

## Episode #419 The Kingdom of God 2 – Thoughts from the Waiting Room

I. Introduction: As expressed in my program on “The Theme of the Bible,” I believe that the Kingdom of God is the theme of the Word of God. Christ is the Main Character, and salvation is the most crucial first thing for us to know, true. Yet the Kingdom of God is the ultimate theme of all God has written.

II. If the Kingdom of God really is the theme of the Bible, it is most important for us to discover what the Bible has to say about it. We have been considering passages that say what life on earth will be like during that coming, future kingdom.

III. Thoughts from the Waiting Room.

- A. When I was in college at the University of Minnesota, I once went to the clinic on the University campus. Seeing the old and sick there was quite a contrast to the young, healthy students I was used to seeing all around me. As I sat in the waiting room, I couldn't help but think about what we wait for in the Government of God.
- B. Isaiah 33:24. God will take control of health care, and no one will be ill!
- C. Isaiah 41:19. The damaged environment of the earth will be completely healed.
- D. Isaiah 11:9. “Mountain” in the Bible often symbolizes a government. Wars and battles will have ceased. How could the waters cover the sea when the waters ARE the sea? I Kings 7:23, the Hebrews would speak of the bowl the waters are in as the “sea.” Everywhere on earth will be completely covered with knowledge of Yahweh!
- E. Joel 2:28 (quoted in Acts 2:17). “All flesh” means no less than in Genesis 6:13. Does this mean all are saved? No! The Spirit may be poured out for many reasons. Exodus 31:1-6, the Spirit was poured out to make Bezalel a master craftsman. I Samuel 19:19-23, the Spirit was poured out to humiliate and hinder Saul and his men. The Spirit is poured out on all men at this time, but it does not mean they all are saved!
- F. Psalm 37:11. “Meek” are not “weak,” but submissive. Those who submit to God will have a portion on earth during God's government. There will be so much peace that there will be more than is needed. We have nowhere close to that much peace today!
- G. Isaiah 30:21. God will direct people in exactly what He wants them to do. Christ, as a Man, is limited to one place at a time. He is not like a department store Santa, in thousands of stores at once! Yet the Spirit can be with all of us all the time. We will all be near to God, in close communion with Him, then.

IV. Conclusion: I could not help but wish as I sat in that waiting room that God would even at that moment rain healing upon the earth. No wonder Christ instructed His disciples to pray, “Thy Kingdom come,” Matthew 6:10. Our lives now are a “grasping for the wind,” as Solomon put it, Ecclesiastes 4:16. Yet life on earth will not always be this way!

V. When we start to examine the many relevant passages about the glories God has planned for the future of this earth, we can start to form a picture in our minds of what the Kingdom of God is really going to be like. It is a wonderful picture indeed!

1. God is going to judge, that is, order or arrange, the world in righteousness.
2. God is going to inherit, or take control of, all the nations.
3. God is going to end all war.

4. God is going to reveal Himself to all flesh at one time.
5. All peoples living everywhere are going to be turned toward the LORD.
6. All kinds of people everywhere will worship before the LORD.
7. God's Spirit is going to be poured out on all flesh.
8. The meek, those submissive to God, are going to inherit, that is, have authority in, the earth.
9. There will be an abundance of peace, and no one will hurt or destroy anyone else.
10. The earth will be so full of the knowledge of the LORD that it will be like being covered with water at the bottom of the sea.
11. God is going to repair the environmental damage that has been done to the earth.
12. The Holy Spirit will speak to, and thus have personal interaction with, every person on earth.
13. And, finally, perfect health and healing are going to be the blessing enjoyed by every single person on earth.