

Series: "How to Survive in the Kingdom of God"



Message: "The Law of Truth Part Two"

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If one has entered the Kingdom of God, having been born again, born of the Holy Spirit, then it is important to consider spiritual realities, the spiritual truths that operate in that Kingdom. And the first one we're talking about is the Law of Truth.

We heard in Part One from Malachi 2:6 that "the Law of Truth was in His mouth and unrighteousness was not found in His lips, He walked with me in peace and uprightness and turned many away from iniquity." So God gives us a heart to follow His Commandments and His Commandments are life and they are also true. And that truth is to be in our mouth. It is in the mouth, and why is it in the mouth? Because it's coming out of the heart and we are to walk according to that truth, in peace with God, in peace and uprightness. When we do, by our very words and by our very lives, we will turn many others away from iniquity.

In dealing with spiritual realities, in dealing with truth, God has given us the Holy Spirit who is the Spirit of Truth. Likewise, God is Sovereign. Listen to Psalm 24 KJV.

The earth *is* the LORD'S, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This *is* the generation of them that seek him; that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who *is* this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift *them* up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who *is* this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he *is* the King of glory. Selah.

The invisible spiritual reality, the Kingdom of God or the Kingdom of Heaven is capable of visible, physical effects. In other words, as in heaven so on earth. Many people say simply, "prayer works" and the word of God carries great power. What happens in the invisible spiritual reality, in the invisible spiritual realm, in the Kingdom of Heaven, the Kingdom of God, what happens there is capable of having visible and physical effects. So we need to know that circumstances and things around us can change. We may adapt to our circumstances, but we don't have to accept them as the final reality.

Why not? That is because we look to the Word of God and the promises of God. By faith and trust in the promises of God, proclaiming them, believing them, speaking them, living them, walking by them, we can trust God to change physical circumstances. Prayer changes things.

Our residence and citizenship is in the heavenlies in heaven, but yet we live in the world. True worshippers, we learn from John 4:23, 24, worship the Father in spirit and in truth. Jesus Christ is Truth. He is God and the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth. Jesus did the will of His Father.

Now listen to some of these important verses from the scripture. Matthew 7:21 “not everyone who says to me Lord, Lord will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven.”

Now remember our principle -- as in heaven, so on earth. As Jesus heard the Father speak, that's what He spoke; and as He saw the Father do, that's what He did. What He saw going on and what He heard going on in the Heavenly realm, in the spiritual realm of the Father's will and of the Father's heart, that's how He operated on the earth. As in heaven, so on earth; we pray this all the time -- Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. And all we're doing is turning that around -- as in heaven, so on earth.

And then let's look at John 8:26-32. Jesus said, “I have many things to speak and to judge concerning you, but He who sent Me is True, and the things which I heard from Him, these I speak to the world.” They didn't realize He'd been speaking to them about the Father. So Jesus therefore said, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He and I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me and He who sent me is with me. He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him.” And as He spoke these things, many came to believe in Him. And Jesus therefore was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “if you abide in My Word, then you are truly disciples of Mine and you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.”

And then over in John 18:37 we read this: Jesus said, He was standing before Pilate and He said, “You say correctly that I am a king, for this I have been born and for this I have come into the world to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”

So for what purpose is one born of the Spirit and why did God provide a new covenant and give a new heart? For our answer to this, we can turn over to the Book of Ezekiel in chapter 36 and find in Ezekiel 36:26, 27 our answers.

“Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.” Well, why? “And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you or move you to walk in My statutes and you will be careful to observe My ordinances” and then he goes on and “you will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers, so you will be My people and I will be your God.”

God goes on to say that He will save us from all our uncleanness, that He will multiply the fruit of the trees, etc. and He says that He doesn't do this for our sake, but He cleanses us from all of our iniquities for His own sake and for His righteousness' sake.

Now Satan is the father of lies and the prince of this world and those who make lies are excluded from the kingdom. Let's just read from over in Revelation 21: 27: “and nothing unclean and no one who practices abomination and lying shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life” and come into what?... into the kingdom of heaven, or to the place where God dwells. See Galatians 5:19-21; 1 Corinthians 6:9, 10; Revelation 21:7, 8.

Lies and liars are not there. Why? Because Jesus is truth, He proclaims the laws of the Kingdom of God. He knows how heaven and earth work, the invisible and the visible realms. You see, the kingdom of God is not in word, in the speech of those wise in their own estimation or those puffed up. 1 Corinthians 4:19-20.

1 Corinthians 4:18-20 in The Message (MSG), which is a paraphrase, puts it like this:

I know there are some among you who are so full of themselves they never listen to anyone, let alone me. They don't think I'll ever show up in person. But I'll be there sooner than you think, God willing, and then we'll see if they're full of anything but hot air. God's Way is not a matter of mere talk; it's an empowered life.

The unrighteous do not inherit the kingdom of God, those that follow after the flesh do not inherit the kingdom of God. Paul in 1st Corinthians 6 says, "or do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers shall inherit the kingdom of God." But then he goes on to say, because everyone is shut up in sin, "and such were some of you but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God." 1 Corinthians 6:9-11.

God can lift us up out of the miry pit, out of that pit of destruction. [Psalm 40] And most Christians will tell you that they are forgiven sinners. They are well aware of their past and of their sin and they know that our conduct is to harmonize with the profession of faith that comes out of our mouths. What we profess and what we confess should be what we live.

We are to walk according to the truth, but we need to learn that truth from the Word of God and by abiding in Christ. We need to glorify God and attend upon the Lord without any distractions. We need to hear the word of the Lord that we can know what pleases God. Change of heart changes our words. Change your language; change your life.

Remember, God has granted us grace to obey, through faith in Jesus Christ, working by love. That love is a love without a lie. That love is true and does no harm.

Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as we are...That they may be one as we are one...Sanctify them with/by Your truth. Your Word is Truth. And for their sakes I sanctify My self, that they also may be sanctified by the truth. John 17:11b, 17, 19.

You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

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Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Your Name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever and ever. Amen.

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