

the Pastor's Corner

Why the “Kingdom of Heaven” is Important

Matt 6:10 – “Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

The words “principle” and “rule” can be used interchangeably. Nevertheless, there’s a difference between these two words. As oppose to “rule” where it can easily be altered or changed by the initiator, “principle” on the other hand is a difficult thing to do. For example, is it possible to change God’s rules/ commandments? Yes, but only God, the initiator, can change them. God can add or delete one or two of His commandments (rules) but the principle of love will still remain unchanged.

With this in mind, for the Christian, the principle need of man is to know that the kingdom of heaven will come and shall come. This is a fact that cannot and will not change. I believe it is a principle (unchanging) need because it is what the true Christian literally lives and dies for.

This is the reason why Jesus placed much of His teachings on this subject. He often used parables to illustrate the importance of the kingdom of heaven. For example, according to Matthew 13, Jesus told several parables to illustrate this notion, (v24) – “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field...” (v31) – “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed...” (v33) – “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven...” (v44) – “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field...” (v45) – “The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls...” (v47) – “The kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind.”

We are living in the “kingdom of grace” as we are all saved by the grace of God through faith (Eph 2:8). But we are looking forward to the realization of the “kingdom of heaven” when Jesus comes again in His glory. (Matt 25:31) – “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.”

When we commit to shunning evil and sin in our lives and yield to the beauty of the “kingdom of grace” here on earth, then truly the will of God will be done on earth as it is done in heaven where there is no sin.

~ Pastor Fred Toailoa