

God's Government/Kingdom Coming upon Earth

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Is there yet doubt as to God's government/Kingdom coming upon earth? The signs of the emergence of His Kingdom are confirmed by multiple failures in the kingdoms of men. Man's government can offer little security, while God's government offers the ultimate. Legalist can never accept citizen privilege without pedigree and decorum, while those of lawlessness confuse obedience with legalism. The truest form of a Kingdom citizen is neither of these – you will know them by their fruit.

In the natural, voters follow the party (government) that fits their need; providing the most for them. Political parties have learned to pander to their base with offers of more benefits, as promises gain votes. Political bribery has gone on for years, not unique to any particular party, though recently scaling unparalleled heights. I won't denigrate Christian politics, but offer a real governmental solution to our individual and corporate problems. The real government is the Kingdom of God (Isaiah 9:6-8). Its benefits exceed all the governments of men combined.

Just as any government, the Kingdom has a constitution called the Word of God. The laws of this constitution are written in our hearts and confirmed by words in our Holy Book. As we seek the Kingdom to understand its government, the Holy Spirit directs us specifically to parts of the constitution that we need confirmed. The Lord would not have His people in conflict with the laws of their government. As we hear and obey, something incredible happens – the invisible God reveals Himself by enabling us to obey the laws of our government. This is not a ridged coercion or arm twisting, but rather a joyous obedience that witnesses deep within. Obedient acts in one arena produce breakthrough in others.

There is an enemy to full citizenship with all its rights and privileges – lawlessness. As with any government, behavior outside the bounds of the law results in restricted rights. While righteousness is never about law, it is always about obedience. You can never make up through sacrifice what you lose through disobedience. The stubborn stay stuck as the benefits of Kingdom citizenship seem afar. Hyper-grace is an enemy to righteousness, as it robs the power of obedience. The King extends His scepter toward righteousness; hence obedience has great power in the government of God.

To all who seek this government, a key is revealed – seeking first the Kingdom and His righteousness unlocks a guarantee: Both will be found!

Kingdom characteristics abound with Kingdom citizens – a peace that cannot be manufactured, joy unspeakable, abounding in every good work, all sufficient, steady in a storm, slow to anger, seasoned words, wisdom, and love unconditional to name a few. To enjoy the full benefit, I simply examine where I'm being shortchanged. I focus on what denies the power of the Kingdom, seek the King for help initiated through repentance, and soon weakness has been exchanged for Kingdom power. This is an ongoing process that makes 'seeking' a daily occurrence.

The instant we turn our 'seeker' on, in that very instant our governmental citizenship and all its entitlements are operational in our lives. Good citizens of any government reap good benefits. Learning the government of God, operating within its sphere, releases Kingdom order. Where there is current disorder in life, there is a 'knock' at our door; it is God inviting us to His Kingdom order/government.

How can we resist the energy of the Kingdom now coming upon earth? How can we turn away from the obvious influence now baring full pressure in all disjointed areas of our lives? Kingdom pressure abounds as the time set by the Father is here. Let go of the human tendency to stay in control, to run your life, make all decisions, fight for every need. Roll your care over upon the Lord, quit chasing material goods from your need or greed (Matthew 6:32), and seek first the Kingdom (Matthew 6:33).

The Time of the Kingdom is upon us. Enjoy your citizenship.

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