

**GENERAL SUBJECT:
LIVING IN THE REALITY OF THE KINGDOM
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MANIFESTATION OF THE KINGDOM**

Message One

**Living under God's Rule and Doing the Father's Will
to Enter into the Kingdom of the Heavens**

Scripture Reading: Matt. 3:2; 4:17; 5:3; 13:43a; John 3:3-5; Matt. 7:21; 6:10; 12:50

I. The manifestation of the kingdom of the heavens will be the manifestation of the reality of the kingdom of the heavens—the inward content of the kingdom of the heavens in its heavenly and spiritual nature—5:3; 13:43a:

- A. The reality of the kingdom of the heavens is an exercise to the seeking believers—5:3, 20; 7:13-14, 21.
- B. Those who live in the reality of the kingdom of the heavens today will be manifested with Christ to be the kings in the millennium—Rev. 20:4, 6.
- C. At this coming back, the Lord Jesus will transfer the reality of the kingdom into the next age to become the manifestation of the kingdom—Matt. 13:43a.

II. The kingdom of the heavens is the heavenly ruling, the heavenly government, of the Lord Jesus—Matt. 25:31, 34:

- A. The Christ who entered into our spirit through regeneration is the King with the kingdom—John 3:5-6; Rom. 8:10; 1 Cor. 6:17; 2 Tim. 4:22.
- B. God's intention in regenerating us is to bring us under His heavenly rule—John 3:3, 5:
 - 1. We have been born into a royal, heavenly family, and we must be exercised in a heavenly way and be governed by a heavenly rule—Matt. 5:48.
 - 2. If we are under this ruling, we will be victorious and overcoming, we will be in the reality of the kingdom of the heavens, and we will enter into the manifestation of the kingdom of the heavens to rule and reign with the Lord—25:21, 23; Rev. 20:4-6.
- C. Joseph represents the reigning aspect of a mature life—Gen. 45:8, 26a:
 - 1. Joseph's life was controlled and directed by his dreams—37:5-11.
 - 2. Joseph denied himself and lived under God's restriction, realizing that everything that happened to him was according to God's sovereignty—Matt. 16:24; 7:13-14; Gen. 45:5-9; 50:15-21; Rom. 8:28.

III. In order to enter into the manifestation of the kingdom of the heavens in the coming age, we must do the will of the Father in this age—Matt. 7:21:

- A. God is a God of purpose, having a will of His own pleasure, and He created all things for His will that He might fulfill His purpose—Rev. 4:11:
 - 1. God's will is His heart's desire, His mingling with man, and the fulfillment of His eternal plan—Eph. 1:5, 9, 11; 5:17.
 - 2. The will of God is to obtain a Body for Christ to be His fullness for His expression—Rom. 12:2, 5; Eph. 1:5, 9, 11, 22-23.

- B. The kingdom is absolutely a matter of God's will and completely fulfills God's will; in fact, the kingdom is God's will—Matt. 6:10.
- C. As the kingdom people, we are on earth to do the Father's will—7:21; 12:50.
- D. In order to do the will of the Father, we need to enter in through the narrow gate and walk on the constricted way—7:13-14:
 - 1. The narrow gate excludes the old man, the self, the flesh, the human concepts, and the world with all its glory; only that which corresponds to God's will can enter in.
 - 2. As we walk on the constricted way, we are restricted by a mysterious, invisible, inward control, and we live under this control.
- E. We need to pray for the Father's will to be done on earth as in the heavens; this is to bring the kingdom of the heavens to the earth—6:10.