

**“THE KINGDOM OF GOD”**  
**Session 4 “The Kingdom on Earth”**  
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INTRODUCTION

Matthew 6:9-10

*"This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

Colossians 1:9-14

*For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion (rule) of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

- a. We are to ask to be filled with the knowledge of his will
- b. We are to bear fruit in every good work and grow in the knowledge of God
- c. He has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom
- d. He has brought us into a new kingdom

**The “already/not yet” kingdom**

- We are presently rescued from the rule of darkness
- We are in the kingdom of Christ (we are anointed and owned)
- A great inheritance is coming

Galatians 1:3-4

*Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father.*

Ephesians 1:13-14

*You also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession-- to the praise of his glory.*

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

*Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.*

### **Satan's defeat**

Hebrews 2:14-16

*(Jesus) shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death-- that is, the devil-- and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.*

**Destoy in greek is *katargeo* – meaning “to put out of action”, “to render inoperative”, “to terminate”, “to cancel”**

Mark 1:23-27

*A man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are-- the Holy One of God!" "Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "**What is this? A new teaching-- and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him.**"*

Matthew 12:28-29

*Jesus said: "if I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. "Or again, **how can anyone enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man?"***

Luke 10:8-9,16

*"When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God is near you.'... "He who listens to you listens to me; he who rejects you rejects me; but he who rejects me rejects him who sent me."*

Luke 10:17-20

*The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."*

## **A brief history of the Kingdom on earth – See the article “The Kingdom Strikes Back” by Ralph D. Winter**

### **Expansion in Rome and Beyond**

Lessons learned:

- “In the fullness of time”: language, peace, and roads
- Persecution is not necessarily bad
- Institutionalization is not necessarily good. 375 AD Christianity becomes the official religion of Rome
- Ireland becomes an early model – Saint Patrick in 460 AD

### **The Conversion of the Invaders**

- Barbarians: Taking over a fallen Rome
- Vikings: a violent people but effected by the faith of captives

### **The Tragic Militant Era**

Lessons learned:

- Going with war instead of peace: alienates people everywhere
- The Eastern and Western church divides
- The Plague followed

### **The Awakening**

- The Protestant Reformation
- Moravian movement of the 1700's
- Modern Missions

Percentage of Protestant Christians in Asia, Africa, and Latin America

1% - in 1800

10% in 1900

77% in 2005

Christianity has grown by more than 300 million believers in the last 10 years

About \_\_\_\_\_ million from North America and Europe

About \_\_\_\_\_ million in countries like Nigeria, Brazil, India, and China

Worldwide we're seeing 100,000 Christians a day, 4,500 new congregations a week

Today...

- 28% of the world is still without access to the gospel. Down from 58% in 1900
- 40% of the ethnic groups don't have viable churches
- Less than 2% of missions giving goes to reaching unreached
- Less than 4% of missionaries focus on the unreached. The good news is that there has been a 300-400% increase in the number of missionaries with this focus in the last 20 years, especially in missionaries coming from Asia.

WORLD INTERNET USAGE AND POPULATION STATISTICS						
World Regions	Population (2010 Est.)	Internet Users Dec. 31, 2000	Internet Users Latest Data	Penetration (% Population)	Growth 2000-2010	Users % of Table
<a href="#">Africa</a>	1,013,779,050	4,514,400	<b>110,931,700</b>	10.9 %	2,357.3 %	5.6 %
<a href="#">Asia</a>	3,834,792,852	114,304,000	<b>825,094,396</b>	21.5 %	621.8 %	42.0 %
<a href="#">Europe</a>	813,319,511	105,096,093	<b>475,069,448</b>	58.4 %	352.0 %	24.2 %
<a href="#">Middle East</a>	212,336,924	3,284,800	<b>63,240,946</b>	29.8 %	1,825.3 %	3.2 %
<a href="#">North America</a>	344,124,450	108,096,800	<b>266,224,500</b>	77.4 %	146.3 %	13.5 %
<a href="#">Latin America/Caribbean</a>	592,556,972	18,068,919	<b>204,689,836</b>	34.5 %	1,032.8 %	10.4 %
<a href="#">Oceania / Australia</a>	34,700,201	7,620,480	<b>21,263,990</b>	61.3 %	179.0 %	1.1 %
<b>WORLD TOTAL</b>	6,845,609,960	360,985,492	<b>1,966,514,816</b>	<b>28.7 %</b>	444.8 %	100.0 %

Habakkuk 1:5

*"Look at the nations and watch-- and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told."*

