

LIFE IN THE KINGDOM



INTRODUCTION

Culture is the way a particular group of people think which then manifests, altering the way in which they live their lives. It affects their customs, way of speaking, their food, the way they dress, the music they listen to, traditions, and even the values they share.

The Kingdom of Heaven has its own culture which is ultimately the ways of our Heavenly Father manifesting. His culture refers to the heavenly lifestyle that He wants us to live on Earth, so that His will is done here on Earth as it is done in Heaven. That way we can enjoy His Kingdom, His government, His justice and His righteousness here and now.

That is why Jesus came. He became man and lived among us. He showed us what that Kingdom is like, what it looks like, how it is lived on a daily basis and in all areas of our lives. Jesus came so that we could see the human image of heavenly life. The main theme of all his teachings is about what the Kingdom is and how it works. Therefore, we are going to look at the life principles that He taught and modeled so that we learn to do the same. This way we can certainly establish His Kingdom by doing His will on Earth as it is done in Heaven.

If we do not make the decision to allow Him to change our way of thinking, our culture will not be transformed. Regardless of how much we wish or ask for it, our lives will remain the same. That is why it is so important to understand the way Our Eternal Father thinks. Otherwise, we cannot be ONE in Him.

We know what true love is because Jesus gave His life for us. In the same way, we also have to give our lives for our brothers.

**Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other;
let us show the truth by our actions.**

1 Juan 3:16,18 NTV

**CULTURE HAS TO DO WITH THE WAY WE LIVE DAILY.
IT IS NOT BASED ON WHAT WE SAY.
IT HAS TO DO WITH OUR ACTIONS BECAUSE WHAT
OUR FATHER EXPECTS OF US IS SO MUCH MORE THAN JUST WORDS.**



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He expects concrete works and tangible proof, such as giving our life for others. This is because it is not only about telling the stories of the patriarchs; the prophets, Jesus, or the apostles, who gave their lives for others which enables us with the ability to enjoy the abundant life of God living inside us today. It's about copying from their examples and truly giving our life for others.

The decisions that these men and women made to fulfill the great commission, are what allows the church to exist today and enables us to have the Word available to read and study from. Their decisions took them out of their comfort zones and straight into wars, meaning that in contrast you and I can live in freedom, conquer territories, and build cities to live comfortably.

The problem is that today the majority does not want to give their lives for others. This is because the culture of the present day world has permeated our way of thinking and we no longer have clarity about who we are or why we exist. Men and women now marry to be happy; not to fulfill God's command to be fruitful, multiply, fill the Earth and rule it. We no longer marry with the purpose of sacrificing ourselves and thus raising a family; men giving their all to provide and prosper their family and women with the clarity of how to build a home.

Nowadays we raise children to be happy and not to be conquerors. We live more concerned with their happiness than with their character; concerned more with their entertainment rather than their upbringing. We talk to them about God but with our own example we teach them that the most important thing is money.

We talk about honor but today we don't even know what that word means. We love pets more than humans who were made in the image of our Creator, and we despise His command to love our neighbors. We know that the sun does not revolve around the Earth but that the earth revolves around the sun and yet we live life expecting everyone, (including God), to revolve around our desires.

The exaltation of the "SELF" is the centre of the world's culture today. It is the reason for sexual freedom, children raised without their parents, and disposable marriages without a commitment for life. We look to substances like drugs or alcohol to give us temporary relief, even if we destroy our lives and those of our loved ones by using them.

Nowadays, no one gives up their life to defend the rights of the innocent, the weak, or the unprotected. Now most of this world only fights for money, to invade territories or to possess resources- not to help people. Businesses and start-ups are no longer created with the goal of finding solutions to problems or to improve people's quality of life, but instead to produce money.

The culture of this world is ruled by the prince of darkness.