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### “The Kingdom and the Church”

**Matthew 6:31-33 NKJV** <sup>31</sup> “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup> **But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you”**

I have been looking back into this since the Lord said “you will see **Matthew 6:33** produce more than you have in the past”. The church has a kingdom assignment. The original purpose of God was to extend His Kingdom onto the earth just like it is in Heaven. That is still His purpose. This is still God’s desire.

God doesn’t change His purpose even though He might have to change His plans to get it done. **Our plan** is our process to achieve our purpose. **Your purpose** is the end result that you intended. God’s original purpose is still the same even though He had to change the plan because of Adam’s sin. God had what He wanted!

### **His first assignment for mankind was to have dominion.**

**Genesis 1:26-28 NKJV** “Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them **have dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over <sup>[g]</sup>all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” <sup>27</sup> So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. <sup>28</sup> Then **God blessed them**, and God said to them, “**Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that <sup>[h]</sup>moves on the earth.”

**Image** -tsekem- essential nature; copy; characteristic; true substance

**Likeness**- is exact duplication in kind. The exact duplication is a little lower because it's a duplication. To function like He does  
(**Ephesians 5:1**)

**Dominion**- radah- govern, rule, control, master, have authority, to lead

Here is how we dominate. **Be Fruitful**-productive; **Multiply**-reproduce your productivity; **Replenish or fill**-distribute; **subdue**- control and have **dominion**. This is our mandate.

**Dominion** means *to govern, to rule, to control, To master, to have authority over and To lead*. They were fulfilling God's purpose until man sinned.

Purpose and destiny of mankind was rulership and dominion over the earth. God the Father never intended to rule the earth directly. He wants to rule the earth through man. When Jesus referred to the Father, He would refer to Him being in Heaven. **We want what God wants which is His original purpose.**

In Genesis 3 the son disobeyed the Father. Adam was the first son and Jesus is the second Adam. Adam was such a blessing to the Father that He wanted to have more by birth and by nature. Man didn't fall from heaven or denomination but dominion. This has been misunderstood by the church.

**God created a family of kings, rulers, mankind to set the standard.**

When Jesus came to the earth He was clear about what He came to do.

**Matthew 4:17 NKJV** *"From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven [c]is at hand."*

this is the first public statement of Jesus. This was His mission statement. **Repent**, means to change your thinking. **He brought back a kingdom not a religion**

**Luke 4:42-44 NKJV** *"Now when it was day, He departed and went into a deserted place. And the crowd sought Him and came to Him, and tried to keep Him from leaving them; <sup>43</sup> but He said to them, "**I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent.**" <sup>44</sup> And He was preaching in the synagogues of [□]Galilee."*

**Luke 4:43 Ampc.** *"<sup>43</sup> But He said to them, **I must preach the good news (the Gospel) of the kingdom of God to the other cities [and towns] also, for I was sent for this [purpose].**"*

this was His purpose. He didn't come to preach Calvary, the blood, prosperity, healing, etc... its all apart of it but listen to what He said His purpose was. The good news of the kingdom.

The cross, the death, the burial, the resurrection were parts of the means to end which is the kingdom. He came to give man back the kingdom, dominion, authority, etc...

**Matthew 24:12-14 NKJV** *"And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.<sup>13</sup> But he who endures to the end shall be saved. <sup>14</sup> And **this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.**"*

**Matthew 24:14 Ampc.** *"<sup>14</sup> And **this good news of the kingdom (the Gospel) will be preached throughout the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then will come the end.**"*

then the end will come. We don't know the hour but we do know when. It is when the good news about the rulership and dominion of God on earth through man is preached. He didn't say when we

preached healing, prosperity, destiny, forgiveness, etc.. that's all apart but when the good news of the kingdom is preached. The best news man can hear is that he can come back into relationship with God and have dominion.

**Matthew 25:32-34 NKJV** *"All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, **inherit the kingdom** prepared for you from the foundation of the world:'"*

- The kingdom was our inheritance from before the foundation of the world. So when He gives us the kingdom its not something new. Its was always ours that we lost.

Jesus came bringing a kingdom that connects to heaven because that was Gods original assignment for man. That's why all redemptive work is designed to restore man back to kingdom dominion.

The more I learn about this the more I ask why hasn't the church taught this more.

**The mission of the church.** A general broad goal. A general assignment given to every person who comes into the family of God. The great commission. Co-means corporate

**Mark 16:15,20 NKJV** *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel **to every creature**...<sup>20</sup> And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.*

Preach the good news of the kingdom to every creature. Creature comes from the word create and He says tell it about the kingdom. Talk to the plants, the mountains, the animals not just people and evil spirits. Jesus talked to the tree and it died.

**Mark 11:12-15 NKJV** "Now the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry. <sup>13</sup> And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. <sup>14</sup> **In response Jesus said to it,** "Let no one eat fruit from you ever again.... And His disciples heard it.

<sup>20</sup> Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. <sup>21</sup> And Peter, remembering, said to Him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away."

<sup>22</sup> So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. <sup>23</sup> For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.

"**the faith of God**" is the original text

**Romans 12:2,3 NKJV** "<sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God...For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith

Then we can speak to the mountain. That's the mission. Every believer our mission is to go into every part of life and talk to it. Demonstrate the kingdom.

**Romans 8:19 NKJV** "For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God."

creation is groaning waiting for the sons of God to manifest themselves. Its waiting for man to take its place and loose them. All of creation is waiting for us to get into our order so they can get their order. Jesus dominated things not people. He spoke to the tree, spoke to the wind and the waves, walked on water, the ground and the water was the same to Him.

Speak to our trees, our horses, our grass, this takes faith that believes before you see anything happen. That's kingdom faith.

**2 Corinthians 4:13 NKJV** *"And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak,"*

The vision of the church. Is to apply the mission so the vision can manifest. The vision is God's original purpose that all of the earth comes under the dominion of heaven. Our focus should not be just on getting to heaven. He wants us to pray that His will is done on earth just like it is in heaven.

**Matthew 6:9,10 NKJV** *"<sup>9</sup> In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.<sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.*

The vision is to see this happen. He wants to work through us to get this done.

**Matthew 9:35-38 Ampc.** *"And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming **the good news (the Gospel) of the kingdom** and curing all kinds of disease and every weakness and infirmity.<sup>36</sup> When He saw the throngs, He was moved with pity and sympathy for them, because they were bewildered (harassed and distressed and dejected and helpless), like sheep without a shepherd.<sup>37</sup> Then He said to His disciples, The harvest is indeed plentiful, but the laborers are few. <sup>38</sup> So pray to the Lord of the harvest to <sup>[m]</sup>force out and thrust laborers into His harvest."*

Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom. Sickness can't handle the kingdom. He preached the kingdom cause kingdom solves the problem. Sickness is us not being able to control a certain part of the body. Jesus preached the kingdom, the kingdom impacted the situation then the sickness had to leave. The kingdom has the power to solve every problem.

V36- the crowd was too big. They were harassed and helpless. Harassed means that someone more powerful than you is controlling the circumstances. When someone harasses us they make us mad and we

can't do nothing about it. Helpless to change it. Man's problem is they can't change it. Jesus saw this

37,38 the whole world is harassed. There are all kinds of religious people, that are bowing down, washing their hands, doing this and that but not helping anyone. Religion can't help people who are under circumstances. Jesus said there are so many people harassed but I can't find the workers to set them free.

**Luke 13:10-17 NKJV** *“Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way <sup>[d]</sup>raise herself up. <sup>12</sup> But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, “Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity.” <sup>13</sup> And He laid His hands on her, and immediately **she was made straight, and glorified God.**<sup>14</sup> But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, “There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day.”<sup>15</sup> The Lord then answered him and said, <sup>[e]</sup>“Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it?<sup>16</sup> So ought not this woman, **being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?**” <sup>17</sup> And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.”*

The religious people thought religion was more important than release. Their tradition was more important than setting someone free.

The ox was like a tractor, the ox said you were rich. Like you had a big piece of machine and if it fell into the ditch would you leave it there because it was Sunday. Somewhere they would strip it. Jesus is thinking kingdom. He said this woman is more valuable than an ox. He said she was a daughter of Abraham. She got healed on Abraham's contract which is limited but we have a greater contract with Jesus.

**Hebrews 8:6 NKJV** *“But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.”*

our rights are in Christ, not Abraham's. Jesus was changing her circumstances in the kingdom.

This woman was attending the synagogue for years and they didn't get her free. They just helped keep her comfortable in her hump. Religion will help you be comfortable in your misery.

**Matthew 28:18-20 NKJV** *"And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, **All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.**<sup>19</sup> Go <sup>[a]</sup>therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."<sup>[a]</sup>Amen."*

He left His spirit to help us operate in the kingdom. We can do greater works because He is with us all the time.

The purpose of the church is Jesus wanted us to be His representatives on the earth.

The church exist for earth, not heaven

The church is not to establish a religion but a governing influence on the earth.

The church is to be the training program for reigning. To teach fallen kings to reign again. He said don't forsake to assemble so much more as you see the day approaching. The church is for saints in training. We are to reach our friends then bring them to the church for training. Peoples minds are so distorted by the fall that we need years of training to teach us that we can reign like kings again.

The church is designed to equip the believer to lead in our area of gifting. God wants us to know our gift then help you be trained to reign.

**Ephesians 4:11-13 NKJV** *"And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, **12** for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the <sup>[a]</sup>edifying of the body of Christ, **13** till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of*

*the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;"*

He wants us to mature into the image of Jesus Christ. The church was given these offices to train the believer to do their work of the ministry. To find your gift, to train you to use it to introduce others to the kingdom. When they see us we will look like Him, talk like Him, speak to trees, waves, devils, we are operating just like Him. Jesus had a kingdom mentality and He wants us to have the same.

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