

The Kingdom of God, pt.5, 7.29.07  
Kingdoms In Conflict, pt.2

Introduction

- Stories of the KOG
  - 1<sup>st</sup> service – story of man rising from the dead
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> service – stories from youth camp; when you encounter the King & His Kingdom it creates a hunger to be in His presence
  - Bill Johnson article in March Charisma magazine
- Summary of previous
  - The Original Kingdom. God gave mankind authority &
  - The Conflict
  - The Enemy's Tactics

God's reunification strategy – "On earth as it is in Heaven"

**Introduction** – This is God's battle plan in aligning everything in earth with heaven. Heaven is a location as B'port is a location; the biggest difference between the two is that the KOG is fully established in heaven & it is being established here. (Ill. Of Spokane, WA as the healthiest place to live during the early part of 20<sup>th</sup> century. The more of the Kingdom of God the less of the kingdom of darkness.)

1. Check for openings – 2 Cor.2.11
  - i. Our model – Acts 2.42–47; 4.31–35; 5.12–16; 8.4–7; 9.31; 19.1–20 (Ephesus was an ex. Of what happens when the kog invades a region; iow "on earth as it is in Heaven.").
  - ii. Sin patterns – what are the habitual sins that keep dragging you down; deal with them; **go get the help you need**; Quit accommodating the sin & blaming other people; stick with it – if you mess up, seek God's forgiveness & get up

- iii. Deal with all compromise. Issues such as – integrity, money, sexuality, fair compensation, business ethics, entertainment, leisure activities, food, taking care of your body, reading material, etc.
  - iv. Strengthen relationships – forgive others, show unconditional love, working through difficulties,
  - v. **You can be saved but not delivered. You can be demonically oppressed and be a Christian when you do not deal with the sin issues of your life.**
    - 1. The Churches of Rev. 2 & 3. They allowed Satan into the church through toleration & it led to all kinds of problems – lives destroyed, false beliefs, division, apathy, etc.
  - vi. In order for it to be “on earth as it is in Heaven” we must deal with openings.
2. Know & use your arsenal – 2 Cor.10.4
- i. Repentance – this is one of the greatest weapons against the enemy. It’s what breaks the strong holds in our lives. Jesus came preaching, “Repent for the KOG is at hand.”
    - 1. Changing our mindset is when we’ll see greater liberty in our own life & relationships. We try to get others, including God, to change their mind.
    - 2. The devil gets a stronghold in our life through our mind sets.
    - 3. Repentance is the road to destiny. The kindest thing Jesus ever said was “repent.” Do you want to reach your fullest potential in the KOG – repent from both sin & incorrect or incomplete views about God.
    - 4. Story of homosexual activist coming to Christ
  - ii. Humility – the way of humility is the road to greatness in God. Humility is evidenced when you submit to God’s desires (both written Word & moving of the Spirit). It’s not solely about being quite or serving

behind the scenes, but about submitting to authority in a willing & joyful way. Jesus gives his kingdom to the humble.

- iii. The authority of our position in Christ – Gen.1.28; Rom.8.17, 37; Gal.4.7; Luke 10.18–20
  - 1. As a follower of Christ, your authority has been restored. You no longer are subordinate to Satan; you no longer have to be dominated by sin; today, you can walk in victory!
  - 2. Gen.1.28 is for today! God still expects us to “be fruitful & multiply” in every sense. John 15 states it is God’s will that we bear much fruit.
  - 3. You don’t have to believe the lies he tells you about yourself or circumstances. As someone said, “You let your condition rise to your position.”
  - 4. Dominion has been restored. I am to use the authority God has given me and bring everything under the Lordship of Jesus...my will, family, work, neighborhood, church, community. All the places I have influence are to be brought under the reign of the King.
    - a. Mother Teresa – serving the poor behind the scenes; “on earth as it is in Heaven”
    - b. MLK – promoting equality in the national eye; “on earth as it is in Heaven”
- iv. The Armor of God – Eph.6.10–18
- v. The Blood of Jesus & your testimony – Rev.12.11..
  - 1. The reason testimonies are so powerful because they demonstrate God’s power over sin, the bad guys & his ability to change our minds.! It gives us encouragement to fight b/c we know our God wins.

2. Question: Why does God allow Satan exist?

Typically ask the question b/c of the amount of evil and want to know why God doesn't stop it.

- a. Satan wouldn't have the stronghold he has today if God's people would deal with their sins & take their authority in the home, work & community & fulfill our responsibilities. If we would take seriously our Gen.1.28 mandate, "to take dominion & multiply" we wouldn't be dealing with some of the things we currently have.
- b. We ask, "God why don't you...? And He responds, "Scott why don't you...?"

vi. Righteous living – Matt.5.13–16

vii. The Spirit empowered life – Romans 8.1–17

3. Be committed to your Leader (Jesus) & fellow comrades

- i. Phil.4.12–14 – press on to the goal.
- ii. One of the major characteristics of the early church was their absolute commitment to one another (model passage – 2,i)

1. We are at war and every soldier is needed. We need to be committed to one another (in our church & with other believers) & know who the enemy is. **The enemy isn't some other church.**
2. Heb.10.24f – don't stop meeting together especially as you see the day approaching. By attending church today you are warring. You're being encouraged by being around other believers; you're spirit is being revived by the HS; you're focusing your attention on God during praise; you're lifting up believers in prayer; you're being equipped by studying the Word; honoring God by tithing; exercising your spiritual gifts by ministering. **Not doing these**

things is giving ground to the enemy. This is why Christians who aren't connected deeply to a local church often live in spiritual defeat.

3. I encourage you to contact believers who haven't been in church. Find out what's happening & encourage them to reestablish contact.
4. A Christian w/o a church home is like a soldier taking on an enemy force by himself. It's just a matter of time before he falls and he won't have anyone there to assist him. We'll all get wounded, but if I'm in a body I have a support structure. It will sustain me, make sense of the injury, encourage & re-equip me to get back in the battle.

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4. Go on the offensive

i. Fulfill your responsibilities (Gen.1.28)

1. We each have assignments & God won't do them for us. Sometimes they're tough assignments & cry out all you want & God isn't going to intervene. He's called you to intervene...to make the hard decision...to confront the situation. The longer you wait the more power the enemy is given. God will give you what you need but you've got to get to work & pay the bills.
2. The duties or crises that come before you, you are to deal with under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Ask God for wisdom, courage, & power & then do what you're supposed to do.
3. You are to take the passions & giftings God has given you & develop them to the fullest degree.

ii. Live wholeheartedly for God – Rev.12.11; 2 Tim.1.6  
(fan into flames)

1. You have to do the fanning.

2. Jesus told the Church of Ephesus in Rev.2 to return to their first love & do the things they did at the beginning.
3. We want the fire to fall like in Acts 2, but it was in response to 10 days of prayer.
- iii. Pray & proclaim the will of God over all of life's issues.
  1. You take the promises of God; hold them before God; Faith is eager expectation that God will keep His word; it isn't vain repetition (Matt.6.7f.). Believing God's word is what's key not constant repetition.
  2. 1 John 5.14f. – If you don't know what God's will is then look it up in the Word or the ministry of Jesus. He revealed God's will by his life.
- iv. Praise & thanksgiving
  1. There is more praise going on during the end time shaking than at any other time recorded in Scripture; there was much rejoicing at Jesus' birth, but there's even more with his returning.
  2. Despite all the bad stuff, there is always room for praise. Praise eliminates the drone of Satan.
5. Don't listen to the propaganda
  - i. He is liar (John 8.44)
  - ii. He is an accuser (Rev.12)
  - iii. He is constantly berating you of your inconsistencies and inferiorities; your inabilities and missed opportunities. He barks, "Look, what you've done with your life..."
  - iv. You have to turn off the radio & quit being transfixed by his lies. Don't put up with them.
  - v. When kid's return from camp, there's typically a fire for God. One of the ways the devil extinguishes it is by reminding you of how bad you are. You begin to agree with it. B/c of Christ, you are a new creation. Everything is new everyday!

- vi. You must agree with God's assessment of you based upon the blood of Jesus.
- 6. Walk in the confident assurance that the war has been won!
  - i. It is finished! The war is over. Jesus won the war, but there are battles & casualties.
  - ii. Col.2.13-15
  - iii. This doesn't mean you lay down your weapons & go on a vacation. It means the enemy is retreating in defeat and you need to be vigilant & press the attack. We're on the offense, "the gates of Hell will not prevail." IOW, we're the ones bringing the attack to them.
  - iv. It's much easier to walk through life in victory when you know you're side wins.
    - 1. Conversation with pastors about growing Muslim population & what to do. They will be saved!

Julie Meyer prophecy from February 2007 - God's plan of "on earth as it is in Heaven."