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Kingdom 2- “Relationship not Religion!”- What are we looking for?

Matthew 6:31-33 NKJV ³¹ “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your **heavenly Father knows** that you need all these things. ³³ **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.

It is His desire for us to understand, operate and live in the kingdom. Jesus focus was to restore mankind back to his rightful place in the kingdom. We know that

- One of the meanings of **Restore** is to bring back to the original. That’s what Jesus came to do. Restore us back to our place of dominion.

Kingdom- is the government of a king. Sovereign rule of a king over a territory impacting it with His will, purpose and intent producing a culture, values, and morals that reflect the king.

THE PROCESS- heaven was the first domain God created, then God out of His love created the earth kingdom which is an extension of His heavenly kingdom. He wanted to establish His will on earth like it is in

heaven. He wants to manifest His will, wisdom, righteousness on earth through the leadership of man.

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We have a dominion spirit in us and a dominion mandate on us.

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 ^[g]all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” ²⁷ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ 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 ^[h]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, manage, have authority, to lead; to dominate with His nature; responsible for reigning over a designated territory (What territory are we called to?)

Here is how we dominate. **To Bless**- to empower to prosper, empower to excel, empower to succeed, empower to increase. **Be Fruitful**-productive, to bring forth, to create. **Multiply**-reproduce your productivity, increase in number, increase in development; **Replenish or fill**-distribute, resupply, renew, restock, to fill;

subdue- keep it under or control the market and have **dominion**. This is our mandate.

He didn't give man religion but relationship and dominion. Adam had relationship and dominion in the beginning. Adam was heavens first representative on earth. Adam was heaven's first ambassador but an ambassador is only as valuable and legal as his relationship with the government.

Matthew 16:18 NKJV *"¹⁸ And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build **My church**, and the gates of Hades shall not [g]prevail against it."*

Jesus called us out, selected us to come near to hear what He is saying. We are His church. The Holy Spirit guaranteed constant communication and fellowship with the mind, heart, will, intent of God.

The separation of man from the Holy Spirit disqualified him from being the ambassador of heaven on earth but Jesus qualified us again.

Colossians 1:12,13 Ampc. *"¹² Giving thanks to the Father, Who has qualified and made us fit to share the [l]portion which is **the inheritance of the saints** (God's holy people) in the Light.¹³ [The Father] **has** delivered and [m]drawn us to Himself out of the control and the dominion of darkness and **has** transferred us into **the kingdom of the Son [n]of His love,**¹⁴ In Whom we have our redemption through His blood, [which means] the forgiveness of our sins."*

We are qualified by Jesus and delivered out of the kingdom of darkness and brought into the kingdom of God and brought near and through relationship trained to be an ambassador.

Ephesians 6:19,20 Ampc. *"And [pray] also for me, that [freedom of] utterance may be given me, that I may open my mouth to proclaim **boldly** the mystery of the good news (the Gospel),²⁰ For which I **am an ambassador** in a coupling chain*

*[in prison. Pray] that I may **declare it boldly** and courageously, as I ought to do."*

We are Ambassadors. Ambassador is an official representative to a foreign country; a person who acts as a representative or promoter of a specified activity.

When we start seeing ourselves like an ambassador it will change us. Pray that I say the same thing that the king is saying. When one country has an embassy in another country, that territory is respected by the host nation. For example if the United States has an embassy in another country, the embassy is as much US soil as another part of the US like Texas, Colorado or Florida. The other nation has no jurisdiction or authority at the embassy.

As ambassadors of Christ, wherever we are called to, home, office, work becomes the embassy of heaven. An ambassador represents the country or government they came from. The words of the ambassador should be the words of the government. When we meet an ambassador, we aren't meeting a person but a government.

As ambassadors of Christ, we represent our government, the kingdom. When someone encounters us they should meet the king, and the kingdom we represent. When the pagans met the believers after Jesus death and resurrection, they called them Christians because they were just like Jesus.

The Holy Spirit is the key to our authority. When He is given control then God's kingdom can come, His will can be done, His rulership on earth can take place through us. If the Holy Spirit departs then our authority departs.

That's what happened when Adam sinned, He lost the spirit of God and lost rulership, authority, He no longer re-presented the king. Adam betrayed the government and the penalty was death.

When a country appoints an ambassador to go to another country, in their office there is a certain phone that only receives calls from headquarters. There are other phones that anybody

can call on or talk through but this specific phone only receives calls from headquarters. The ambassador knows who is calling on that phone. Most of the phones are red or green. You can buy a red or green phone but it doesn't mean you are an ambassador unless the headquarters is calling you and you are receiving direction from them. Only ambassadors are appointed, chosen and are receiving calls from headquarters. Now you can go buy a red or green phone but that doesn't mean you are an ambassador. Just like, just because you have a bible and look the part doesn't mean you are an ambassador of the kingdom, just because you are in the church building and act religious doesn't mean you are in touch with headquarters. All kinds of things, devils, people are calling on the ordinary phone. The only way to be in touch with headquarters is by being born again.

That phone is always connected to the prime minister or presidents office. You can't play church, your phone doesn't work. Sons of sceva, **Acts 19:11-20**

Nicodemus knew the scripture, he was religious but didn't know the king. How do I connect with the kingdom.

John 3:3 NKJV *"Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born ^[a]again, he cannot see **the kingdom of God.**"*

Gods intent was for us to be connected to heaven by the Holy Spirit. You can't represent a government you are not in touch with. God wanted a family of ambassadors and when the ambassador receives the directive from the headquarters, they execute it in the territories. So what is happening in heaven can be happening on earth because the ambassadors are in touch with heaven.

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*Hallowed be Your name.¹⁰ **Your kingdom come. Your will be done**
On earth as it is in heaven."*

Pray this way. Does our life look like heaven? Are we in the process of making our territory like heaven. There is a power that you can have over your body, over your bills, over your life, and the way in is to be born again. The good news is you can have the kingdom.

Luke 12:31,32 NKJV *"³¹ But seek ~~at~~ the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you.³² "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure **to give you the kingdom.**"*

Adam was disconnected from headquarters so Jesus had to come and reconnect him. The Father wants to reconnects us. He takes pleasure in giving us the kingdom. Be aware that you have a telephone and use it. Head quarters is calling you.

The kingdom of heaven is the domain of heaven where the king rules and reigns, He exercises authority there. Heaven is real, it is a territory and God is the king of the Heaven. Jesus referred to the Father in Heaven, that is headquarters.

The kingdom of God. Is any domain where the rulership influence and authority of God in heaven is in effect. It's the impact of heaven on a territory.

He lost his relationship with the Heavenly Father, he lost his dominion, authority, he lost kingdom. He became a citizen without a country, a king without a kingdom, a ruler without a domain, he lost legal representation of heaven to earth.

Genesis 2:17 NKJV *"but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you^[E] shall surely die."*

Even though he didn't physically die til he was 930. God looked at it as a disconnection from Him, heaven and kingdom.

The consequences of his rebellion was loss of position, shame, fear, intimidation, loss of dominion, frustration, pain, sickness, lack, the curse. Look at God's response to this act of treason

Genesis 3:15 NKJV *"¹⁵ And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."*

1 John 3:8 Ampc. *"...The reason the Son of God was made manifest (visible) was to undo (destroy, loosen, and dissolve) the works the devil [has done]."*

He promised that there would be an offspring who would break the power of the adversary over mankind and regain the authority Adam once held and restore the kingdom. He was talking about Jesus, restoring a kingdom.

When Jesus showed up, He didn't come with a message of religion but of relationship with the king and the kingdom

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

He wanted them to change the way they thought about Him and themselves. He came to restore what Adam lost in the Garden

Matthew 9:35 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."*

Good news is more than the death, burial and resurrection. Good news is about restoration of relationship, power and authority. About regaining rulership not religion. This was the purpose and assignment of Jesus.

Luke 4:43 Ampc. *“⁴³ 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].**”*

Since the fall of man, religion has been man’s search for God and the kingdom. Whether it’s Christianity, Scientology, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism they all are search for the restoration of what man lost.

No matter how committed, dedicated, loyal, faithful, zealous, or active our religious pursuit is a person will never be satisfied without a relationship with the king and the kingdom. Religion distracts you from your hunger and emptiness for the kingdom.

Matthew 5:3-6 NKJV *“³ **Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.⁵ Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the [a]earth.⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.”*

Man’s solution for the **poor in spirit**, is the kingdom of heaven. Heavens influence in our life, the kingdom

The coming kingdom was designed to comfort those **in mourning** because without the kingdom they would always have a sense of loss

The humble, teachable, are those who receive the kingdom will inherit their dominion over the earth.

With the entry of the kingdom, is entry of the spirit, entry of dominion, entry of authority, entry of inheritance. The kingdom restores that to the meek.

All people hunger and thirst for righteousness or right relationships and right positioning with people, authority and government and the kingdom satisfies this. We desire right

relationship with God because that's what we fell from and Jesus came to restore us back to our original position. The only way to find rest is a relationship with the king and being in the kingdom.

Matthew 11:28-30 NKJV *"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am [f]gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."*

It is important for us to understand that God had an original plan and purpose for man. To establish a family of sons, not servants. To establish a kingdom, not a religious organization. To establish a kingdom of kings, not subjects. To establish a commonwealth of citizens, not religious members. To establish relationships with man, not religion. To extend His heavenly government to earth. To influence earth from heaven through mankind

God wants sons. Not servants- a servant is at a disadvantage in a kingdom, they don't have the privilege and the benefits that a son does. When we look at God's plan for mankind you see a difference in religion and relationship.

God originally planned to extend His heavenly kingdom on earth through mankind. He wanted a family of sons not a household of servants. Please don't misunderstand me, a servants heart is key to being the greatest in the kingdom. (**Matthew 20:26,27**). He came to serve rather than be served (**Matthew 20:28**). Serving should come from a place of relationship with our king following his example knowing who we are "in Christ Jesus ". Knowing we are sons and daughters of the king.

Sons see serving as a privilege and religion sees it as an obligation. Sons serve willingly, religious people serve grudgingly because they feel they have no choice if they hope to win the

approval of the king. He wants us to be as serving son not a religious servant. God wants sons.

Adam was a son, Jesus was a son and we have the ability through Jesus to receive as sons. His spirit helps us think like a son, believe like a son, receive like a son

Romans 8:14-17 Ampc. *"¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God **are sons** of God.¹⁵ For [the Spirit which] you have now received [is] not a spirit of slavery to put you once more in bondage to fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption [the Spirit **producing sonship**] in [the bliss of] which we cry, Abba (Father)! Father!¹⁶ The Spirit Himself [thus] testifies together with our own spirit, [assuring us] that **we are children of God.**¹⁷ And if we are [His] children, then we are [His] heirs also: heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ [sharing His inheritance with Him]; only we must share His suffering if we are to share His glory."*

His Spirit confirms who we are. Overcomers, more than conquerors, not baptist, Methodist, non denominational, etc.... He wants sons who serve, sons who relate to Him in Love, not servants, or slaves who serve out of obligation

Servants Have no intimacy and relate on a superficial level. Sons are a part of the family and are heirs to inherit everything that belongs to their father. **Serving without intimacy is religion.**

He wants sons who share His rulership, we are a royal family, citizens of the kingdom. Kingdoms offer rights and privilege. Sons are a part of the family by birth and citizens who have rights, privileges and blessings of the heavenly kingdom.

For example: people are willing to risk their lives to be captured, put in prison to just come to the United States. Why? Because they feel like they can get a better quality of life, better jobs,

higher pay, better healthcare, greater opportunities, than in their original country. These people want to become citizens in the most prosperous nation of the world.

The kingdom is not a religion, it is a government with a king and when we realize all it offers we will do anything to get in.

Luke 16:16 NKJV *"The law and the prophets were until John. Since that time the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it."*

When we realize the power of the kingdom we will do whatever it takes to get in. We have come from a foreign country, the kingdom of darkness where all mankind was placed when Adam sinned. We lost our citizenship.

Jesus made a way for us to regain our citizenship by being born again, saved. The new birth restores us back to our original place of relationship, dominion, authority we had in the beginning. We become sons.

God has always desired sons who are citizens of His kingdom, possessing legal right to be a part of His family. Jesus came to give us full rights as sons. Jesus didn't die to improve us but to regain us and conform us. He came to restore sons and daughters to their rightful positions as rulers and heirs of His kingdom.

John 1:12 NKJV *"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the [e]right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:"*

God's ultimate purpose for man was to establish relationship and not a religion. God wants to have a family and relate to His sons as a Father. He wants relationship, not religion.

When you go to a poor country and you look at the US ambassador, it doesn't look like the poor country, it looks like the country it came from. The

ambassador has a nice home, nice car, nice car, provided for because he is as wealthy as the country he is from not the country he is in. God supplies all of our needs according to His riches in Glory.

Why do you walk like that? This is the way we walk were I'm from. Why do you talk like that? This is the way we talk where im from. Why aren't you afraid? Because in my country we aren't afraid. Why aren't you depressed? Where I'm from depression is foreign. You just went through hell and got laid off? In our country you can't fire us, we just change locations

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