

Inherit the Kingdom

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In today's sermon we will be looking at these inspired revelations from God for a more informed **spiritual** awareness of the nature of God's coming Kingdom... the **kingdom** we are going to inherit. You would think that people would be beating down the door to find out about the Kingdom of God.

Mark 1:14 Now after that John the Baptist was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the Gospel of the **Kingdom of God**,

That means the Good News of the **Kingdom of God**.

Mark 1:15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the **Kingdom of God** is at hand: repent ye, and believe the Gospel.

... believe the Good News! How much do we know about the Kingdom of God?

What were the expectations of the people who heard Jesus preach these words?

First of all, they thought back to the days of King Solomon—because there had never been a time since then that the nation of Israel had had such a **powerful and glorious** kingdom.

The people who heard Jesus preach these words were thinking in terms of **national sovereignty**—because they were then subjugated by imperial Rome. Even after Jesus died, the apostles of Jesus were thinking in terms of a kingdom with national supremacy.

Acts 1:6 When they [the apostles] therefore were come together, they asked of [Jesus], saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again **the kingdom** to Israel?

Acts 1:7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

Thy Kingdom Come

The **Kingdom of God** administered by Jesus Christ will consist of **five** essential elements:

I'll repeat them a few times as we explore what the kingdom that we are going to inherit will be like:

1. A King – the all Glorious Jesus Christ
2. A Seat of Authority
3. A Territory – the domain of rulership is the entire earth
4. Laws of the Realm – the Ten Commandments and the word of God
5. Subjects – the remnant Israelites and their **servants**

Again, Jesus will be King.

...of the **five** essential elements:

1. A King – the all Glorious Jesus Christ

Revelation 19:16 And He has on his vesture and on His thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.**

... of the **five** essential elements:

2. A Seat of Authority – the Dynastic Throne of David in Jerusalem

Matthew 25:31 When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall He sit upon the **throne of His glory:**

That throne of glory is His Seat of Authority – the restored Dynastic Throne of David in Jerusalem

Matthew 25:32 And before Him shall be gathered all nations: and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats:

Matthew 25:33 And He shall set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

Matthew 25:34 Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, **inherit the Kingdom** prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

... of the **five** essential elements:

3. A Territory – the domain of rulership is the entire earth

We just saw that in Matthew 25:32

"And before Him shall be gathered **all nations:**"

... of the **five** essential elements:

4. Laws of the Realm – the Ten Commandments and the word of God

Luke 4:4 And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

That is not the first time Jesus spoke those words. Jesus had spoken these words to Moses some 15 centuries earlier. How much of the New Testament is in the Old Testament?

Deuteronomy 8:1 All the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD swore unto your fathers.

Deuteronomy 8:2 And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou would keep his commandments, or not.

Deuteronomy 8:3 And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knew not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by **every word** that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD does man live.

That is exactly how it will be in the Millennial Kingdom of God!

... of the **five** essential elements:

5. Subjects – the remnant Israelites and their **servants**

Isaiah speaks of the Restoration of Jacob

Brethren, when you are studying and you come across "**Jacob**" understand the differentiation being made between Jacob and Israel.

In prophecy, Israel ultimately represents the coming **spiritual** people of God.

Isaiah 14:1 For the LORD will have mercy on [the remnant] **Jacob**, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land: and the strangers [foreigners] shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob.

There is an efficiency of words here, but physical Jacob will finally become eternal Israel.

These strangers or foreigners are the enemy nations which have taken America and Britain into the coming captivity of the Tribulation.

Isaiah here, is looking forward to the **beginning of God's Kingdom** on earth when Jesus will begin to rule from Jerusalem.

Isaiah 14:2 And the people shall take them, and bring them [the foreigners] to their place: and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the LORD for **servants and handmaids**: and they shall take them captives, whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors.

Isaiah 14:3 And it shall come to pass in the day that the LORD shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve.

Brethren, we are destined to **inherit the Kingdom**. Shouldn't we, inhabitants of the Church of God—have a more complete understanding and concept of what that Kingdom consists of?

I can think of no greater words that I would rather hear than those of Jesus Christ saying, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, **inherit the Kingdom** prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

What picture do you conjure up when you hear the word kingdom? What would your idyllic paradise be like?

To a newborn infant there is nothing more crucial than being snuggled in the arms of its mother. To a three-year-old, perhaps a world of tricycles — a few years later bicycles. To a ten-year-old, a skate board might represent paradise. Then, teens discover their counterpart, and by their twenties they begin to think of marriage, family and security.

But somewhere along the line, maturity will engender deeper thoughts of the hereafter. What is the big picture? What is life all about?

Only **God's word** is able to truly represent what God has in store for those of His eternal family. Somehow we intrinsically think God's Kingdom will be a beautiful place of fulfillment, peace, and total happiness.

Perhaps those in the world think of **heaven** in the same terms—eternal peace, and happiness— supposing that that is where their soul will go when they die...

But we know so much better—don't we? I suppose that many look for the time that they can sit around idly all day – eating and not working... But in God's kingdom, **work** will be creative and highly enjoyable – as it was intended to be in the Garden of Eden.

Shouldn't we true Christians also have a much better idea of what the kingdom we are going to **inherit** will be comprised of? There are many Scriptures that speak of the wonderful world tomorrow and what it will be like for those who love the Lord.

We are told in Joel 2:28 that: It shall come to pass afterward, that **I will pour out my Spirit** upon all flesh...

Brethren, do you realize what that means?

We will be able to enjoy many lasting and enduring relationships – because we will be dealing with converted people – who love God and their neighbor. Christianity is about our relationships with people. The beloved apostle John puts it very succinctly:

1John 4:20 If a man says, **I love God**, and hates his brother, he is a liar: for he that loves not his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?

I will turn the people to a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve Him with **one consent** (Zephaniah 3:9).

How can that be?

Ezekiel 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new Spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

A new heart also will I give you, and **a new Spirit** will I put within you (Ezekiel 36:26).

In God's Kingdom we will find a very enjoyable environment of relationships, fellowship, unity, and togetherness:

The young virgins shall rejoice in **dance** and be happy, and men young and old will **rejoice** (Jeremiah 31:13).

To me there is nothing more peaceable than Rural Pastoral scenes. When my wife and I are riding through the countryside—and come across a beautiful white fence around an idyllic pasture – or we drive through a flourishing vineyard, or a blossoming orchard, and we say, "**Look**, a millennial scene." God describes this millennial view in Isaiah 65:21:

Isaiah 65:21 And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.

Isaiah 65:22 They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people [long, long lives], and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

Isaiah 65:23 They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them.

Isaiah 65:24 And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

The very laws of nature will be restored as in the Garden of Eden—no more vicious animals:

Isaiah 65:25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.

Let's summarize Isaiah 65 briefly:

My elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands (Isaiah 65:22).

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together (Isaiah 65:25).

They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, says the Lord (Isaiah 65:25).

Isaiah 2:2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the **top of the mountains**, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

...top of the mountains = God's dominion is above every nation on earth in power, jurisdiction, rule.

Isaiah 2:3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Isaiah 2:4 And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Isaiah 2:5 O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Let's briefly summarize some of what it will be like in God's Kingdom according to Isaiah 2:

All nations shall flow unto the mountain of the Lord (Isaiah 2:2).

The Lord will teach us of His ways (Isaiah 2:3).

Out of Zion shall go forth the Law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem (Isaiah 2:3).

There will be world **peace**, as **nation** shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more (Isaiah 2:4).

We will walk in the light of the lord (Isaiah 2:5).

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will establish His Kingdom with **judgment** and with **justice** from henceforth even forever (Isaiah 9:7).

Only those who overcome the evil of this world will **inherit the Kingdom**.

To him that **overcomes** will I grant to sit with me in my throne (Revelation 3:21).

The earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I am the Lord (Ezekiel 34:27).

The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord (Isaiah 11:9).

God is going to restore right weather patterns for a good and productive environment:

It won't be floods on one side of the mountains—and desert wasteland and drought on the downwind side.

Isaiah 41:15 Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff.

Then: The desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose (Isaiah 35:1).

The eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped (Isaiah 35:5).

Pray, "Thy kingdom come—thy will be done!" (Matthew 6:10)

Daniel 7:27 The Kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the Kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose Kingdom is an everlasting Kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him.

Make yourself a list of your favorite Millennial Scriptures.

1John 3:2 "We will be **like** Him... we shall see Him as He is.

The world tomorrow will be a different place.

Mankind will be taught of the Lord.

We, the saints of God, have that privilege today.

We are the blessed recipients of His promise to be the **first** to **inherit the Kingdom** just as it is being established on earth by the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

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Matthew 25:34 The King shall say unto them on His right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, **inherit the Kingdom** prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

End: Inherit the Kingdom