

God Moves Through the Externals, but the Internal Kingdom is the Priority

The evangelical church focusses to a large extent on what Christ did and the need to be a good person. The charismatic and pentecostal churches focus on spirituality and the gifts of the spirit. I have been in all 3 systems and am well aware, even today, of their focuses.

Our focus, like Jesus', has been on the Kingdom of God ('The Kingdom'). Recently we have been lead to learn about the Kingdom within us (the 'Internal Kingdom') which we have had a tendency to overlook in some respects. Our focus had been on an intimate relationship with the King, being about his business, and being transformed, but we had neglected the essential need for the power of the Kingdom to come from within us (from Christ in us). Neglecting this could cause us to enter into works of the flesh as we desire to expand the Kingdom on the Earth.

Getting the balance between the Internal Kingdom and the external expression of the Kingdom is one we must get right. Terry Bennett helps us with this in the final video of his teaching on the Internal Kingdom, #21. The predominance of the other 20 sessions has been 'Christ in us' which he hammered to the exclusion of the external – sometimes fanatically without full understanding. He needed to rebalance the Kingdom message so he tried to do it in the final session. Here's a few transcript extracts of what he said:

“There's a more excellent way than external things. Gifts are mentioned here, but Friends, we're not on some anti-gift thing, that's not what's going on. It's never been what's going on. I appreciate the gifts of God. I just understand that what they can do and what they can't do. The gifts of God are not going to increase Christ in us. They do not have that capacity, only God does. Can you hear that. If there's going to be an increase of God in us, God is the only one who can do it, by coming in. He does not give it, he comes in. Can you hear that. The church wants God to increase by giving things. Things don't bring an increase of God. The church wants to increase the church, by love. That kind of love doesn't increase the church. Can you hear what I'm saying – what I'm not saying.”

“No one is like God. We need to 'get over ourselves'. That's all I'm saying. I've gotten past that. I'm not trying to be like God. That's what Lucifer did. Self took him there. I'm trying to let God, as who he is, consume, possess and dwell in me. There is a difference. To try to be like God without God coming in and being himself within is to be Lucifer all over again.”

“‘We want the love of God’. No act will bring you to that. ‘I want to love God the way he wants to be loved’. You can't. I'm not kidding. God the Son, who is the love of God, will need to come in and enter us and love God through us the way God deserves to be loved...It's impossible to be like God without God in you. God is God and no one's like him and no one ever will be.”

“‘You need to be like God’, without God. ‘Things will make you like God’. That's self speaking.”

“It doesn't matter what you do. It doesn't mean it's the love of God. Even kind acts for others does not mean it's the love of God, unless God's doing it through us. Source is everything in this...If God ever stops being the source, then that will stop the love of God to our spouse.”

“God is ceasing control of the inward. God is not ceasing control of the outward. God's not saving the world, he's saving us. God's not stopping the curse out there in the external. He's stopping the curse internally, right inside of you. Christ in you stops the curse.”

“How safe are we ruling out there when God can't rule me in here? That's the way dictatorships arise.”

“It's not that God may not lead you to a piece of property and say, ‘I want this property’. OK. But never forget that there is a huge gulf between first and secondary, and all external things are secondary. Do not let them become primary. Do not let your love shift to them. Do not fight for them

against God.”

“We think the only way God’s love is proven is through outward acts, and it’s not. Do you know what the greatest demonstration of God’s love is, in us? Loving God...Love God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength, and love your neighbour. I want to be clear – don’t you love your neighbour as you love God...Love your neighbour as you love yourself...(your person).”

“If I believe that outward acts are the love of God...God’s going to do the outward acts and prove to me he’s the love of God. Are we OK with that?”

“Maturity is not us becoming OK. Maturity is us becoming filled. Maturity is not us growing in the knowledge of God. Maturity is Christ increasing in us. Christ is the mature son and we never will be... The how are we going to have sons? By Christ coming to fullness.”

“Any doctrine that gets into the hands of man, to where man thinks this is an absolute, because of my doctrine, is a false doctrine and God’s not in it. Not ever. If it gets into the hands of man and becomes an absolute, it is destructive to the uttermost. Let me give you a for-instance...God has used me numerous times to turn away storms. If that ever becomes a doctrine to me, God will never be in it. God arises and tells me when to rebuke the storms. I don’t ever do it from a doctrine...I don’t care how many times God uses me, he’s used me in it dozens of times. That’s not a boast, I’m just saying. He can use any ‘jackass’ in that position, but don’t make a doctrine out of it, Terry. “God wants to turn away storms every time” – that’s doctrine in the hands of man. “God wants to heal every time” – that’s doctrine in the hands of man.”

AUDIO: “The Internal Kingdom Part 21 – 11/11/18 Terry Bennett” (final session)

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