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Keys of the Kingdom

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UNLOCKING HIS KINGDOM ON EARTH

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Introducing The Kingdom of God

11 "Who is like You, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like You, glorious in holiness, Fearful in praises, doing wonders? 12 You stretched out Your right hand; The earth swallowed them. 13 You in Your mercy have led forth The people whom You have redeemed; You have guided them in Your strength To Your holy habitation...

18 "The Lord shall reign forever and ever."

- Exodus 15:11-18

Your **throne**, O God, will last for ever and ever; a **scepter** of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

- PSALM 45:6

God **reigns** over the nations; God is seated on his **holy throne**.

- PSALM 47:8

Understanding The Kingdom of God

It's the realm of God's government.

The Greek word for kingdom is "basileia" and means a realm or a region governed. The word "kingdom" is made up of the noun "king", and the suffix "dom". "Dom" is a noun-forming suffix to express rank, position, or domain.

A kingdom is the domain over which a king exercises authority and rule and includes the people within that domain. The term Kingdom of God, means the domain over which God exercises rule as King.

The kingdom of God is alien.

Jesus said, "**My kingdom is not of this world.** If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. **But now my kingdom is from another place.**"

- John 18:36



John and Jesus said it was near.

In those days **John** the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea 2 and saying, "Repent, for **the kingdom** of heaven **has come near.**"

- Matthew 3:1

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

- Matthew 4:17

Jesus said it would come with power.

And he said to them, "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death **before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power.**"

- MARK 9:1

Jesus said it would be in us.

Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation; 21 nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, **the kingdom of God is within you.**"

- Luke 17:20

Jesus said it would be in us.

And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.¹⁰ **You have made them to be a kingdom** and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

- Revelation 5:9

Its important to represent the kingdom well.

Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to **abstain from sinful desires**, which wage war against your soul.

- 1 Peter 2:11

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to **keep oneself from being polluted by the world**.

- James 1:27

**Jesus gave us the
keys of the Kingdom**

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."¹⁷ Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

- Matthew 16:15-19

19 I will give you **the keys of the kingdom of heaven**; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

- **Matthew 16:15-19**

18 "Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.
19 "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.
20 For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

- Matthew 18:18-20

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9 "This, then, is how you should pray: "'Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, 10 **your kingdom come**, your will be
done, **on earth as it is in heaven**.

- **Matthew 6:9-10**

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