

# FoT 2019 -The Mystery of the Kingdom of God

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## INTRO:

I found a book on the Kingdom of God in a bible bookstore. I believe it is the first I have seen on the self of a bookstore. I bought it,

The book begins stating that many are confused about "the kingdom" - where it is, when it is, who is in it, etc, and many don't think it is important.

But we know it is important - and the key message of Jesus. Even the name Christ refers to his being anointed to be the king of the kingdom.

Mar 1:14 NKJV - Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, **preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,**

Mar 1:15 NKJV - and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. **Repent, and believe in the gospel."**

It will also be taught before Christ returns:

Mat 24:10 NKJV - "And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.

Mat 24:11 NKJV - "Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.

Mat 24:12 NKJV - "And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

The describes the world we live in...

Mat 24:13 NKJV - "But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

**Mat 24:14 NKJV - "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.**

It should NOT be a mystery to us!

Mar 4:11 NKJV - And He said to them, "**To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God;** but to those who are outside, all things come in parables,

Mar 4:12 NKJV - "so that 'Seeing they may see and not perceive, And hearing they may hear and not understand; Lest they should turn, And [their] sins be forgiven them.' "

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Isa 6:8 NKJV - Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here [am] !! Send me."

Isa 6:9 NKJV - And He said, "Go, and tell this people: 'Keep on hearing, but do not understand; Keep on seeing, but do not perceive.'

Isa 6:10 NKJV - "Make the heart of this people dull, And their ears heavy, And shut their eyes; Lest they see with their eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with their heart, And return and be healed."

Isa 6:11 NKJV - Then I said, "Lord, how long?" And He answered: "Until the cities are laid waste and without inhabitant, The houses are without a man, The land is utterly desolate,

Isa 6:12 NKJV - The LORD has removed men far away, And the forsaken places [are] many in the midst of the land.

#### Specific Purpose of this Message

Today I want us to consider how the gospel message of the kingdom of God is the OVERARCHING MESSAGE of Jesus and one that should be of primary importance in our lives. That our belief in the coming kingdom of God IS the HOPE we have that motivates and permeates all that we do. I also want to show how it should be relevant in our lives and a daily reality.

#### NEED:

It is important that we understand the Kingdom of God, that it is NOT a mystery to us as it is a message that needs to be proclaimed. We also need to see how everything else we do and believe ties into that message.

Don't worry about the physical...

Mat 6:25 NKJV - "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?"

Mat 6:26 NKJV - "Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"

Mat 6:27 NKJV - "Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?"

Mat 6:28 NKJV - "So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin;

Mat 6:29 NKJV - "and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

Mat 6:30 NKJV - "Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, [will He] not much more [clothe] you, O you of little faith?"

Mat 6:31 NKJV - "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'"

Mat 6:32 NKJV - "For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

**Mat 6:33 NKJV - "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."**

Mat 6:34 NKJV - "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day [is] its own trouble.

The kingdom is an actual kingdom that will be set up.

Rev 11:15 NKJV - Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, **"The kingdoms of this world have become [the kingdoms] of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"**

Rev 11:16 NKJV - And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God,

Rev 11:17 NKJV - saying: "We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned.

Rev 11:18 NKJV - The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth."

A different approach... and way of governing:

Mat 20:20 NKJV - Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Him with her sons, kneeling down and asking something from Him.

Mat 20:21 NKJV - And He said to her, "What do you wish?" She said to Him, "Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom."

Mat 20:22 NKJV - But Jesus answered and said, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to Him, "We are able."

Mat 20:23 NKJV - So He said to them, "You will indeed drink My cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but [it is for those] for whom it is prepared by My Father."

Mat 20:24 NKJV - And when the ten heard [it], they were greatly displeased with the two brothers.

Mat 20:25 NKJV - But Jesus called them to [Himself] and said, **"You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them.**

**Mat 20:26 NKJV - "Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.**

**Mat 20:27 NKJV - "And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave--**

Mat 20:28 NKJV - "just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

A new nature - no more fighting ie a *new spirit* required and practiced

Isa 11:1 NKJV - There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

Isa 11:2 NKJV - **The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit** of wisdom and understanding, **The Spirit** of counsel and might, **The Spirit** of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

Isa 11:3 NKJV - His delight [is] in the fear of the LORD, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears;

Isa 11:4 NKJV - But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.

Isa 11:5 NKJV - Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist.

Even the animals will take on a new nature!  
(if possible for them, then possible for us, too!)

Isa 11:6 NKJV - "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them.

Isa 11:7 NKJV - The cow and the bear shall graze; Their young ones shall lie down together; And the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

Isa 11:8 NKJV - The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den.

Isa 11:9 NKJV - **They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain**, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea.

Isa 11:10 NKJV - "And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious."

Isa 11:11 NKJV - It shall come to pass in that day [That] the Lord shall set His hand again the second time To recover the remnant of His people who are left, From Assyria and Egypt, From Pathros and Cush, From Elam and Shinar, From Hamath and the islands of the sea.

Isa 11:12 NKJV - He will set up a banner for the nations, And will assemble the outcasts of Israel, And gather together the dispersed of Judah From the four corners **of the earth**.

Again.. A new nature - based on God's holy spirit

Isa 11:13 NKJV - Also the envy of Ephraim shall depart, And the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off; Ephraim shall not envy Judah, And Judah shall not harass Ephraim.

Isa 11:14 NKJV - But they shall fly down upon the shoulder of the Philistines toward the west; Together they shall plunder the people of the East; They shall lay their hand on Edom and Moab; And the people of Ammon shall obey them.

Isa 11:15 NKJV - The LORD will utterly destroy the tongue of the Sea of Egypt; With His mighty wind He will shake His fist over the River, And strike it in the seven streams, And make [men] cross over dryshod.

Isa 11:16 NKJV - There will be a highway for the remnant of His people Who will be left from Assyria, As it was for Israel In the day that he came up from the land of Egypt.

The way and attitudes that Jesus taught (us to live) will be the new norm:

Mat 5:1 NKJV - And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him.

Mat 5:2 NKJV - Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

Mat 5:3 NKJV - "Blessed [are] the poor in spirit, For **theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Mat 5:4 NKJV - Blessed [are] those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.

Mat 5:5 NKJV - Blessed [are] the meek, For they **shall inherit the earth.**

Mat 5:6 NKJV - Blessed [are] those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.

Mat 5:7 NKJV - Blessed [are] the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.

Mat 5:8 NKJV - Blessed [are] the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

Mat 5:9 NKJV - Blessed [are] the peacemakers, For they **shall be called sons of God.**

Mat 5:10 NKJV - Blessed [are] those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, **For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Mat 5:11 NKJV - "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.

Mat 5:12 NKJV - "Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great [is] your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Mat 5:13 NKJV - "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

Mat 5:14 NKJV - "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

Mat 5:15 NKJV - "Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all [who are] in the house.

Mat 5:16 NKJV - "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Mat 5:17 NKJV - "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.

Mat 5:18 NKJV - "For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

Mat 5:19 NKJV - "Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the **kingdom of heaven**; but whoever does and teaches [them], he shall be **called great in the kingdom of heaven.**

( DD = teaches ie making disciples)

Mat 5:20 NKJV - "For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds [the righteousness] of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

Mat 5:21 NKJV - "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.'

Mat 5:22 NKJV - "But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire.

Mat 5:23 NKJV - "Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,

Mat 5:24 NKJV - "leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First **be reconciled to your brother**, and then come and offer your gift.

Mat 5:25 NKJV - "Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison.

Mat 5:26 NKJV - "Assuredly, I say to you, you will by no means get out of there till you have paid the last penny.

## Happy families (based on following God's laws)

Mat 5:27 NKJV - "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not commit adultery.'

Mat 5:28 NKJV - "But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Mat 5:29 NKJV - "If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast [it] from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

Mat 5:30 NKJV - "And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast [it] from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

Mat 5:31 NKJV - "Furthermore it has been said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.'

Mat 5:32 NKJV - "But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery.

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Mat 5:37 NKJV - "But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.

Mat 5:38 NKJV - "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'

Mat 5:39 NKJV - "But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also.

Mat 5:40 NKJV - "If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have [your] cloak also.

Mat 5:41 NKJV - "And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two.

Mat 5:42 NKJV - "Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away.

Mat 5:43 NKJV - "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'

Mat 5:44 NKJV - "But I say to you, **love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,**

Mat 5:45 NKJV - "that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

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Mat 5:48 NKJV - "Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

So what we see is a world, a kingdom - spanning the whole earth - that is living God's way. Living and practicing LOVE. Showing true concern for one another.

Rom 13:8 NKJV - Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.

Rom 13:9 NKJV - For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if [there is] any other commandment, are [all] summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Rom 13:10 NKJV - Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love [is] the fulfillment of the law.

Mat 23:23 NKJV - "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier [matters] of the law: **justice and mercy** and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.

**In the Kingdom of God the law will be administered with justice and mercy.**

**First Conclusion:**

We need to be demonstrating love in how we deal with each other, our families (both physical and church) and those in the world around us NOW. How we live shows what the kingdom of God will be like.

Eph 4:11 NKJV - And He Himself gave some [to be] apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

Eph 4:12 NKJV - for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

NASB - for the equipping of the [fn]saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;

NLT - Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.

Eph 4:13 NKJV - 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;

Eph 4:14 NKJV - that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

Eph 4:15 NKJV - but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head--Christ--

Eph 4:16 NKJV - from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, **causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.**

Even though the Kingdom is not here yet, we need to be representing it as Ambassadors NOW.

2Co 5:18 NKJV - Now all things [are] of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,

2Co 5:19 NKJV - that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

2Co 5:20 NKJV - **Now then**, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore [you] on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

Mat 25:31 NKJV - "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.

Mat 25:32 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.

Mat 25:33 NKJV - "And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

Mat 25:34 NKJV - "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:

Mat 25:35 NKJV - 'for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in;

Mat 25:36 NKJV - 'I [was] naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'

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Mat 25:40 NKJV - "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did [it] to one of the least of these My brethren, you did [it] to Me.'

Mat 25:41 NKJV - "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

## Kingdom of God: Making It Relevant

Mat 6:33 ESV - But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Is the Kingdom a **part of our daily reality**?

If not, why not? Shouldn't it be?

**How do we make the Kingdom of God part of our daily reality and consciousness?**

**What is your perspective of when the Kingdom is setup?**

**Where will the kingdom be setup?**

Regarding the "where" of the kingdom:

Do we see the connection of the temple to God's kingdom? It represents the very throne of God. The "place where God IS - His home, where He sits, where He reigns from.

The TEMPLE is a core component of the government and the kingdom of God. The physical temple was the connection on earth to God's throne in Heaven.

So even though there was a temple, first built by Solomon then the second temple during Ezra & Nehemiah, and enlarged by Herod.. They were built by man. The following verse talks about a temple made by God:

Exo 15:17 NKJV - You will bring them in and plant them In the mountain of Your inheritance, [In] the place, O LORD, [which] **You have made For Your own dwelling, The sanctuary, O Lord, [which] Your hands have established.**

Exo 15:18 NKJV - "The LORD shall reign forever and ever."

(DD reign = tie-in to the kingdom...)

God is making us His temple. Jesus dwells in us. This should really make the kingdom relevant - a reality in our daily lives! We are His building - His handiwork. Christ, the king of the kingdom, is IN us!

**(Are we focusing too much on seeing a physical temple set up rather than the spiritual temple God is building? How should we be focused?)**

1Co 3:16 NKJV - Do you not know that **you are the temple of God** and [that] **the Spirit of God dwells in you?**

1Co 3:17 NKJV - If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, **which [temple] you are.**

2Co 6:16 NKJV - And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? **For you are the temple of the living God.** As God has said:

"I will dwell in them And walk among [them]. I will be their God, And they shall be My people."  
(Leviticus 26:12; Jeremiah 32:38; Ezekiel 37:27)

Eph 2:19 NKJV - Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

Eph 2:20 NKJV - having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner[stone],

Eph 2:21 NKJV - **in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,**

Eph 2:22 NKJV - **in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.**

Jhn 15:1 NKJV - "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

Jhn 15:2 NKJV - "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every [branch] that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

Jhn 15:3 NKJV - "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

Jhn 15:4 NKJV - "Abide in Me, **and I in you.** As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

Jhn 15:5 NKJV - "I am the vine, you [are] the branches. He who abides in Me, **and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.**

Jhn 15:6 NKJV - "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw [them] into the fire, and they are burned.

Jhn 15:7 NKJV - "If you abide in Me, and **My words abide in you,** you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

Jhn 15:8 NKJV - "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

Rom 8:9 NKJV - But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

Rom 8:10 NKJV - And if **Christ [is] in you,** the body [is] dead because of sin, but the Spirit [is] life because of righteousness.

Rom 8:11 NKJV - But if the **Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,** He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

2Co 4:6 NKJV - For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to [give] the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2Co 4:7 NKJV - But **we have this treasure in earthen vessels**, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

2Co 4:8 NKJV - [We are] hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; [we are] perplexed, but not in despair;

2Co 4:9 NKJV - persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed--

2Co 4:10 NKJV - always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, **that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.**

2Co 4:11 NKJV - For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, **that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.**

Gal 1:15 NKJV - But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called [me] through His grace,

Gal 1:16 NKJV - **to reveal His Son in me**, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood,

Gal 2:20 NKJV - "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but **Christ lives in me**; and the [life] which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Gal 4:19 NKJV - My little children, for whom I labor in birth again **until Christ is formed in you**,

Eph 3:14 NKJV - For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Eph 3:15 NKJV - from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

Eph 3:16 NKJV - that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might **through His Spirit in the inner man**,

Eph 3:17 NKJV - **that Christ may dwell in your hearts** through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

Eph 3:18 NKJV - may be able to comprehend with all the saints what [is] the width and length and depth and height--

Eph 3:19 NKJV - to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; **that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.**

Col 1:24 NKJV - I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, **for the sake of His body, which is the church**,

Col 1:25 NKJV - of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God,

Col 1:26 NKJV - the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints.

Col 1:27 NKJV - To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: **which is Christ in you**, the hope of glory.

2Th 1:9 NKJV - These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

2Th 1:10 NKJV - when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified **in His saints** and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

Mal 3:1 NKJV - "Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, **Will suddenly come to His temple**, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," Says the LORD of hosts.

Isa 29:23 ESV - For when he sees his children, **the work of my hands**, in his midst, they will sanctify my name; they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob and will stand in awe of the God of Israel.

Isa 29:24 ESV - And those who go astray in spirit will come to understanding, and those who murmur will accept instruction."

### **How does the kingdom of God tie into the work Christ is doing of building His church?**

Mat 16:16 ESV - Simon Peter replied, "You are **the Christ**, the Son of the living God."

Mat 16:17 ESV - And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

Mat 16:18 ESV - And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock **I will build my church**, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Mat 16:19 ESV - I will give you the keys of the **kingdom of heaven**, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Mat 16:20 ESV - Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that **he was the Christ**.

Christ = G5547 Χριστός Christós, khris-tos'; from [G5548](#); **anointed**, i.e. the Messiah, an epithet of Jesus:—Christ.

Is the one Anointed to be King.

### **What is the tie-in to preparing us for the kingdom of God and us edifying and building each other up?**

1Th 5:11 NKJV - Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

**Have these questions and discussion helped us see how to make the Kingdom of God more relevant in our daily lives? (How?) (or shown us ways we can improve in making it more relevant - and a greater reality?)**