

# “Kingdom Heart ”

## Citizens of God’s Kingdom PT 1 (GHMA 6/10/2026)

**Matthew 6:31–33 (NLT) — 31** “So don’t worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’ **32** These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. **33** **Seek the Kingdom of God above all else**, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

**Luke 11:1–3 (NKJV) — 1** Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.” **2** So He said to them, “When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. **Your kingdom come. Your will be done** On earth as it is in heaven.

**Mark 1:14–15 (NLT) — 14** Later on, after John was arrested, Jesus went into Galilee, where he preached God’s Good News. **15** “The time promised by God has come at last!” he announced. **“The Kingdom of God is near!** Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!”

**Matthew 24:14 (NLT) — 14** And **the Good News about the Kingdom** will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come.

### I. Jesus came to proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom of God

**Luke 4:43 (NLT) — 43** But he replied, “I must preach the Good News of the Kingdom of God in other towns, too, because that is why I was sent.”

#### A. Jesus says the very purpose for his coming was to preach the Gospel of the kingdom of God

1. Jesus stood as a public crier to declare the Kingdom of God
2. His message was in:
3. the words He spoke
4. His lifestyle
5. His actions and reactions to the circumstances around Him
6. the demonstration of His power
7. the decisions He made
8. How He conducted His relationships...
9. all of these things proclaimed the Kingdom of God

## II. The message of the Kingdom is “Good News”

**Luke 8:1 (NLT) — 1** Soon afterward Jesus began a tour of the nearby towns and villages, preaching and announcing **the Good News about the Kingdom of God**. He took his twelve disciples with him,

- A. Jesus proclamation of the gospel of the kingdom of God would be good news...**
- 1. It was good news because it meant God was speaking to His people again - it had been 400 years since the Lord spoke through the prophetic voice**
  - 2. It was good news because the message was not one of wrath or impending judgment...**
  - 3. It was a message of hope and help**
  - 4. It was a message that said the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords had come to redeem His people**
  - 5. God was alive and well and was now living among His people**
  - 6. Jesus had come to proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God**

## III. Mark 1:15 says... “The time was fulfilled

- A. The time was full and ready for the Kingdom of God**
- 1. Jesus was announcing to the world that the time was set for a monumental move of God...**
  - 2. Something big was about to take place and now was the time!**
  - 3. The waiting period was over!... The Kingdom of God was here, now!**
  - 4. Jesus would send His disciples out and instruct them to tell the people...**

**Luke 10:9 (NLT) — 9** Heal the sick, and tell them, **‘The Kingdom of God is near you now.’**

- B. Jesus was deliberate in His instructions to His disciples and all who would follow Him**
- C. He set the priorities for all those who desired to surrender to His Lordship**

- D. Jesus, the King of Kings and Lord of lords had come to establish His kingdom on earth as it is in heaven**
- 1. He said to His followers that they must seek His kingdom above all else**
  - 2. Worrying about the things you need in life can be all consuming**
  - 3. Do you ever find yourself feeling like a hamster on the hamster wheel of life... running, running, running, but not getting anywhere?**
  - 4. Jesus set the priority for our heart passion...**
  - 5. that which is to consume our hearts desire is His kingdom and His righteousness**
- E. When we pray, we are to pray for His kingdom to come so that His will is done, on earth as it is being done in heaven today**
- 1. Not my will, but yours be done is to be the starting point for all of life's choices that we make**
  - 2. This is a revolutionary way of thinking once you grab hold of it**
  - 3. You no longer pursue your dreams and your desires**
  - 4. It's not about what you want or what you think you need**
  - 5. If you are part of the Kingdom of God, your highest goal in life is to know the will of the King and do that;**
  - 6. ...pursue that which would please the King**
  - 7. Give yourself to that which is of greatest importance to fulfilling God's kingdom purposes**
- F. Today, our focus is on "A Kingdom Heart"**
- G. A kingdom heart is one whose passion is for the King and His kingdom purposes**
- 1. It is a person whose life ambitions are set on knowing God and seeing His kingdom established in every arena of life and the society in which we live, and the generation to which we are called to serve.**

- H. **Let's begin by gaining some basic understanding about the Kingdom of God**

#### **IV. The Message of the Kingdom...**

- A. **Jesus did not come to start a religious reformation....**
1. ... He came to ignite a revolution
  2. Jesus didn't preach ethics or morality
  3. He did not propose a slight mid-course correction in the path of human events and behavior...
  4. He didn't even propose a new religion
  5. He called for a totally new direction

#### **V. The message of the Kingdom was an announcement by the King Himself... What did He announce?**

- A. **He announced a call to men and women to come voluntarily and surrender all submission to the unlimited rule of God over every aspect of their lives.**
1. Lets understand this today...
  2. **When Jesus speaks of the Kingdom of God, He is talking about the total, unlimited, uncompromising rule of God in our lives.**
  3. The king was calling people who were in complete rebellion to come and submit every aspect of their lives to His Lordship
  4. **It was a call to a radical new way of life...**
- B. **And the message of the Kingdom has not changed...**
1. Unfortunately, this message is not what's being communicated to Jesus followers today in many churches across our land
  2. **We have preaching that invites you to allow God to be your "co-pilot"! - Sounds nice, but that is not the Kingdom message Jesus preached!**

3. You can hear teaching that will make you believe that you are in **control of your destiny**, that once you are born again, and spirit filled, you can “faith it” to happen just the way you want! - Jesus is your servant fulfilling your wishes and desires; instead of you being His servant fulfilling His dreams and desires.
4. Or maybe you have heard preaching that invites you to come to an altar, pray a prayer of salvation, receive forgiveness of your sins, because **God is gracious and loving**... and sure you’ve got problems and God understands, so don’t worry about anything, - **hey, where sin abounds, grace abounds much more... you can live like the devil, God understands**, you can keep on sinning, God loves you anyway... fornication, adultery, drunkenness, ... Repentance is a thing of the past, God understands your weaknesses...

- C. When you hear that Jesus came to announce the message of the Kingdom of God... what does that mean to you?
- D. What do you think it means... the kingdom of God?
- E. I believe the Kingdom message which Jesus came to proclaim includes a few things:

VI. **The message of the Kingdom of God = the total, unlimited, uncompromising rule of God in your life**

VII. **Secondly, He announced an invasion**

- A. The invasion of heaven’s kingdom into the “Kingdoms of this world”
  1. In essence, Jesus announced that He had come to take back all the devil had stolen and to establish His Lordship over all His creation
  2. Satan is called in scripture...
  3. the ruler of this world...John 12:31
  4. Beelzebub, the ruler of demons... Matt.12:24
  5. the god of this age... 2 Cor. 4:4
  6. the prince of the power of the air... Eph. 2:2

7. **Jesus came to announce that the invasion had begun, the kingdom of God was invading the kingdom of Satan**
8. **The war was heating up, and the commander and chief was now on the scene!**
9. **The captain of the Lord's hosts was leading the charge!**

**B. Finally, He announced His right to rule over all creation**

**Matthew 28:18 (NLT) — 18** Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.

1. **Jesus statement was clear and succinct**
2. **He was King of Kings and Lord of Lords**

**1 Timothy 6:15–16 (NLT) —15** For at just the right time Christ will be revealed from heaven by the blessed and only almighty God, the King of all kings and Lord of all lords. **16** He alone can never die, and he lives in light so brilliant that no human can approach him. No human eye has ever seen him, nor ever will. All honor and power to him forever! Amen.

- C. **The message of the Kingdom of God is an announcement that the King has come to rule and reign! ...**
- D. **it was an announcement of an invasion into the kingdoms of this world to establish the rule of God here on earth even as it is done in heaven**
- E. **The message of the Kingdom was a call to total, unlimited, uncompromising submission to the rule of God in every area and detail of life.**

**VIII. All this talk about Kingdom business might be confusing to some, so let me help you understand a few basics**

**A. First you need to know **There are two kingdoms and two kings****

**2 Corinthians 4:18 (NLT) — 18** So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

1. **There are only two kingdoms, no matter what your earthly heritage, you are a citizen of one of these two kingdoms**
2. **While they are invisible, they are more real than the physical world, which is just temporary**

**Colossians 1:13 (NLT) — 13** For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son,

**Ephesians 5:8 (NKJV) — 8** For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light

**Ephesians 5:11 (NKJV) — 11** And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.

**2 Corinthians 6:14–15 (NKJV) — 14** Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? **15** And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?

3. **Everyone is subject to one of these two kings, and a citizen of one of these two kingdoms**
4. **Bob Dylan - everyone serves somebody... “you got to serve somebody, it may be the devil or it may be the Lord but your gonna have to serve somebody”**

**B. Secondly. - These two kingdoms are at war with one another**

1. **There is no neutral zone, and no conscientious objectors**
2. **There is no middle ground, ...**
3. **You cannot be passive, no matter how hard you try!**
4. **You cannot avoid declaring your allegiance to one king and serving his purposes...which is to extend his kingdom rule**
5. **and at the same time you become an enemy of the other king and are actively at work to hinder and destroy his kingdom!**

**C. Thirdly. - The nature and character of the king will emanate throughout his kingdom**

1. **the guiding principles of each kingdom flow from the character of and nature of it's king**
2. **all subjects become like the king they serve**
3. **The more you submit your heart and surrender your will to your king, the more like him you become!**

4. **What is suppose to happen is this... The character and nature of the king is suppose to be clearly observable in his kingdom subjects **in how they live out their daily lives.****
5. **The King desires the subjects of the kingdom to act and react like their king in all they do**

**D. Let's look a these two kings and their kingdoms**

## **IX. The Kingdom of Darkness/ Satan's Kingdom**

**A. His character and nature are clearly seen in his names and descriptions of his activities**

1. **Satan (54 x's) = accuser - Matt.4:10**
2. **Wicked one ( Matt.13:19) = degenerate, diseased, derelict, vicious, malicious, lewd.**
3. **Father of lies & murderer ( John 8:44)**
4. **Adversary (1 Pet.5:8)**
5. **Accuser of God and the Brethren ( Rev. 12:9-12)**
6. **Cunning, Crafty (2 Cor.2:11, 11:14)**
7. **sows discord among the brethren ( Matt.13:39)**
8. **scheming ( Eph.6:11-12)**
9. **Thief ( John 10:10)**
10. **Tempter ( Matt.4:1-11)**
11. **Proud ( Ezk. 28:17)**
12. **Destroyer ( John 10:10)**

**B. Satan rules his kingdom by his nature & his subjects become like him**

**Galatians 5:19–21 (NLT) — 19** When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, **20** idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, **21** envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

1. **All that is wrong with this world is a direct result of the subjects of Satan's kingdom following their king...**
2. **...or God's people falling under his influence and to his temptations.**
3. **...all the evil, all the suffering, all the abuse, all the alcoholism, all the abortions, all the wars, all the destruction, all the death, ...**
4. **it all emanates from the nature of Satan and his subjects**

**John 8:44 (NLT) — 44** For you are the children of your father the devil, and **you love to do the evil things he does**. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies.

### **C. The ruler of the kingdom of darkness has an agenda**

**John 10:10 (NLT) — 10** The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

**Luke 8:12 (NLT) — 12** The seeds that fell on the footpath represent those who hear the message, only to have the devil come and take it away from their hearts and **prevent them from believing and being saved.**

**Acts 13:8–10 (NLT) — 8** But Elymas, the sorcerer (as his name means in Greek), interfered and urged the governor to pay no attention to what Barnabas and Saul said. **He was trying to keep the governor from believing.** **9** Saul, also known as Paul, was filled with the Holy Spirit, and he looked the sorcerer in the eye. **10** Then he said, "You son of the devil, full of every sort of deceit and fraud, and enemy of all that is good! Will you never stop perverting the true ways of the Lord?"

### **D. Unfortunately, we all are born into the kingdom of darkness...**

1. **We all were born with the nature of Satan in us...**

**Ephesians 5:8 (NLT) — 8** For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light!

2. **You and I were born into the kingdom of darkness**
3. **that's how we got our start in life**
4. **all those who have not answered the call of King Jesus, are still serving in the Kingdom of darkness...**

### **E. Be sure you understand that there is no escaping Satan's kingdom, without first going to the cross of Christ**

1. **You cannot be good enough to earn your way out...**
2. **You cannot get “grand fathered” into the kingdom... just cause your mamma, and you papa, were saint’s of God, doesn’t make you one...**
3. **and just because you go to church wont’ guarantee you are a Christian,.. there’s a lot of people who sleep in garages, that doesn’t make them a car!**
4. **there are a lot of people who can talk religion, ...**
5. **they know what to say, when to say it... but they have not answered the call of God to surrender to His Lordship**

**John 3:3 (NLT) — 3** Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God.”

## **X. The Kingdom of Light, Jesus is King**

- A. The nature and character of the Kingdom of God is seen in the attributes of it’s king**
- B. God is Holy - separated... from sin, from failure, from impurity, He is perfect in every way**

**Psalm 99:9 (NLT) — 9** Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain in Jerusalem, for **the LORD our God is holy!**

- C. God is Righteous**

**Daniel 9:14 (NKJV) — 14** Therefore the LORD has kept the disaster in mind, and brought it upon us; for **the LORD our God is righteous** in all the works which He does, though we have not obeyed His voice.

1. **Righteousness is conformity to a right standard**
2. **it is right conduct in relation to others**
3. **Righteousness clears the innocent and condemns the wicked and sees that justice is done**

- D. God is Faithful**

**1 Corinthians 1:9 (NLT) — 9** God will do this, for **he is faithful** to do what he says, and he has invited you into partnership with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1. **His words will not fail...**

**Numbers 23:19 (NLT) — 19** God is not a man, so he does not lie. He is not human, so he does not change his mind. Has he ever spoken and failed to act? Has he ever promised and not carried it through?

**2 Corinthians 1:20 (NLT) — 20** For all of God’s promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding “Yes!” And through Christ, our “Amen” (which means “Yes”) ascends to God for his glory.

**1 Thessalonians 5:24 (NLT) — 24** God will make this happen, for he who calls you is faithful.

**2 Timothy 2:13 (NLT) — 13** If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny who he is.

- E. God is Merciful = this is the divine goodness exercised with respect to the miseries of His creatures, feeling for them, and making provision for their relief**

**Psalm 116:5 (NLT) — 5** How kind the LORD is! How good he is! **So merciful, this God of ours!**

**Psalm 103:8 (NLT) — 8** **The LORD is compassionate and merciful**, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.

- F. God is loving - this is the attribute that motivates Him to desire a personal relationship with His creation**

**John 3:16 (NLT) — 16** “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

**1 John 4:9–10 (NLT) — 9** God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. **10** This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

- G. God is Good = this attribute is seen in His desire to impart life and blessing to His creatures**

**Psalm 145:9 (NLT) — 9** **The LORD is good** to everyone. He showers compassion on all his creation.

**Psalm 34:8 (NLT) — 8** **Taste and see that the LORD is good**. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!

- H. Let’s look for a moment at the desires of this king**

**1 Timothy 2:1–4 (NLT) — 1** I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. **2** Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. **3** This is good and pleases God our Savior, **4** **who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.**

**Isaiah 6:8 (NLT) — 8** Then I heard the Lord asking, “Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?” I said, “Here I am. Send me.”

## **XI. So, we have two contrasting Kingdoms, and two very different kings**

### **A. The Kingdom of Darkness ruled by Satan**

- 1. he is a deceiver, a schemer, a thief**
- 2. He is wicked, lewd, malicious and cruel**
- 3. He rules by deception, pride and fear**
- 4. He promises fulfillment, pleasure, happiness, success...All he delivers is death and destruction**
- 5. and all who follow him will become like him until they are finally destroyed**

### **B. On the other hand, we have the Kingdom of God/ light,**

- 1. It is ruled by the King of Kings, omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, creator God - Jesus Christ**
- 2. He rules His kingdom with righteousness and holiness**
- 3. all He does is perfect, because He is perfect**
- 4. all He speaks is truth, because He is truth...**
- 5. all His judgments are just, because He is just**
- 6. What He promises He will perform, for He is faithful and trustworthy**
- 7. He looks on the pitiful and extends mercy**
- 8. Motivated by His great love He reaches out to all, no matter how great their failures, or lot in life**
- 9. Out of His goodness He extends blessing to all, especially to those who call on His name**
- 10. and He gives eternal life to those who would surrender to Him**

11. **If, after contrasting the two kingdoms you would say, I have not entered into the Kingdom of God's Son... then follow Jesus command**

**John 3:3 (NLT) — 3** Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God."

**Mark 10:15 (NLT) — 15** I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn't receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it."

- C. **Once the Kingdom is in you - it acts like leaven to change you**
- D. **What effect will the Kingdom of God have on you?**
- E. **You begin to take on the nature and character of your king**
- F. **Because your king is holy, you become holy**
  1. **Holiness brings separation to your life**
  2. **Holiness changes your lifestyle**
  3. **Holiness changes the places you go, the people you hang with, the things you watch on TV**
  4. **Holiness changes the clothes you wear, the jokes you laugh at**
  5. **What you use to participate in, now offends you**
  6. **You can no longer wink at sin, you become deeply convicted by it**
- G. **when you follow King Jesus, you take on righteousness**
  1. **When you take on righteousness the way you deal with people begins to change**
  2. **You walk with integrity and honesty**
  3. **You can no longer cheat and steal, when you are living righteously**
  4. **As an employer, you deal "rightly" with your employees - paying them honestly and fairly for their labor**
- H. **Living in God's kingdom, you take on faithfulness...**
  1. **When you take on faithfulness you word becomes as good as gold**

2. Every commitment you make now becomes as important to you as if you made it to the Lord Himself
  3. The people at your workplace notice a change in you... you become more productive,...
  4. You don't rob your employer of their time and money
  5. When you take on faithfulness and you enter into a contract with a person, you honor your word even when it will cost you something
- I. Living in the kingdom, you take on **mercy**
1. When you take on mercy the spirit of compassion and empathy for the suffering of others moves you to action
  2. you can no longer sit by and watch the poor and downcast and say "too bad" or they probably deserve what they get!
- J. When the Kingdom is in you, you take on **kingdom Love**
1. Now all of your actions and all your relationships are motivated by a foreign kind of love - agape love
  2. Love of commitment and choice
  3. Love that sacrifices and gives, whether or not it will ever be received
  4. Love in spite of the persons worthiness to be loved
  5. When you take on kingdom love, you can forgive and love your enemies, and pray for those who spitefully use you
- K. When the King is in you, you take on **Goodness**
1. When you take on goodness you become a conduit of blessing into the lives of people around you
  2. you extend the hand of caring and help because of what you have received from your king
- XII. So, now that you understand a bit about the kings and their kingdoms, **what do you think it would mean to have a "Kingdom heart?"**

- A. When the kingdom of God is within you, you submit to the total, unlimited, uncompromising rule of God in your life...**
1. no longer my will be done
  2. I surrender charge of my life and all the decisions I make to my King
  3. I live with the sole desire to please my king
- B. When you become infected with the kingdom of God it will change every relationship you have...**
1. Your marriage will change
  2. Your family will change
  3. Single person the way you date will change
  4. Mr. Business man, the way you conduct business will change
  5. The church will change
  6. The community will change
  7. The nation will change,
  8. The nations will change

### **XIII. The King is calling**

- A. He is calling you to abandon your old kingdom and run into His...**
- B. He is calling you out of darkness and into His light**
- C. He is calling you to live like the kingdom is in you**
- D. He is calling all of us to submit to the total, unlimited, uncompromising rule of God in our lives...**

**Mark 1:15 (NLT) — 15** “The time promised by God has come at last!” he announced. “The Kingdom of God is near! **Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!**”

- E. Some of you need to answer the call of the King and come to His kingdom**

- F. Others are miserable because you have the kingdom of God in you, but you have not been living for the King - it's called compromise!**
  
- G. The time for compromise is over! Declare it so, today!**