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# About The Kingdom of God

*“But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.”*

Matthew 6:33

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Our world was once filled with kingdoms. Now most of them have passed away, and those remaining are mostly kingdoms in name only. In common with everything of man, the word “temporary” is stamped upon them. But there is a totally different – and eternal – kingdom. It is called the Kingdom of God.

What is the Kingdom of God? Jesus described it as “at hand” when He began His public ministry (Mark 1:15). He further declared that it cannot be seen or entered except by new birth (John 3:3). In Colossians 1:13 (KJV), it is called “the kingdom of His dear son,” and those who are saved by grace have been transferred into it from the kingdom of darkness. It is not a material kingdom, but a spiritual one, consisting of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17). Paul preached the Kingdom of God (Acts 20:25; 28:31). The Lord Jesus told us to give it the place of priority in our lives (Matthew 6:33).

These and other references make it clear that the Kingdom of God is a sphere where’s God’s authority is recognized and maintained. During this present age it is found only in the hearts of those who have received Jesus as their Lord. During Christ’s Millennial Reign, it will be visible upon the earth, for the “the kingdoms of this world... become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign forever and ever (Revelation 11:15).

*Joy to the world! The Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heaven and nature sing.  
He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His Righteousness,  
And wonders of His Love.*

by Isaac Watts

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