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# THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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## Look and Live

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What are you looking at?

What is demanding your attention?

What is receiving your attention?

**Matthew 4:8** Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. **9**And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.” **10**Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.’ ”

(1) Look for the kingdom.

God’s people had been delivered from Egypt

Miracles had become their new normal yet they moned and complained.

**Numbers 21:4** They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, c to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; **5**they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!”

**6**Then the Lord sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. **7**The people came to Moses and said, “We sinned when we spoke against the Lord and against you. Pray that the Lord will take the snakes away from us.” So Moses prayed for the people.

**8**The Lord said to Moses, “Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.” **9**So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

**to go around Edom**

The neighbourhood of Elath at the head of the gulf is still infested with venomous serpents, ‘marked with fiery red spots,’

**out of Egypt to die in the wilderness?**

TELL THE  
STORY

**Make a snake and put it up on a pole;**

**It represented the price of Victory.**

**Jesus would become sin to bring us righteousness**

**anyone who is bitten can look at it and live**

**For restoration**

**For Healing**

**For Joy**

**For Purpose**

**For wealth**

Look For The  
Kingdom

**Matthew 6: 27 Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? 28“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 30If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? 31So do not worry, saying,**

**‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.**

**Don't look for**

- + demons**
- + Strife**
- + Fault**
- + A fight**

**Be a treasure hunter.**

**2 Corinthians 4 : 7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. 8We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; 9persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—**

**(1) Look for the kingdom.**

**(2) Live for the kingdom.**

**Numbers 21: 8The Lord said to Moses, “Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.”**

**There is more than**

- + looking**
- + Observing**
- + Seeking**

**There is an  
ENTERING IN**

**Matthew 13: 44** “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

**45**“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. **46**When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

**When we receive the kingdom we should live in and for the kingdom**

**Acts 17: 28** ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

Live for the kingdom.

(a) A life that serves.

- + His people
- + His Church
- + His Commission

There is  
Much to do

**1 Samuel 12:24** Only fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you.

Only a small percentage of Christians serve the Lord in any capacity.

Because we are not a religion of works but a relationship of grace many CHRISTIANS fail to serve

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- (a) A life that serves.
- (b) A life that supports.

**Kingdom people don't live for themselves.**

**Galatians 6:9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.**

There is a harvest your entitled to when you do good to God's people. (Pentecostal Hand Shake) (Secret hand shake)

Whose life is blessed because of You.

Who have you influenced for the kingdom?

**Galatians 6:1 Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. 2Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.**

Have you ever carried anyone?

I've Got this  
I've Got you

Everyone needs  
help at some  
point

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(2) Live for the kingdom.

**John 3:3** Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”