



The Kingdom
Part 1 – Cover to Cover
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Matthew 4:17

From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

Mark 1:15

“The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

The reining of God has come near to us.

Genesis 1:27

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Genesis 2:7

Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Genesis 1:28

God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

Psalm 8:3-6

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. You made them rulers over the works of your hands;

Genesis 3:8

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day

Genesis 3:23-24

So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

Exodus 15:18

The LORD reigns as king forever and ever.

God confronted evil, established a people, and invited them to live under his reign.

Psalms 96:10-13

Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns." The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity. Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it. Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy. Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness.

**I am here to confront evil, establish a people, and invite you to live under my reign.
So, repent.**

Revelation 21:1-4

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ²I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴He will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Revelation 22:3-5

The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

The Bible is the story of God's mission to bring heaven to earth and unite them forever.

Group Questions

1. Before the message, what sentence would you have chosen to sum up the teachings of Jesus in a sentence? What factors led you to that answer?
2. What might make it challenging for modern people to grasp the idea of the “kingdom of heaven”?
3. Review Psalm 8:3-6 and Revelation 22:3-5. What divine task did mankind have in the beginning, and will have in the end? What are the implications of that?
4. Read Genesis 3:22-24. In your own words, what was a consequence of sin?
5. Read Revelation 21:1-4 (and 22:3-5). What do you anticipate when you think forward to the unification of heaven and earth?
6. What was most helpful for you from this message? Does it have implications for your life today?