

The Kingdom is Heaven on Earth 2

“God’s big idea is to colonize the earth with the culture of heaven.” This is his present purpose of the Kingdom as it exists now, and it is the final goal of redemption’s fulfillment.

The kingdoms of the world shall become the Kingdom of our Christ!

Heaven is not merely about the future. Its not earth now and heaven later!

Jesus wants the will of God to be done on earth as it is in heaven!

Culture Carrying Leaders: I have this growing vision inside of me to raise up culture carrying leaders who strive to make life on earth as it is in heaven.

Culture carrying leaders are people who strive to make life on earth, as it is in heaven.

Imagine what your family would be like if the character of your children and the culture of you household resembled the culture of heaven.

Imagine what our church would be like if every member was so committed to becoming Kingdom minded culture carrying leaders.

Imagine what our communities would be like if every man and every woman who loved Jesus acted more like a “heavenly man” than an “earthly man”

Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and **peace** and joy in the Holy Spirit.

- So the Kingdom of God is all about the culture of heaven manifesting on the earth.
- Is it possible to have a life that is infused with the character of God and the culture of heaven?

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Life is about so much more than food, although food is good! Life is more than drink, although you can’t live without liquids! There is more to your life than all the things like temporary life has to offer.

Today's topic is the culture of peace.

There is a heavenly peace that permeates through the kingdom of heaven. No strife, no warring, no tension, no fear. There are no panic attacks in Heaven.

Jesus is called the Prince of Peace (Isa. 9:6)

When Jesus was born, the shepherds heard heavenly voices break through the spiritual dimension so they can Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" (Luke 2:14) **PEACE HAS COME TO THE EARTH!**

Jesus gave his disciple the **gift of kingdom peace** John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

How did Jesus teach his disciples about the Culture of the Kingdom?

- He told Kingdom Stories
- He led them into Kingdom Experiences
- He showed them Kingdom Power

This is the same way the Holy Spirit teaches us the Culture of Heaven.

HE TOLD THEM KINGDOM STORIES

1) The Parable of the Sower

- a) 4:11, He says you have been given the "secret of the kingdom" in these stories. And the outsiders, or unbelievers can't see it.
- b) Jesus came sowing the seeds of the Kingdom.

The "secret" common to all the kingdom parables, is that in Jesus, God's rule (kingdom) has come into human experience in a new spiritual form.

2) The Parable of the Mustard Seed

- a) 4:30-32 "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? **31** It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, **32** yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

- b) The Parable (story) of the Mustard seed – illustrates how the Kingdom of God on earth starts and grows.

Let's say it this way: the Kingdom of God which is God's rule through Jesus, begins as a small thing, but His desire is for the kingdom to grow so much in our lives that people who need rest, shelter, and security are drawn to what they see in us and there they find rest in the shade of His kingdom.

HE LED THEM INTO KINGDOM EXPERIENCES

Mark 4:35-41 The Storm

Kingdom Peace is not the absence of testing and trying circumstances. Kingdom peace is the confidence of knowing that the King has authority over the works of the enemy.

In Kingdom Experiences

- 1) There is always Wind and Waves.
 - a) There will come test - There will be opposition
- 2) You can always find the Will of God.
 - a) This is how we lose or find our peace.
 - b) When facing the wind and the waves of a stormy experience our tendency is to think:
 - i) This was a very bad decision... I am out of the will of God.
 - ii) This was a bad decision because it seems like God is asleep and doesn't care.
 - c) This is not a test, it is a trust.
 - i) A Kingdom minded man or woman looks at every experience as a kingdom advancing opportunity.

James 1:2-4 Msg Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way.

- ii) God does not test because he wants to see if we are going to fail. He tests us because He trusts us.

He trusts us enough to take us to the next level in the kingdom.

iii) The testing of your faith produces something.

(1) The testing only comes because you are being trusted

(2) If you can't be tested you can't be trusted.

HE SHOWED THEM KINGDOM POWER

The force of this verb in the original language means “Be silent! Be muzzled and remain so!”.

At His command **the wind** stopped and **the lake** became **completely calm**.

1) The purpose of the devil is destroy the work of God that is waiting for you on the other side of the storm.

2) The purpose of King Jesus is not just to get you to the other side to but get his faith inside of you!

a) Mark 4:40 He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?”.

We have to remember that “Man’s panic does not produce God’s power.” – Steven Furtick, Elevation Church

3) Jesus wanted to get what’s inside of him, inside of them!

a) His Authority

b) His Peace

He wanted His peace to dwell inside of them.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

Kingdom Peace comes not from calm waters but from the calming confidence that God has eternity in his hands.

Conclusion: are you ready to become a culture carrying son and daughter of God who strives to make live on earth as it is in heaven?