

Kingdom Living

Dan 2:26-45

26. The king asked Daniel (also called Belteshazzar), "Are you able to tell me what I saw in my dream and interpret it?"

27. Daniel replied, "No wise man, enchanter, magician or diviner can explain to the king the mystery he has asked about,

28. but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries. He has shown King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in days to come. Your dream and the visions that passed through your mind as you lay on your bed are these:

29. "As you were lying there, O king, your mind turned to things to come, and the revealer of mysteries showed you what is going to happen.

30. As for me, this mystery has been revealed to me, not because I have greater wisdom than other living men, but so that you, O king, may know the interpretation and that you may understand what went through your mind.

31. "You looked, O king, and there before you stood a large statue--an enormous, dazzling statue, awesome in appearance.

32. The head of the statue was made of pure gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze,

33. its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of baked clay.

34. While you were watching, a rock was cut out, but not by human hands. It struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and smashed them.

35. Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were broken to pieces at the same time and became like chaff on a threshing floor in the summer. The wind swept them away without leaving a trace. But the rock that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth.

36. "This was the dream, and now we will interpret it to the king.

37. You, O king, are the king of kings. The God of heaven has given you dominion and power and might and glory;

38. in your hands he has placed mankind and the beasts of the field and the birds of the air. Wherever they live, he has made you ruler over them all. You are that head of gold.

39. "After you, another kingdom will rise, inferior to yours. Next, a third kingdom, one of bronze, will rule over the whole earth.

40. Finally, there will be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron--for iron breaks and smashes everything--and as iron breaks things to pieces, so it will crush and break all the others.

41. Just as you saw that the feet and toes were partly of baked clay and partly of iron, so this will be a divided kingdom; yet it will have some of the strength of iron in it, even as you saw iron mixed with clay.

42. As the toes were partly iron and partly clay, so this kingdom will be partly strong and partly brittle.

43. And just as you saw the iron mixed with baked clay, so the people will be a mixture and will not remain united, any more than iron mixes with clay.

44. "In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever.

45. This is the meaning of the vision of the rock cut out of a mountain, but not by human hands--a rock that broke the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold to pieces. "The great God has shown the king what will take place in the future. The dream is true and the interpretation is trustworthy."

Almost all scholars agree that Daniel 2 and 7 describe four empires ruling one after another.

These are the empires of the Babylonians, the Medes and Persians, the Greeks and Macedonians, and then the Romans.

These four worldly empires of ungodly resistance are overthrown by a fifth "empire" that will be established on earth to enforce God's righteousness, peace and mercy.

This fifth empire is established by the "rock cut out of a mountain, but not by human hands" ([Daniel 2:45](#)),

Daniel 7 also talks about a vision that Daniel had and ends with a similar conclusion...

The Son of God was given the power to rule over the other kingdoms!

This Messiah, this Rock, will destroy all earthly empires and will rule the final kingdom of righteousness with the saints.

We believe that Jesus will come back in person one day and rule...

But He brought His Kingdom to this earth when He came the first time!

He then established that Kingdom through raising up and empowering His Church!

That's why we, the Church, is the Body of Christ on this earth!

His Kingdom is operated by us through the Holy Spirit at this time until He returns!

That's why He said in...

Lk. 10: 19 - I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.

Snakes and scorpions = demon spirits

Mk. 3:14-15

14. He appointed twelve--designating them apostles --that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach

15. and to have authority to drive out demons.

He chose 12 first of all to be with him to have fellowship and relationship with him...

So he could send them out.

He gave them...

1. Relationship (his presence, His message)

2. Power (ministry, warfare, kingdom authority)

They had a "Message" and "Power" to back it up!

Lk. 9:1-2

1. When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases,

2. and he sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

Lk. 9:6 - So they set out and went from village to village, preaching the gospel and healing people everywhere.

Jesus set the example...

Mt. 4:23 - Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom, and then he manifested the reality of the Kingdom.

The healing of the sick, casting out devils, the deliverance of the bound and the oppressed and the afflicted was the proof that the kingdom had come.

Matt 12:28 - Jesus said: But if I by the Spirit of God cast out devils, then the kingdom of God is come upon you.

The point is: the Kingdom of God is real, it rules over the kingdom of the devil.

The gospel has 2 sides

1. Saying

2. Doing

We are supposed to be Saying & Doing!

1 Cor. 4:20 - For the Kingdom of God is not in word, but in Power.

In other words: The Kingdom of God is not just a concept or theory to be grasped intellectually,

But the Kingdom of God is a kingdom of Power!

Jesus is the King and the Holy Spirit is the Power!

The Kingdom of God is the rule, the dominion, the authority of Jesus manifesting through us by the power of the Holy Spirit to prove to the world that Jesus is alive!

The gospel of the Kingdom is a gospel of Power.

Rom. 1:16 - I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

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

It's a Spiritual Kingdom:

It's a Kingdom of righteousness...

You can't have continual unrepentant sin in your life and operate in Kingdom authority and Power!

You can't join this Kingdom, you must be born into it!

Jn. 3:3 - In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again. "

Jn. 3:5-6

5. Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

6. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.
The Kingdom of God is not for the passive (It's for the Passionate)

If you want Kingdom Power: You have to pursue the Power giver!

Mt. 11:12 - From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it.

The Holy Spirit is the one who manifests the Kingdom of God.

That's why Jesus told his disciples to wait for the power of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:4-5

4. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.

5. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

Acts 1:8 - But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

If we are going to be true credible witnesses to Jesus being alive, we have to have His Power!

Acts 4:33 - With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all.

When Elijah met Ahab and the backslidden nation of Israel and the false prophets of Baal upon Mount Carmel...

Nothing less than the Power of God being manifested could melt their hearts!

It took fire from heaven!

It took a demonstration of the supernatural power of God!

It is no less true today...

Nothing less than the demonstration and manifestation of the power of God will convince people that Jesus is alive!

I'm telling you: The cry of every man and woman of God, young and old, should be for God to fill them with the fire!

That's what they meant in...

Acts 4:29-30

29. Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.

30. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

Quick note: We are the hand of God!

They knew they needed more than a message; they needed Power that comes with the Message!

Paul the Apostle knew this too...

He said in...

1 Cor. 2:1 - When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God.

1 Cor. 2:4-5

4. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power,

5. so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.

When the Kingdom of God comes, it comes with Power!

Acts 10:38 - how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

Jesus message was: "Repent for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand."

And he delivered the people from their sins,

And he healed their bodies,

And he drove out the demons,

And he raised the dead!

Then he sent his disciples out and they did the same thing!

They preached the Kingdom of God,

They cast out devils,

They healed the sick,

And destroyed the works of the devil everywhere they went!

Now he sends us out to do the same thing...

To preach the Kingdom of God and to demonstrate it!

2 Cor. 5:17-21

17. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

18. All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

19. that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

20. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

21. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Ambassadors are sent forth with full power and authority to represent the Kingdom that sends them!

Jesus said when praying for His disciples and us...

Jn. 17:18 - As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

We are ambassadors of the Kingdom of God today!

We are here representing Jesus Christ!

We are here with full authority and power to announce to the world that "the Kingdom of God is Among You!"

To the child of God... we are here to declare that satan is a thief and a liar and a trespasser...

He has no legal right or authority to your life in any way shape or form!

Jesus Christ paid in full for your salvation,

Your healing,

Your deliverance,

Your miracle,

The restoration of broken relationships,

The freedom in your mind,

Your peace...

On the cross he paid it all!

God's plan is that every single one of us get the revelation of his kingdom in us and that you go in Jesus name and start setting people free!

You have His Blood!

You have His Name!

You have His Word!

You have His Spirit!

You have His Power!

The gospel is a gospel of Power!

You don't just carry a Message...

You carry the power!

You carry the King!

The kingdom of God is in you!

The King lives in you and wants to manifest his power through you!

The plan of God is that every believer would not only be saved from sin,

But would take their rightful place as kings and priests and begin to rule and reign with Jesus over satan's kingdom and all his works!

1Jn. 3:8 - Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world.

The Kingdom of God is about territory...

The debt has been paid for sin and so anywhere he has he holds illegally!

He is a trespasser and a thief and a robber!

Spiritually, physically, emotionally,...it all belongs to God!

The Kingdom of God is taking back the territory that has been purchased by the blood of Jesus!

The devil is trespassing on Kingdom Property!

This territory belongs to God!

This city belongs to God!

This community belongs to God!

The state belongs to God!

The legal owner is here: The squatter must go!

The Kingdom of God is authorized to take over in our lives!

Through the power of the blood of Jesus...

Through the authority of Jesus name...

Through the power of the Holy Spirit...

Today... the Kingdom of God is here!

Righteousness, Peace, Joy, in the Holy Ghost is yours to take a hold of!