

PREACHING THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM

I. I HAVE A MISSION--TO PREACH THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM.

- A. ***Preached in all the world.*** (Mat 24:14 KJV) And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.
- B. ***Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom.***
 - 1. (Mat 4:23 KJV) And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.
 - 2. (Mark 1:14 KJV) Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,

II. WHAT IS THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM?

- A. ***Associated with healing all manner of sicknesses and diseases.***
- B. ***It is a gospel of triumph of one kingdom over another.***
 - 1. There are two kingdoms in conflict.
 - 2. There is only one Lord; one king; one kingdom.
 - 3. Our responsibility is to get as many people as possible out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light.
- C. ***Satan's domain is one of darkness; ignorance; deception; bondage.***
 - 1. If our gospel be hid. (2 Cor 4:3 KJV) But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: (2 Cor 4:4 KJV) In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.
 - 2. Paul's mission. (Acts 26:18 KJV) To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

III. GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM IS MARKED BY POWER AND AUTHORITY.

- A. ***Kingdom of God is in power.*** (1 Cor 4:20 KJV) For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.
- B. ***Demonstration of the Spirit and of power.*** (1 Cor 2:4 KJV) And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: (1 Cor 2:5 KJV) That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.
- C. ***The power of the Holy Spirit is the only force that will bring true transformation.***
 - 1. The only power to change people's minds, lives, actions, deeds, behaviors.
 - 2. The only power that will enable us to live victorious, overcoming lives.
 - 3. The only force that can give us proper guidance.
 - 4. The only force that will deliver us from the chains that bind.

IV. JESUS' PREACHING WAS DIFFERENT.

- A. ***Never man spake like this.*** (John 7:45 KJV) Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought him? (John 7:46 KJV) The officers answered, Never man spake like this man.
- B. ***People noted Jesus preached with authority.***
 - 1. (Mark 1:27 KJV) And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority

commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.

2. (Mat 7:28 KJV) And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: (Mat 7:29 KJV) For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

C. ***Jesus' ministry was characterized by healing and deliverance.***

1. The sick were healed; demons had to flee.
2. Sickness and disease could not live in His presence, because He was the essence of healing.
3. Death could not continue its hold, because He was the essence of life.
4. Demons could not hold their dominion, because Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil.

D. ***Go and show John.*** (Mat 11:2 KJV) Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, (Mat 11:3 KJV) And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another? (Mat 11:4 KJV) Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and show John again those things which ye do hear and see: (Mat 11:5 KJV) The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

E. ***The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.*** (Luke 4:18 KJV) The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

F. ***He commissioned the 70 to do the same.*** (Luke 9:1 KJV) Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. (Luke 9:2 KJV) And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.

G. ***These signs shall follow.*** (Mark 16:17 KJV) And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; (Mark 16:18 KJV) They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

V. JESUS SETS THE DEMONIACS FREE.

- A. ***He didn't seek them out; they sought him out.***
- B. ***He didn't struggle with them;*** he commanded them to hold their peace. He wasn't going to give them a stage to show off on and to distract from His ministry.
- C. ***They cried out for mercy.*** "Why have you come to torment us before our time?"

VI. NO DOUBT THE KINGDOM IS COME NIGH YOU.

- A. ***Jesus ministers and people respond.*** (Mat 12:22 KJV) Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw. (Mat 12:23 KJV) And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David?
- B. ***Pharisees respond: By the power of Beelzebub.*** (Mat 12:24 KJV) But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.
- C. ***Jesus responds: A house divided against itself.*** (Mat 12:25 KJV) And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: (Mat 12:26 KJV) And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand?
- D. ***Whom do your children?*** (Mat 12:27 KJV) And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges.

1. Surely, they do.
 2. Surely, you wouldn't admit it was by the power of the devil.
 3. If not by the devil, it must be by the power of God; therefore, God still gets the glory.
- E. ***The kingdom is come nigh you.*** (Mat 12:28 KJV) But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.
- F. ***One of the distinctives of the kingdom of God--power over unclean spirits.***
- G. ***This is what the anointing is all about: to destroy the yoke of bondage.***

VII. THERE MUST BE A DEMONSTRATION OF THE POWER OF GOD.

- A. ***There must be a Holy Ghost revival.***
- B. ***There is power in the Holy Ghost.*** Simon the soccerer recognized this; he knew something about the supernatural.
- C. ***This is the power that will convince people that God is real; His power if real.***
1. This will be the answer to people's hunger and desire for the supernatural, which is being sought through other spiritual mediums and channels.
 2. There is a lot of interest in the occult, but all that is just a substitute for the real thing.
- D. ***Something must get people's attention.***
1. Something must break Satan's hold; to set people free.
 2. It's time to call things as they are and quit being fearful of offending someone.
- E. ***If we see a move of God, everybody won't appreciate it.***
1. The community won't have any parades in your honor.
 2. Other churches may not get as excited as you.

VIII. THE MANIAC OF GADARA.

- A. ***He made his home in the tombs.***
1. The region of death and darkness; no light; no life.
 2. He was tormented.
- B. ***The devil would cause him to strip his clothes off.***
1. When you get saved and delivered, the first thing you'll do is put your clothes on.
 2. That's what happened in dark Africa.
- C. ***He could not be held in chains; he broke them, but he was still in bondage. When the Holy Ghost breaks the chains, you are free!***
- D. ***People of the city had to know who he was.***
- E. ***Jesus delivered him; sent spirits into pigs.***
- F. ***Responses.***
1. The town had to know something had happened. They saw the man clothed and in his right mind. Their response: They prayed that Jesus would depart from their city. They liked things the way they were. They didn't want their economy messed with.
 - a. (Acts 19:13 KJV) Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We

adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. (Acts 19:14 KJV) And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so. (Acts 19:15 KJV) And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? (Acts 19:16 KJV) And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

- b. (Acts 19:17 KJV) And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. (Acts 19:18 KJV) And many that believed came, and confessed, and showed their deeds.
- c. (Acts 19:19 KJV) Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.
- d. (Acts 19:20 KJV) So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.
- e. (Acts 19:24 KJV) For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen; (Acts 19:25 KJV) Whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth. (Acts 19:26 KJV) Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands: (Acts 19:27 KJV) So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worshippeth. (Acts 19:28 KJV) And when they heard these sayings, they were full of wrath, and cried out, saying, Great is Diana of the Ephesians.

- 2. Scribes and Pharisees. He did it by the power of the devil.
- 3. The delivered man. He was so excited, he wanted to stay with Jesus. So excited, want to stay in church all the time. Go from campmeeting to campmeeting.
Lord, we're glad to be here. Let us build a memorial. "There's someone at the foot of the mountain who needs deliverance."
"Go tell what great things the Lord has done for you."
We should be so excited, we can't hold our peace--gotta go tell somebody!
That's the key.

A. *Jesus' fame spread.*

IX. THERE IS A REAL CONFLICT.

- A. *There is a real enemy.*
- B. *There is a real devil.*
- C. *There is a real kingdom of darkness.*
- D. *We wrestle not against flesh and blood; but against principalities, powers, rulers of darkness of this world, spiritual wickedness in high places.*
- E. *Put on the whole armour of God.*
- F. *Our weapons are mighty.*
- G. *Greater is He.*
- H. *I saw Satan as lightning fall from heaven.*

WHAT IS THE KEY?**A. *Give no place to the devil.***

1. Don't give him the slightest foothold; don't leave a crack in the door.
2. Don't fool around with questionable practices.
3. Stay away from that which is curious. Don't seek to fulfill your curiosity.
4. Don't get in compromising positions.
5. Don't say, "Ah, its no big deal. Everybody knows its only a game."
6. Don't support anything that is satanic in nature or that which deifies or glorifies his work.
7. Stay away from movies which deifies or glorifies Satan, darkness, evil, the occult, witchcraft, the supernatural (which usually does not honor God).
8. Stay away from certain music, especially rock groups who are mercenaries of Satan.

B. *Develop a relationship with Jesus.*

1. Get genuinely born again.
2. Get filled with the Holy Ghost.

Stay in fellowship with God's people.***Utilize all the weapons at our disposal.***

The name of Jesus.

The blood of Jesus.

His Word.

Develop a strong prayer life.

Develop and practice a proper lifestyle.

Combat Satan with the Word of God.