

## Some Characteristics of the Kingdom of God

### Introduction

- A. God's Kingdom may be described as "The manifestation of God's will and rule among men," or "The invasion of Jesus Christ into enemy territory to establish the redemptive will of God through love, holiness, truth and power."
- B. While the Kingdom of God was present in the Old Testament, the full manifestation did not come until the Birth of the Lord Jesus. And, we look forward to a complete application of that Kingdom when the Lord Jesus returns.
- C. "Jesus message is that in his own person and mission God has invaded human history and has triumphed over evil, even though the final deliverance will occur only at the end of the age." (George Ladd, **A Theology of the New Testament**, Eerdmans, 1974, pp. 67,68)

### I. Some Old Testament Prophetic Descriptions of God's Kingdom.

- A. *Of 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.* Is 9:7
- B. *In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.* Daniel 7:13,14

### II. Some New Testament References that Characterize God's Kingdom.

- A. *In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."* Matt 3:1,2

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- B. *Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.* Matt 4:23

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- C. *Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.* Matt 6:10

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D. *But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.* Matt 6:33

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E. *But if I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.* Matt 12:28

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F. *I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.* Matt 16:19

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G. *When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.* Luke 9:1,2

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H. *For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.* Rom 14:17

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I. *For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.* 1 Cor 4:20

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## **Conclusion**

A. If we are in the Kingdom – what characteristics should be present in our daily life?

B. How can we further the Kingdom? What verses apply to such application?

