

Module 7: The Kingdom of God (Week 3)

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The marks of the Kingdom of God:

If the marks of the kingdom of God are given to us in the Word, then we know the marks of the kingdom of darkness, of Satan, are the opposite of those. Because we are still awaiting the full consummation of the kingdom of God, and the devil and his demons are still in the earth allowed to influence mankind, there will be a clash of the two kingdoms, dark and Light.

If you are a Kingdom of God ambassador, then these marks Of God's Kingdom should be evident in your life:

Deliverance, healing, humility, sacrifice, enduring persecution, faith, love, forgiveness and mercy, patience, peace, reconciliation, intercession, wisdom, servanthood, giving/caring for others, holiness, and all the fruits of the Spirit.

Deliverance from demonic oppression is a mark of God's kingdom. oppression of demons on mankind is a mark of Satan's kingdom. We are God's ambassadors bringing the Kingdom of God wherever we go to overcome that dark kingdom. We were commissioned to cast out demons as part of that mandate.

Matt. 12:28, Mark 1:22-27, Mark 16:15-18, Matthew 10:8, Mark 3:13-15, Luke 10:1-9, 16-20

70 sent out to spread the gospel and the Kingdom, to signify restoration to all the fallen 70 kingdoms that had been divided at Babel. Jesus was restoring all things and bringing unity in God again. Those kingdoms were full of demonic influence and control. Jesus overthrew them and sent out His ambassadors to usher in God's Kingdom against them. Matt. 11:12, Acts 10:38, Matt. 16:15-19, Rev. 1:18, Matt. 28:18-20

2) Healing is a mark of the kingdom of God. a mark of Satan's kingdom is sickness and disease, physical and emotional torment, and pain. because the earth is still under the curse, there will be contention with the effects of sin and the devil, and the work of death. Jesus has made healing and resurrection available through His power and authority through faith in Him for His own who receive it, but this cannot be fully realized until the Kingdom is consummated when He returns. He told us to heal the sick and raise the dead. These are marks of His Kingdom—healing and life, overcoming the effects of death.

Luke 9:2, Luke 10:9, Luke 9:11, Mark 5:15, Mark 9:21-27, Isaiah 53:3-11, Isaiah 61:1-7, Luke 4:16-22, Luke 7:20-23. Jesus answered John's question with scripture that described some of what Messiah would do, which including healing the blind, lame, and deaf. Isaiah 29:18-20, Isaiah 35:5-10.

Humility. recognition of the depraved state without the mercy and salvation of God. The humble recognition of one's sin drives the way of salvation. Pride is the mark of Satan's kingdom. Luke 6:20 This does not mean physically poor, it means poor in spirit. Matthew 5:3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Rev. 3:16-19, Romans 3:20-27, Matt. 5:10-14, John 9:39-42, Luke 20:46-48

Personal sacrifice to stand for the Truth of God. Enduring the persecution that may come with that. the mark of Satan's kingdom would be caving in to persecution, staying silent rather than speaking the Truth, bowing to the false authorities, following the crowd who listens to the deceiver, and

seeking to save one's life rather than profess the Truth or do the will of God. Luke 18:29-30, Rev. 12:11, Mark 8:33-36, Matt. 10:33, II Tim. 1:8, Luke 22:42

Faith is a mark of the kingdom of God. unbelief is a mark of Satan's kingdom. The way of the world is to believe only if they perceive with the natural senses, and even then will question. This is because of personal filters based in past experiences and personal opinions, deception, and strongholds of lies long held. Fear is also a mark of Satan's kingdom, an evidence of belief in the wrong thing. Fear is mistrust in God.

I John 4:18, Mark 5:36, Mark 10:14-15. Child-like faith takes the Word of the Father as Truth against which nothing else matters or stands. Asking questions is not the same as questioning. God allows questions, He does not allow doubt and mistrust in Him.

Religious pride, clinging to doctrine and one's interpretation of the Truth without the Holy Spirit falls under this category because it causes unbelief. Their unbelief excluded them from the Kingdom of God. Matt. 21:23-46, John 8:37-49, Luke 19:41-44, Matt. 23:13-15, Luke 13:24-28. Satan's way is also to bind one in only rational thinking with the limited faculties of human understanding. 'I must see to believe first.' In God's Kingdom we believe first before we see. Faith goes before manifestation. Psalm 94:10.

Servanthood Jesus set the precedent for all who believe in God and believe in Him as Savior. He came serving, not ruling. We are all to be servant hearted to one another, not just to the good either. Serving flows out of a heart of love, and a heart of love is a mark of God's kingdom. A mark of Satan's kingdom is to serve self, and put self before others. It rejects humble beginnings and seeks glory, honor, fame, and position without serving. I Peter 4:10, Gal. 5:13, John 13:1-5, 13-17, Mark 9:35, Matt. 23:10-11, Matt. 25:37-40, Phil. 2:3-8

Forgiveness, mercy, longsuffering, patience, grace. This kind of activity and lifestyle is foreign to Satan. He does not understand mercy. The mark of Satan's kingdom is condemnation, shame, accusation, vengeance, anger and retaliation, impatience with people, and all lack of grace. Ephesians 4:32, Matthew 5:7, Mark 11:25-27, Matthew 5:38-49, Gal. 5:22-23, Colossians 3:12-15, Romans 12:19, John 13:34-35

Trust in God for provision, not trust in money, things, fame, position, knowledge, or power is a mark of the Kingdom of God. a mark of Satan's kingdom is the love of money, serving it and honoring it above God, being a slave to it, fearing not having it, trusting in wealth, fame, power, and influence for personal benefit and gain, honor, peace, safety, identity, and recognition. Trusting in self and one's own talents and abilities. I am sure this is why God's kingdom way involves giving before we receive.

Matt. 19:16-26, I Tim. 6:10 KJV For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. What is going on in the heart when it comes to money that could keep one from God and His Kingdom?

Jesus explained to this young rich man, that inheriting eternal life was answered by faith in and following the ten commandments, but also by recognizing we are lost without the forgiveness and mercy of God He offers through the Son. No good works, or even keeping the commandments can save anyone from eternal death, because the sin nature is in every human being, and must be atoned, removed, and made new by the sacrifice of Christ. Only God is truly good. No person is truly good without God. No matter what good things they have said or done.

Ezekiel 33:13, Romans 3:9-12, Psalm 14:1-3, Romans 7:14-25, Romans 3:23, Jer. 17:9

Walking in the perfect revelation of the kingdom of God requires faith, and trust in God alone. There is a dark Satanic spirit behind money in this world, given authority and power by mankind since the fall. called mammon. Every child of God must be careful not to turn our hearts to this false demonic spirit, and turn away from trust in God. It uses fear, not just pride, lust, and human reasoning to keep us worshiping and honoring it above God. This is how the love of money is the root of all evil. based in a mistrust of God, and trust in a false fallen god. Money itself is not evil, but there is a spirit behind it to be resisted. God owns all the money, He made it, the gold, the silver, anything of value is His. the thief who steals it and corrupts it in man's mind, like everything else. Hosea 2:8, Psalm 50:10, Deut. 8:13-22, Gen. 24:35, Exodus 3:22. Read Exodus 32 If you worship it, don't be surprised if a demon god comes out of it and destroys you. Matt. 23:16-25, Matthew 6:19-34 Notice His stress on faith over fear, and its relation to money. Mammon rules with fear. God rules with faith in Him. I Kings 17:1-15, Matt. 17:24-27, Luke 20:20-26. Jesus said whose IMAGE is on the coin.

The coming Kingdom: Born to be King. Always been the King. Will be the King. Spiritual will manifest in the natural. Luke 1:31-32, John 18:37, Zech. 9:9-10. Jesus will reign out of Jerusalem as King over all the earth.

When Jesus returns, everything is in chaos. a lot of warfare going on, and Israel will be surrounded and attacked by her enemies. Zech. 14:1-11. The invisible kingdom will become visible. The kingdoms of this world will be no more, and it will only be His Kingdom. This is fulfillment of Daniel 2 and 7. This will be a reestablishment of Eden, with Jesus reigning as King over the earth, establishing order and peace, and His ambassadors maintaining order with Him. This is what God intended from the beginning. Man had not been able to do this in his fallen sin nature, but now through the redemption of Christ, we can return to the mandate untainted. The devil will be restrained in the Pit, unable to influence people. Rev. 20:1-6. Rev. 11:15-18. Daniel's vision and Nebuchadnezzar's dream fulfilled: Daniel 4:34-35, Daniel 2:28, 31-45. The Stone: Jesus is the Rock, the Stone. Psalm 118:22 The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. (I Samuel 2:2, Matt. 16:18, Matt. 21:23-45. (See Jesus in the rock: Exod. 17:6, 33:21-22; Numb 20:8; Deut. 32:4, 15, 18, 30-31; Judges 6:20-26; II Sam. 22:2-3; Psalm 18:2, 31, 46; Psalm 40:2, 61:2; Prov. 30:19; Isaiah 8:14, 17:10, 44:8; Habakkuk 1:12; Matt. 7:24-26; Rom. 9:33; I Cor. 10:4; I Peter 2:8)

Babylon was the head of gold led by Nebuchadnezzar, Medo-Persia the chest and arms, led by Darius and Cyrus, Greece is the belly and thighs led by Alexander the Great, and the 4th kingdom, the legs of iron and the mixed feet, was Rome led by the Caesars. Remnants of this kingdom have divided and remained into modern day as the last kingdom before Christ returns, a mixed kingdom, represented by the 10 toes. The Roman Empire, depicted by the legs of iron, ruled from 168 BC to AD 476, was known for its military might and engineering progress, and established a vast empire that influenced law, governance, and architecture. The iron symbolizes the strength and durability of Rome, and also its harshness and oppression. It was this kingdom into which Jesus stepped onto the scene. Daniel 7. The four beasts represent the same 4 kingdoms in the statue.

The fourth kingdom: Rome fell apart and divided and lost its unified strength. Its remnant spread throughout the world, to many of the nations we see today. out of those remaining nations that we will likely see the 10 kingdoms arise who will align with the Antichrist. Some think this mixed kingdom of the last days is partly demonic, partly human, some think Arab and Jewish, or some other mixture. A mixed kingdom of man and demons? Look at Daniel 2:42-43. Where have we seen this before? Genesis 6. And what did Jesus say about the last days before He came? 'As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the days of the coming of the son of man.' What was going on in the days of Noah? The Nephilim were spreading their wicked influence throughout the earth, hybrid breeds of demons and mankind.

The Skull crusher: Jesus destroying the demonic kingdom from the time of Genesis 3 to the flood, to the cross, and until now. He stopped the Nephilim plan. He came casting them out of His people, and is still doing that. He is the stone that brought the giant down through the hand of David His servant. It was on Golgotha where He overcame them through His death, translated 'the place of the skull' which was named by His people as the hill where King David had put the head of Goliath and his armor on display for all Israel to see and be reminded of their victory over their enemies, including the giant. Goliath was a remnant of the Nephilim, the giants. Golgotha is where Jesus crushed the head of the serpent. Genesis 3:15, Phil. 2:9-11, Ephesians 1:17-23, Col. 2:8-15.

The Millenial Kingdom

a temple, Ezekiel 40-48. Jesus remains the high priest, with priests ministering with Him. sacrifices, not necessarily for sin. Jesus will physically reign as King out of Jerusalem. All the world will know Him as Lord and King. People born must receive Him as Savior and Lord. People will live long as in the days before the flood. Resurrected saints will never die and do not sin. The curse of death and trouble in creation is removed. Animals do not kill. Storms do not destroy. There is no war, no lack, no rebellion, no deception. The sabbath and the feasts will still be honored because they are all about honoring the Son and what He did. If people choose not to honor Christ this way, God will judge them. Saints will rule and reign with Christ, working with Him in righteous judgment.

Genesis 2:1-3 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made.

The last 1000-year period is His Sabbath, the millennial reign of Christ on earth. Our time of rest in Him. No devil. Zechariah 14:8-20, Romans 8:15-25, Isaiah 65:17-25, Isaiah 2:2-4, Isaiah 11:6-10, Isaiah 25:7-8, Ezekiel 48:35, Micah 4:3, Zechariah 8:1-23.

I Cor. 6:2-3 Do you not know that the saints will judge the world?...

Rev. 5:8-10 ...have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, 10 and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth."

The age to come: Matthew 12:32, Mark 10:29-30, I Cor 10:11, Ephesians 2:7, Heb.6:4-6.

I Cor. 15:16-5750 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

We will rule and reign with Jesus for a thousand years on the earth. To be prepared fully for that, we have to be changed. Again. We cannot inherit the full Kingdom of God with Him until we are spiritually and physically changed, even as Jesus was. Faith is the avenue, and the Spirit of God brings the miraculous change. Flesh as we know it cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. Sin is in the way. First the sin must be atoned for and the spirit reborn and remade in Christ. Then at His coming, we have to take on a glorified flesh, a new body, a full spiritual identity in Christ. When Jesus comes again, that curse will be ended as well.

Jesus calls His believers to be about His Kingdom business until He returns. We will be rewarded for what we did in the current spiritual Kingdom of God. All we did in serving the Lord here in this age is preparation for the age to come, when we will rule and reign with Jesus. He will share His Kingdom rule with His faithful followers, and apparently will delegate in the millennial Kingdom. The Bride prepares herself: the righteous acts of the saints.

Revelation 19:6-8 ...Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." 8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

Of course we are all made righteous, acceptable to God, through receiving the finished work of the cross. not by anything we did to earn it. Only the blood of Christ can make us clean. Ephesians 2:8-10. Matthew 3:7-12. The righteous acts we do for the gospel, for the glory of God, for furthering His kingdom, and to show the love and power of God are not just for reward, but are actually His commandments. He expects us to be faithful to multiply what He has given us for His glory. Luke 19:11-27.