



Receiving The Kingdom!

Matt. 6:10, 22-24, 33; Matt. 13:1-23

1. What is the kingdom of God? What is the gospel of the kingdom of God?
2. Where is the kingdom of God located?
3. What are the evidences that the kingdom of God is within you, between you and others (relationally), and around you? (Lk. 17:21; Ro. 14:17)
4. Who determines the level of kingdom reality in your life? Each individual person determines the level of kingdom reality in their lives. No one else can stop you from fully experiencing the kingdom of God while you are on earth. Each person is 100% responsible for their own relationship with Jesus Christ – the King, and their level of obedience to His kingly rule (Lordship). One can experience as much of the kingdom as they would like.
5. Receiving the kingdom involves our cooperation. The dynamics of experiencing the kingdom on earth is a Both-And partnership with God PLUS our cooperation. Parts of the equation are God's responsibility (like the supernatural "seed" of the gospel). Part of the equation is ours (like our level of hunger, humility, and receptivity). Seed is God, soil is man.
6. Path = Not understanding The Kingdom of God – "When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart." (Matt. 13:19) How important is it to "see" the kingdom and "understand" the kingdom? (Jn. 3:13)
7. Rocky places = No root - "The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away. (Matt. 13:20-21)
8. Thorns = Worries of this life & deceitfulness of wealth - "The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful." (Matt. 13:22)
9. Good soil = Hears, understands, and receives – "But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown." (Matt. 13:23)
10. What level of kingdom reality do you want in your life? What needs to happen for you to produce a crop of hundred times what is sown? What might that look like in your life?

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