

Connecting Through the Word
The Principles and Power of Kingdom Authority
Matthew 1-13

Matthew 8:5-13

⁵ Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him,

⁶ saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented."

⁷ And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him."

⁸ The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed.

⁹ For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

¹⁰ When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!

¹¹ And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.

¹² But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

¹³ Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

"**The economy, stupid**" is a phrase coined by James Carville in 1992. It is often quoted from a televised quip by Carville as "It's the economy, stupid." Carville was a strategist in Bill Clinton's successful 1992 presidential campaign against incumbent George H. W. Bush. His phrase was directed at the campaign's workers and intended as one of three messages for them to focus on.

Today, "It's the Kingdom, saint"

The Bible and human history is really all about the Kingdom!

Genesis 1:27-28

So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

And it will all end with the Kingdom of Christ

Daniel 7:14

Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed.

We are looking at the Gospel of Matthew, which is the Gospel of the Kingdom!

In Matthew 1 **the genealogy of Jesus** presents Him as the Son of David, the Promised Messiah.

Matthew 1:1

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:

When Jesus was born the wise men came seeking:

Matthew 2:1-2

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

John the Baptist Came Preaching:

Matthew 3:1-2

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

Jesus Came Proclaiming:

Matthew 4:17

From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Matthew 4:23

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

Jesus sent His disciples to:

Matthew 10:7

And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

Matthew 8 tells us of one of Jesus first encounters personally with someone, a Gentile Centurion who had a servant who was suffering and he ask Jesus to heal him but not to come to his house but just speak the word. This man understood kingdom authority and power. And Jesus commended his faith!

First we need to understand how we can see and enter this Kingdom!

You must be born again to see and enter this Kingdom!

John 3:3-5

Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless

one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

You must have the humility and faith of a child

Matthew 18:2-3

Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

Mark 10:14-15

But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it."

Kingdom Authority and Kingdom Power is available to those who believe!

Matthew 16:18-19

And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

If we live and operate in His Kingdom in faith, we have the power to release the prisoners and set the captives free!

But before we can exercise Kingdom Power we must live by Kingdom Principles and these are found in Matthew 5 – 7

Let's look at a few of these principles:

You will notice almost immediately that they are the opposite of the principles of this world's kingdom that we see with the visible eye.

Matthew 5:3-10

³ *"Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

The principle of faith and humility
The entrance into this kingdom:
The humility and faith of a child.
The state of a beggar.

⁴ *Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.*

The principle of brokenness and repentance

⁵ *Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.*

The principle of surrender
Yielded to the will of God. No rights of your own.

⁶ *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.*

The principle of daily communion with the Word and a desire to always do the right thing!

⁷ *Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.*

The principle of having a heart of love and compassion for others.

⁸ *Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.*

The principle of holiness and a clean heart and mind.
The principle of have pure motives.

⁹ *Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.*

The principle of a clear conscious and forgiveness.

¹⁰ *Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

The principle of suffering with grace in the times of trial and tribulation.

This standard is so high it is humanly impossible to attain on your own.

Matthew 5:20

For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:48

Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

This righteousness is only obtained by faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ on the Cross!

1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

2 Corinthians 5:21

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

The Kingdom of God has to do with a heart that is made right with God!

The Language of the Kingdom

Matthew 5

Was don't murder but now don't hold grudges

Was don't commit adultery but now don't look and lust

Was get even but now don't hit back

Was hate enemies but now love your enemies and pray for them.

Was, greet only your neighbors but now greet and treat everyone with respect!

The Practice of the Kingdom will affect:

Matthew 6

The way you pray

The way you fast

The way you give

The way you work

Everything in your life will be motivated by:

Matthew 6:33

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Matthew 7

The way you look on others – not judgmental

Your dependence on you Heavenly Father to care for you

Being alert to false prophets and philosophies

You will leave a lasting testimony and legacy!

Results in building a house on a rock not sand!

Notice the last words of this message on the kingdom principles:

Matthew 7:28-29

And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

Our words and message will be one of kingdom power and authority!

If we learn to live and practice these kingdom principles we can then experience kingdom power!

Jesus came down from the mountain....

To the world of people in great need!!!!!!

Matthew 8:1

When he came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him.

The leper asked to be healed!

No hope or cure!

A picture of a sinner who needs salvation.

Jesus said, "I will, be clean."

The centurion ask for his servant to be healed!

He understands kingdom authority.

We can ask for the salvation and healing of others if we only understood and believed.

Matthew 8:13

And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

Peter's mother-in-law is healed

This kingdom power and blessing will come into our own homes!

The whole neighborhood comes to Jesus.

Matthew 8:16

That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick.

Jesus Calms the Storm

Jesus is asleep in the boat and a great storm and waves threaten to sink it.

The disciples are faithless and afraid.

Jesus has power, authority over the storms that come into our lives. It might appear to us that He is sleeping and unaware of our plight! But Jesus is ready to help and deliver!

Jesus takes the disciples to the other side.

Matthew 8:28

And when he came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way.

The darkness and power of hell will oppose us when we get in the boat to go to the other side to bring hope and salvation to those under the control and bondage of Satan.

The Last Words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

When I went on the Great Lakes Naval Station Base with Nathan.

Because of his position and authority as a high ranking officer I was assured of acceptance and respect wherever we were.

Jesus is always with us even we face the last enemy, death.

Psalm 23:4

1 Corinthians 15:24-26

Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Today

Are you living by and practicing Kingdom Principles?

Are you experiencing and exercising Kingdom Power?

Are you living in the presence of the King of Kings?