

VINEYARD HARVEST

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THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

THE WORD OF GOD

The Kingdom of God



The Kingdom of God is often introduced and described to us in the Gospels through parables that Jesus taught. It would seem that He wanted us to know about His kingdom. He described to us the citizenship of the kingdom by telling us who would inherit it. He described its Lord and ruler to us by the characters in the parables. He told us the nature of the kingdom and the rules that applied to it. He also gave its location and described its power to us in the parables and in other places when He spoke about it. In one particular instance, He states to Pilate that His kingdom is not of this world otherwise His servants would have fought for Him. This stands out as a very important clue to me that He did not come to save the earth but to establish His kingdom on it by making us His co-rulers. That is why He says in Matt 6.33 to seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness first.

I believe that many Christians are building their own kingdom on this earth without even realizing it. They say they are working for God but when one does not see righteousness attached to their lives of works for the Kingdom it becomes evident that they are on a journey of self. The so called Church at large is filled with sin, debauchery, falsity of teaching and prophecy, wealth making, drunkenness and witchcraft. Very few Christians are truly walking with God. A true worker in the Kingdom of God would consider the instructions of the Lord and fulfill those wishes. In the parable of the talents, we see that one person in the three that were chosen to profit their Master did not profit his Master out of fear of the Master. When you are fearful of God, you will never achieve anything in life. Knowing His power should only motivate us to serve Him in a greater way of His righteousness and not be perturbed. I believe this servant had an unnatural fear of his Master. So, he did nothing and suffered for his wrong decision.

*Jesus said: Luk 12:32 **Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.** Please read Luk 12:29:40*

From this parable, we can see that it is God's good pleasure to give us His kingdom. So He says; 'fear not'. This statement pertains to our fears of daily living and what the future holds. So, Jesus says; do not worry about these things but think on this fact that God has given you the keys to His kingdom. If He can give you that, and more than that in His Son, then what will He not give you? You do not have to hoard or be fearful of the economy or what tomorrow may bring. Rather, if you were wise, you would invest what He has given you and multiply it.

From the time Jesus saved me and called me, I can honestly say it has been a Kingdom journey for me. To prove that in me, He called me based on Matt 6.33. It is like when He gave His servants talents. The calling and choosing is His gift to us. He has called and chosen each one of us. We need to respond to what He has given us in gifts, talents and blessings and seek to multiply it for His kingdom and not just for our benefit. Jesus was pretty upset with the guy who did nothing with what He had given Him. He had not sought after the Kingdom things but was fearful of worldly situations and his Lord.

The truth is, I did not choose this life and neither did you. However, I recognize that I have been called and have decided to do what the Master wants. In seeking His Kingdom and righteousness through faith I have seen the

benefits of the Kingdom in my life. The journey we take must be one of investment into the Kingdom and then all other things will be added to our efforts. Fruit for the Master is imperative and that does not mean only character change but fulfilling His instructions of winning souls and doing the works of the ministry just as Jesus did in *Act 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.*

We are called to produce as a result of the gifts and talents given to us. There is an assurance in His word in Matt 6.33 that we will become partakers of the Kingdom and its benefits when we seek first the Lord and what He wants. We must take our eyes off this world and what we think we can build here or benefit from in this life. The natural is only a temporary shell that will soon be dispensed with. We must be seers into the realm of the Spirit which is His desire for us to see what He is doing on earth. In other words' "look up to look down". The truth is the Kingdom of Jesus will be established on this earth and the rule of His government will be upon it. We are called to be co-rulers of it according to His calling. We must begin to practice our authority now and take dominion over situations and circumstances and destroy the opposing forces that want to come against God's kingdom.

The Kingdom is within us.

Luk 17:21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you

The reality of something like what the verse states about the Kingdom being within us tends not to gel with us because we have little understanding of the Kingdom in a true sense. If we understood what the Kingdom really meant, we would see that God is investing a whole new world into us and us into His new world. The old has passed away to give way to the new. It is happening now in you and me. ***We are the new breed of the Kingdom of God.*** Not the people in the world. They will not even be in the Kingdom of God if they do not accept Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

If you have been following the news, you will see how desperately Islam is trying to establish its kingdom on earth. The truth is, they will never be able to establish it because the true Kingdom is not of this world. Their kingdom is a false one even though they may be able to establish some rule of fear on this earth like many before them. People like Alexander the Great and Hitler and even religions have tried their hand at it but all have failed miserably. Soon the devil will expose the anti-Christ whom he has raised to set up his devilish kingdom on earth. He too will fail miserably. This is what has been written in the scriptures as prophecy. This time is upon us now. We need to stay sharp and know the times we live in.

Our job on earth is to preach the gospel and demonstrate the power of God to all who will listen. In doing this, those who take dominion over this earth will do so by saving souls. When it is time, Jesus will return and set up His rule on earth and then we will see true Kingdom rule and authority with all its benefits. The Lamb will lie down with the Lion and there will be no more war.

Many of us are tired right now because we have been waiting for a very long time. Yet, be patient and Jesus will appear soon to claim His own. We must be ready with fruit. ***Be blessed***

Love

Pastor Noble

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Our new name and Logo explained

The new name speaks of a harvest that is born out of the Vineyard of God. Our denomination expects that we will keep their name in any change we institute to our name. As a result, I came up with this name and it was agreed upon by the elders.

The colours represent as follows:

The Purple is the cluster of grapes in the Vineyard. The red that follows is the saving blood of Jesus. The subsequent mix of colours represent the kaleidoscope of people who belong to the harvest of God's Kingdom.