

LIFE IN THE KINGDOM



1. THE KINGDOM

Pray like this:

*“Our Father in heaven,
may your name be kept holy.
May your Kingdom come soon.
May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven..*

Matthew 6:9-10

The simplest definition of the kingdom is: Where the King reigns.

For a kingdom to exist, several elements are necessary:

1. Firstly you need a King. If there is no King, there is simply no kingdom. Christ Jesus is the King.
2. A territory is also needed because a king without territory has no kingdom. That territory is the World.
3. Also necessary are laws, precepts and ordinances by which the King carries out his plan and purpose. These precepts exist with the objective of protecting all the inhabitants of said kingdom and ensures that they can live in peace and safety; enjoying the provision, protection and all the benefits of their Kingdom. The principles of life of the Kingdom of God are in the Bible.
4. The fourth element is the subjects. Those who believe and trust in their King. They are also to obey his laws thus allowing the Kingdom to manifest and be tangible.

If any of these elements are missing, the kingdom cannot be properly established and then anarchy will reign. Even though there is a King, there is a territory and there are laws, it is also necessary that there be subjects who live as **one** under the King. Here lies the frequently ignored detail regarding the Kingdom of God on Earth. This unity is what allows the subjects to manifest and make their Kingdom tangible and visible.

Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honour and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:9-11 NLT

The other word for the King is **Lord**. For this reason, the Father assigns to his Son Jesus the title of: **King of Kings and Lord of Lords**.

So wherever there are at least two people in agreement with Him and His Kingdom, trusting in Him, living under His lordship and agreeing to obey Him and lifting His name high; there the Kingdom of Heaven is manifested.

The Kingdom and lordship of Earth was given to man with the only condition that he remain trusting in his Father, the Creator and King of the entire universe. However, Adam and Eve as representatives of the human race, failed and were forced to leave the Kingdom. They had to surrender the lordship and authority of the Heavenly Father because they decided to follow the instructions of the enemy of God. This is how all of humanity came under the authority of the devil, by disobeying their King.

You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God.

Ephesians 2:2 NLT

This is the reason why the devil, (a being who is already defeated and who did not receive any power from God), was able to seize the power and authority that had been given to human beings. The devil uses this power at will every time he gets one of us to disobey our King. That is why spiritual warfare is waged in the minds of each of us.

Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living.

Romans 6:6 NLT

The only thing preventing the Kingdom of Heaven from being established is your decision to trust and then submit to the King.

The benefits of his Kingdom are enjoyed wherever his will fulfilled; this is Heaven on Earth.

This means the Kingdom of Heaven can be in your home, in your company or anywhere you are; **only if** you wholeheartedly submit to the lordship of the King by conducting your life and your affairs as He says. You have to resist copying the culture of the world and even things learned from our parents or teachers.

Jesus came to bring the Kingdom of Heaven to Earth. Do you want to experience it? You must allow the King's way of thinking to transform your mind; this is what we mean by **adopting the Culture of the Kingdom**.

Study Questions

1. How do you describe the necessary elements in order for a kingdom to exist according to the word? What are those elements in the context of the Kingdom of God here on Earth?
2. According to the passage, what is the roles of the subjects in establishing and manifesting the Kingdom of God on Earth? How can believers live under the lordship of Jesus Christ?
3. The text mentions the importance of renewing our way of thinking to experience the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. How can people adopt "Kingdom Culture" in their daily lives and in different areas such as home or work?



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