

“Kingdom Power”

Last week we unpacked the commission of going into ‘*all the world*’ and what exactly that means. We unpacked the actual meaning of the word ‘world’.

WORLD:

- Aion = Generations
- Oikoumene = World, Geography
- Kosmos = Social Order, World Affairs, Every Sphere of Life

Mark 16 ... go into all the KOSMOS – infiltrate every sphere of society.

John 3:16 ... God so loved the KOSMOS – the whole of society, every sphere of Life.

Q. WHAT IS THE ‘WORLD – KOSMOS’?

There are seven main ‘pillars’ or ‘elements’ of society or the COSMOS.

1. Family & Home
2. Church & Religion
3. Education
4. Business & Technology
5. Arts & Entertainment
6. Media (Local – International – Mass)
7. Government



GO INTO ALL THE WORLD

And I finished that message with this scripture:

MATTHEW 5:16

Let your light so shine before men that they will see your good works and given your Father in Heaven Glory!!

Today we are going to look at what it is to carry that ‘LIGHT’, that beacon, that ‘Sign’ into the world and developing a Kingdom Culture of Kingdom Power.

‘The Culture of the Miraculous’

I encouraged you in a previous message on the ‘Kingdom of God’ with this statement:

Let’s position ourselves naturally to live spiritually in the Kingdom of God, surrounded and empowered by His manifest presence!

When it comes to God moving here on Earth there is a dynamic that needs to be understood.

“God is not looking for a moment to invade – He is looking for His people to come into agreement with Him & thus usher Him in”.

Q. Will you say a “YES” to God that is so “BIG” that it actually deals with every decision that follows?

ROMANS 10:14-17

- How can we call on Him in whom we have not believed?
- How can we believe if we have not heard?
- Have we obeyed the Gospel?
- Faith comes by hearing ... and hearing comes by the Word of God ... *have we allowed the Gospel to develop in us an ability to hear?*

We need to respond to “what we hear” from God.

Many exhaust themselves in Prayer by praying as a reaction instead of a response.

Intercession needs to be in response to what God is saying NOT what the devil has done!

We need to develop a confidence in **“God’s Word IN us”** for our purpose of being Carriers of the Life and Hope of Jesus.

LUKE 4:18-19

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.”

Two key points of note:

- False humility will keep us from being all God has called us to be and will also keep us from our Destiny.
- Faith only looks like arrogance to those who have unbelief **RULING** in their hearts and minds.

The Spirit of God is upon me! We should be in a place of being able to declare this with confidence!

I have spoken of Kingdom manifestations ... miraculous moves of God ... happening in other nations because they truly understand and have a Kingdom Mindset. But there is also another reason why miracles don't happen here at home...

LUKE 4:25-27

Heavenly & Supernatural provision and healings are the evidence of the miraculous. Sadly the Prophets Elijah & Elisha were sent to TWO individuals OUTSIDE of their own people BECAUSE of the DISHONOUR & UNBELIEF.

There is something of the goodness of God that must be seen; that will be so overwhelming that it will cause us to fall to our knees.

HOSEA 3:5b

They shall fear the Lord and His goodness in the latter days.

When it comes to the Presence and Person of God ... we must become aware of these because what we are aware of we can host and steward.

The Holy Spirit is ‘IN’ every believer ... but not ‘UPON’ every believer.

Jesus said, **“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me”** . I suggest that if this was Jesus declaration, it can be ours too.

When it comes to operating in the Spirit of God we need to understand two things:

- At Salvation it is the Spirit of God that makes the change within us.
- It is a different dimension of the Holy Spirit that operates in manifest miraculous works. It the SAME Holy Spirit but a different expression or dimension.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS ‘IN’ ME FOR MY SAKE – HE IS ‘UPON’ ME FOR YOURS

When we think of the ‘UPON’ we begin to get an understanding when we read of Peter’s Shadow ...

ACTS 5:12-16

A Shadow is created by something ‘overshadowing’ the individual.

The passage that speaks of Peter’s Shadow causing a healing to take place on whomever it fell is paralleled by these three other scriptures:

MATTHEW 9:20-21 – Woman with the issue of blood, ‘If I could only touch His garment’

MATTHEW 14:34-36 – People gathered from all areas, touching His garment

ACTS 19:11-12 – The Spirit UPON Paul for unusual miracles, handkerchiefs etc.

When it comes to ‘hosting’ the Holy Spirit we need to treat Him as we would if we had a Dove on our Shoulders. When we walk we need to do so with care and wisdom (describe walking down a set of stairs with a Dove on your shoulders)

The Holy Spirit is constantly looking for somewhere to alight – just as the Dove did when Noah released one from the Ark – but He not only wants to alight, HE WANTS TO REST AND STAY! The ‘Dove’ returned to Noah even though it had found a tree!

We must learn to ‘Host the Presence’ – to ‘Host God’!

How do we do that?

The Apostle Paul speaks of us being either ‘held’ or ‘restricted’ by our ‘affections’. Where are your ‘affections’ the things you hold near and dear?

WE MUST LEARN TO BROKER THE AFFECTION OF GOD!

GALATIANS 5:22-25

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are

Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

There are a couple of other things we need to be very aware of and very careful of as to how we respond when we see the 'Miraculous' happening.

1. We cannot afford to be like the Church in Nazareth that all 'heard' the Word of God, 'spoken' by the Son of God and then 'labelled' Him into powerlessness.

The people of Nazareth were offended AT Jesus ... not BY Him!

They were INTELLECTUALLY offended because they could not figure it out or put it in a box of their own understanding.

How does that relate to us here?

Let me describe it this way ...

"No Father gets jealous over a Son that stands up and has a go and achieves great things ... it is usually only the Brothers!"

2. Many people look for joy 'because of answered prayer' instead of the joy because of a 'relationship with the One who answers the prayer'.

Let me finish by using a key quote from the beginning of this message:

"God is not looking for a moment to invade – He is looking for His people to come into agreement with Him & thus usher Him in".