

SIXTH DAY OF FEAST OF TABERNACLES
BE KINGDOM-MINDED NOW
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Luke 4:42-43

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; 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." (Jesus had to preach about The Kingdom of God ... that's why He was sent)

Luke 8:1

Now it came to pass, afterward, that He went through every city and village, preaching and bringing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with Him

Jesus preached The Kingdom of God ... and He sent His disciples to do the same.

Luke 9:1-2

Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

The Good News of this coming Kingdom.

Acts 1:3

to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

Acts 1:6-8

Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in

His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

If He's not going to come for a very long time ... why was Jesus preaching about The Kingdom of God then? What's the relevance? Is the preaching of The Kingdom of God in reality nothing to do with us in this day and age? Or ... is there some relevance for our lives today? Yes ... it does. Most people are only concerned with the here and now ... we have to be careful that we don't fall into the same mindset.

It's quite easy to realise why we might just live like those round about us. And yet ... in the scriptures ... the men and women of God looked to the Kingdom.

We should be Kingdom-Minded people now. We should be learning today ... the principles of a person who will finally be in The Kingdom when it is set up.

We need a clearer vision of the coming Kingdom and what we can be doing now. Realising the opportunities ... we can learn to think and speak ... know how to act ... how to live ... as a King/Queen.

Romans 12:1-2

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. (Give God 100% ... your body, your life. We should present our bodies as a living sacrifice ... A slave) 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.

Romans 12:1 THE MESSAGE

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around

life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him.

Romans 12:2 NLT

Don't copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Colossians 3:1-4

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

Colossians 3:2 NET

Keep thinking about things above, not things on the earth,

We should have a bigger vision ... set our mind on things above. That's where our interest should be ... on things above. Everything today has a "sell-by-date".

Matthew 6:19-21

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:27-33

Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?

"So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 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?

“Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. **But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. (PUT GOD FIRST!! RENEW YOUR MIND!! SEEK THE BIGGER PICTURE!)**

We don't have to be tied up with everyday things ... "I'll set my mind on things above". God takes care of the rest.

Hebrews 11:8-10

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; **for he waited for (enthusiastically) the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.**

Hebrews 11:10 NASB

for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

Hebrews 11:13-16

These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their **God, for He has prepared a city for them.**

Hebrews 11:24-27

By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. (Moses "looked to the reward" ... his future destiny ... he chose life)

By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible.

Hebrews 2:5-9

For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels. But one testified in a certain place, saying:

**"What is man that You are mindful of him,
Or the son of man that You take care of him?"**

You have made him a little lower than the angels; (You have made him a little lower than the angels ... for a while)

You have crowned him with glory and honour,
And set him over the works of Your hands.

You have put all things (Moffatt: the universe) in subjection under his feet." For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him.

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honour, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.

When do we start learning to live like a prince/princess/king/queen ... right now!!

Revelation 2:25-29

But hold fast what you have till I come. And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give (the overcomer) power over the nations—

"He shall rule them with a rod of iron;

They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels'—as I also have received from My Father;

and I will give him the morning star. (Jesus)

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

Revelation 3:19-22

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. **Therefore be zealous and repent.** Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. **To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.**

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” ‘ ‘

These rewards are for everybody WHO IS AN OVERCOMER. The throne is us sitting in a position sharing with Christ ... His power and authority.

1 Corinthians 6:1-3

Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unrighteous, and not before the saints? **Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? (not in this day and age)** And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? **Do you not know that we shall judge angels?** How much more, things that pertain to this life?

We should be mindful now of where we are headed. We do need a "spiritual mind".

Ephesians 1:15-21

Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: **that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; (spiritual eyes to see spiritual things) that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His**

power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

Colossians 1:9-14

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us (set free from satan's power) from the authority of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

Philippians 3:8-15

Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. (This is the first fruits harvest FROM the dead --- not a resurrection of the dead)

Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to

those things which are ahead, I press (sprinting) toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you.

We can have the same view ... the same desire that the Apostle Paul had. Because one day we can be resurrected from the dead and enjoy that life with the Father and with Jesus Christ.