitudes] *Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: "Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Luke 6:20*

- For I say to you, among those born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.” Luke 7:28*
- [Many Women Minister to Jesus] Now it came to pass, afterward, that He went through every city and village, preaching and bringing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with Him. Luke 8:1*
- And He said, “To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that ‘Seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’ Luke 8:10*
- He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. Luke 9:2*
- But when the multitudes knew it, they followed Him; and He received them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God and healed those who had need of healing. Luke 9:11*
- But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the kingdom of God.” Luke 9:27*
- Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God.” Luke 9:60*
- But Jesus said to him, “No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.” Luke 9:62*
- And heal the sick there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ Luke 10:9*
- ‘The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near you.’ Luke 10:11*
- But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. Luke 11:20*
- But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you. Luke 12:31*
- [The Parable of the Mustard Seed] Then He said, “What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and put in his garden; and it grew and became a large tree, and the birds of the air nested in its branches.” Luke 13:18-19*
- [The Parable of the Leaven] And again He said, “To what shall I liken the kingdom of God? It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened.” Luke 13:20-21*
- There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out. They will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and sit down in the kingdom of God. Luke 13:28-29*

- [The Parable of the Great Supper] *Now when one of those who sat at the table with Him heard these things, he said to Him, “Blessed is he who shall eat bread in the kingdom of God!”* Luke 14:15
- *“The law and the prophets were until John. Since that time the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it.”* Luke 16:16
- [The Coming of the Kingdom] *Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, “The kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, ‘See here!’ or ‘See there!’ For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.”* Luke 17:20-21
- *But Jesus called them to Him and said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.”* Luke 18:16-17
- *And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”* Luke 18:24-25
- *So He said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or parents or brothers or wife or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God.”* Luke 18:29
- [The Parable of the Minas] *Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately.* Luke 19:11
- *So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near.* Luke 21:31
- *When the hour had come, He sat down, and the [b]twelve apostles with Him. Then He said to them, “With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”*

Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” Luke 22:14-18
- *He had not consented to their decision and deed. He was from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who himself was also waiting for the kingdom of God.* Luke 23:51
- *Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”* John 3:3
- *Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.”* John 3:5

- The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. Acts 1:1-3*
- But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized. Acts 8:12*
- And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God." Acts 14:21-22*
- And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God. Acts 19:8*
- "And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, will see my face no more." Acts 20:25*
- So when they had appointed him a day, many came to him at his lodging, to whom he explained and solemnly testified of the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus from both the Law of Moses and the Prophets, from morning till evening. Acts 28:23*
- Then Paul dwelt two whole years in his own rented house, and received all who came to him, preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no one forbidding him. Acts 28:30-31*
- For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Romans 14:17*
- For the kingdom of God is not in word but in power. 1 Corinthians 4:20*
- Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 1 Corinthians 6:9-10*
- [Our Final Victory] Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. 1 Corinthians 15:50*
- Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. Galatians 5:19-21*

- These are my only fellow workers for the kingdom of God who are of the circumcision; they have proved to be a comfort to me. Colossians 4:11*
- We ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure, which is manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer. 2 Thessalonians 1:4-5*