

KINGDOM REALITIES #71 – 80

KINGDOM REALITY #71

Kingdom Realities are created by God for us. They require us to receive and act on them to make them our reality. Under the old Abraham covenant God gave all of the tribes of Israel a portion of the conquered Promised Land. Except the priests, which were the tribe of Levi.

"The Levitical priests, the whole tribe of Levi, shall have no portion or inheritance with Israel; they shall eat the Lord's offerings by fire and His portion. **THEY SHALL HAVE NO INHERITANCE AMONG THEIR COUNTRYMEN; THE LORD IS THEIR INHERITANCE, AS HE PROMISED THEM.** Deuteronomy 18:1

Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine, and you shall be to Me a Kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel." Exodus 19:5

HE WANTED EVERY PERSON TO HAVE EVERYTHING THAT HE HAS AND EVERYTHING THAT HE IS AS THEIR INHERITANCE AS HIS CHILDREN. BUT THEY REFUSED AND SETTLED FOR RELIGION INSTEAD OF RELATIONSHIP. (Deut 5.22-33)

After Jesus offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice and restored fellowship with the Father, God spoke His intention for ALL His people.

" for this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and I will write them on their hearts. and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. "And they shall not teach everyone his fellow citizen, and everyone his brother, saying, "know the Lord," for all will know Me, from the least to the greatest of them. Hebrews 8:10

KINGDOM REALITY #72

More Kingdom Realities.

God has committed by covenant to be everything that we need for Life.

After a 430 year history of bondage, with their senses interpreting their current circumstances as completely hopeless, as they came out of slavery, the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, longing for the flesh pots of Egypt. They completely misinterpreted God's intention for them.

The sons of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat, when we ate bread to the full; for **YOU HAVE BROUGHT US OUT INTO THIS WILDERNESS TO KILL THIS WHOLE ASSEMBLY WITH HUNGER.**" Exodus 16:3 NASB

Because of His covenant love, God provided manna for the Israelites in the wilderness for the next 40 years. (Exodus 16) These circumstances were to test their trust in God's love and faithfulness.

You shall remember all the way which **THE LORD YOUR GOD HAS LED YOU IN THE WILDERNESS THESE FORTY YEARS, THAT HE MIGHT HUMBLE YOU, TESTING YOU**, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.

He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, **THAT HE MIGHT MAKE YOU UNDERSTAND THAT MAN DOES NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT MAN LIVES BY EVERYTHING THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF THE LORD.** Deuteronomy 8:2

We can live by our own faulty perceptions, or God's Kingdom Realities.

KINGDOM REALITY #73

Kingdom Realities are established by God according to His plan.

When God provided manna for the Israelites in the wilderness, He did it according to His plan.

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Behold, I WILL RAIN BREAD FROM HEAVEN FOR YOU; and THE PEOPLE SHALL GO OUT AND GATHER A DAY'S PORTION EVERYDAY, THAT I MAY TEST THEM, WHETHER OR NOT THEY WILL WALK IN MY INSTRUCTION.

On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily." Exodus 16:4

God intended for ALL of His children to go out and gather their own bread from God. He wanted them to personally trust Him and have a daily relationship with Him, and not rely on someone else to feed them.

KINGDOM REALITY #74

Kingdom Realities are part of God's, never changing eternal plan to redeem all of creation.

There has been a growing trend in modern Christianity to try to make God's Word "more appealing" to the unsaved.

This is often done by over- emphasizing the covenant blessings that God has committed Himself to provide and under-emphasizing or completely ignoring our obligation to "offer ourselves as living sacrifices to God".

The call to "die to ourselves" and "lay aside our old self, which is corrupted beyond repair" doesn't have much of a place in today's preaching.

I think it is interesting that when God provided the daily manna for Israel He didn't encourage Moses to "spice it up" a little. Chicken fried manna on Mondays, Asian stir fried manna on Tuesdays, and spicy Cajun manna on Wednesdays wasn't God's plan.

My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your sight; Keep them in the midst of your heart. For THEY ARE LIFE TO THOSE WHO FIND THEM AND HEALTH TO ALL THEIR BODY. Proverbs 4:20

The Father seems to think that His Word is enough to provide everything that we need for Life.

KINGDOM REALITY #75

Kingdom Realities aren't understood by natural men without the Holy Spirit revealing them.

The people asked Jesus,

"What then do You do for a sign, so that we may see, and believe You? What work do You perform? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "he gave them bread out of heaven to eat." John 6:30

Jesus responded,

"Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but IT IS MY FATHER WHO GIVES YOU THE TRUE BREAD OUT OF HEAVEN. For THE BREAD OF GOD IS THAT WHICH comes down out of heaven, and GIVES LIFE TO THE WORLD." Then they said to Him, "Lord, always give us this bread." Jesus said to them, "I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst. John 6:32

I AM THE LIVING BREAD that came down out of heaven, IF ANYONE EATS OF THIS BREAD, HE WILL LIVE FOREVER, and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh. John 6.51 NASB

So, Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, UNLESS YOU EAT THE FLESH OF THE SON OF MAN AND DRINK HIS BLOOD YOU HAVE NO LIFE IN YOURSELVES. HE WHO EATS MY FLESH AND DRINKS MY BLOOD HAS ETERNAL LIFE, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink. HE WHO EATS MY FLESH AND DRINKS MY BLOOD ABIDES IN ME, AND I IN HIM. As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also will live because of Me. John 6.53-57 NASB

This sounds like the covenant meal. Wine, bread, and a New Covenant. Luke 22.14-22

KINGDOM REALITY #76

God's supernatural power created for us unbroken fellowship and oneness with Him and He has made an everlasting covenant to never leave us or forsake us.

Jesus came to Earth preaching repent for the kingdom of God is here. He was saying to repent and discard the old nature that we inherited from Adam and be reborn into His family as His children, His heirs, joint heirs with Christ, and citizens of His Kingdom.

God is not asking us to visit Him once a week, sing to Him and pay religious homage to Him. He's asking us to accept His supernatural work that makes us one with Him and live His supernatural eternal life here in this world as a testimony of His greatness.

There is no dual citizenship in God's Kingdom. He left us here in this world to be the ambassadors of His Kingdom.

We are IN this world, but we are not OF this world.

KINGDOM REALITY #77

Isaiah prophesied to God's chosen people in chapter 60.

“Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. “For behold, darkness will cover the earth and deep darkness the peoples, but the Lord will rise upon you and His glory will appear upon you.

“Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

“Lift up your eyes round about and see; they all gather together, they come to you. Your sons will come from afar, and your daughters will be carried in the arms.

Today as He always has, God intends to use His children to be the Ambassadors of His Kingdom, to radiate His Glory and manifested His supernatural presence. It's from our unbroken fellowship and oneness with God that He redeemed us into, that He will orchestrate His will for this entire Earth.

Then the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all flesh will see *it* together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”
That's Isaiah 40.5

“And the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. Habakkuk 2.14

KINGDOM REALITY #78

God's supernatural work on our behalf, to put us in Christ, crucify us and raise us with Him to new Life and seat us with Him at the right hand of God, sets the gospel apart from every religious effort on the planet. Religion is done by men and for men. The Gospel is done by God and for God. (You can read about this further and 1 Corinthians 1.30 and all of Romans chapter 6)

God redeemed us back into His family by His own doing because of His tremendous love for us. He made us His children, His heirs, and joint heirs with Christ of His eternal life. Romans 8.16

Peter said in 1 Peter 4.11, whoever speaks, let him do it as one who utters the oracles of God. I looked up the Greek word translated as "oracle". It means a divine declaration; a statement originating from God.

His Holy Spirit enables us to no longer just pray and quote Bible verses at the works of Satan. He empowers us to speak God's Word, Christ, the living Word into those situations.

Christ is the risen King of Kings, and "in Him, all the divine fullness, the sum total of the divine perfection, powers and attributes dwell in Him permanently. Colossians 1.19 amp

He has given His children the privilege of speaking His Word and manifesting His Kingdom to this entire Earth

Let's accept God's perfect work on our behalf, and allow His Holy Spirit to renew our minds and transform us into the life-giving spirits that He recreated us to be.

So that we can speak His Living Word to every nation and people group on the planet to make them members of His family, citizens of His Kingdom, and fulfill His great commission.

KINGDOM REALITY #79

The beauty of the Gospel is that it's done by God and for God, and He's the only one who can do these things for us.

He paid the penalty in full for man's sin and restored mankind into oneness with Him.

Paul explains to the Roman believers, therefore, [there is] now no condemnation (no adjudging guilty of wrong) for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life [which is] in Christ Jesus [the law of our new being] has freed me from the law of sin and of death.

For God has done what the Law could not do, [its power] being weakened by the flesh [the entire nature of man without the Holy Spirit]. Sending His own Son in the guise of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, [God] condemned sin in the flesh [He subdued it, He overcame it, and He deprived it of its power OVER ALL WHO ACCEPT THAT SACRIFICE.

So that the righteous *and* just requirement of the Law might be fully met in us who live *and* move not in the ways of the flesh but in the ways of the Spirit [our lives governed not by the standards and according to the dictates of the flesh, but controlled by the Holy Spirit]. Romans 8.1

The Gospel is supernatural. God knew that we could not change ourselves or even die to our old nature. So, He took it upon Himself to pay our penalty for sin and redeem us back into the family of God, as His children, His heirs, and joint heirs with Christ.

It's His supernatural work on our behalf that accomplishes it. There is no religion required, just a child-like trust in His love for us.

Regardless of our culture, our skin color, our education or lack of it, rich or poor, this inheritance is available to every person on this planet by faith in God's incredible work.

Because God wanted us back in His family, He put us in Christ and crucified our old nature with Christ, so that we can possess His eternal life.

Let's let our old life go and put on the life that He originally created for us to have and live it in this world as a testimony of His greatness.

KINGDOM REALITY #80

The scriptures are clear that God wanted all of mankind to be redeemed into His family and be citizens of His Kingdom with all of it's rights and privileges.

It's also quite clear that God wanted His children to be the Ambassadors of His Kingdom and He has done everything necessary to make that happen for us.

He gave us His commission. It reads,

Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their wrongdoings against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin in our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. 2 Corinthians 5.18

God did what only He can do to enable us to accomplish that mission.

For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to* become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brothers *and* sisters; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified. Romans 8.29

The gospel is not the mere transmission of Bible teaching. It's the supernatural act of God to transform His children into what He originally created them to be.

Let me share an example of what this transformation looks like in God's children.

The Apostle Paul declared in 2nd Corinthians chapter 3 the effect that this supernatural work had on the people that he ministered to.

It reads, you are our letter, written in our hearts, known and read by all people, revealing yourselves, that you are a letter of Christ, delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

They became visible expressions of Christ's eternal life to be seen by this entire world.