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Episode 103 - The Kingdom Within: Seeing God's Kingdom Through the Holy Spirit

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Scott Stanley connects the kingdom of God to the book of Revelation, explaining that the kingdom is the Holy Spirit — righteousness, peace, and joy — and that the cross reveals God's view of humanity.

He explores how being "born from above" and recognizing Jesus as the Son of God opens the way to receive the Holy Spirit, the trials involved in entering the kingdom, and practical spiritual practices drawn from the Lord's Prayer for transformation, forgiveness, and daily growth.

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Scriptures are transcribed directly with notations. Refer to the KJV for verbatim wording.

Hi. This is Scott Stanley with the DTG Ministries, searching and declaring the deep things of God in the book of Revelation. What I would like to do today is tie the kingdom of God into the book of Revelation. I want you to gain a new perspective on the kingdom of God, and this has been such a blessing for me to see.

I want to ask you to turn in your Bible to Romans chapter 14, and look at verse 17,

Rom 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but it's righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.

We know righteousness equals acts of love. It's the action of love, and this verse is just speaking volumes. I don't know why I never saw this before. I guess it wasn't the time for us to see this. But the kingdom of God is not meat and drink. What is it? It's righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. Well, let's just take off everything in the middle of this verse. *For the kingdom of God is in the Holy Spirit. The kingdom of God is in the Holy Spirit.*

If you understand what the Holy Spirit is, that it's what Christ portrayed on the cross, again as he portrayed the soul of humanity, and with all the symbols, the crown of thorns, stripes, and so on... He is showing you the way God perceives humanity and how to overcome iniquity. The kingdom of God is God's understanding as portrayed on the cross. Now remember, in John 7:38, 39, *the Holy Spirit was not yet*, King James, put "given," *because Christ had not yet been glorified.*

Again, the Holy Spirit is the information God gives us concerning ourselves. When we see ourselves, then we see the long-suffering and grace, and mercy, and patience that God has been showing us all of our lives. Because when I think of the cross, and just bear with me a second, because if I could come to the cross and just look at this literally, and I see a man on the cross and he has been beaten, really, he's been tortured, and he has a crown of thorns, and the sight of him hanging there is just pitiful. It's just a pitiful picture. He cries out and says that he feels forsaken by God. That's pitiful to me.

I don't know. You know, to me, it's like, have you ever seen a dog having been hit by a car and he survives and he can't use his back legs anymore, and he's dragging himself over trying to get out of the road, dragging himself. It's just pitiful to me, and what does that evoke when you see that? It evokes compassion and mercy. See, all of the things that God is, what we read in Exodus 34, it's everything that God is. It just brings this out of you naturally to see a human being in that condition.

Now, the thing about it is, what you can see is temporary. What you cannot see is eternal. I say that because, let's say a neighbor walks into my house and sits down at the table with me, well-dressed, makes money, well-fed. I don't see anything that evokes compassion. I have to see him as God depicted us through Jesus on that cross. I can't look at that man literally through fleshly understanding. I have to look at him through spiritual understanding.

When I see him spiritually, I can then have the compassion and mercy and kindness, everything that I know he needs, because I know he himself is carrying a crown of thorns. He's carrying stripes on his back; he manifests nakedness, and he's in darkness about God. But I don't know that except I possess the knowledge of the cross. So the knowledge of the cross, the Holy Spirit, is showing us what we can't see in people.

What you cannot see literally, the Holy Spirit is showing you this is how they are spiritually. Understanding those things, for instance, if I take these four things: a crown of thorns, stripes on the back, nakedness, and darkness, and I've asked the question before. Taking those four things, what is the first one of those four things that needs to be corrected? It's the darkness. A person needs to understand the love of God so they can be free of their guilt, so they can forgive others, and so they can be clothed with his righteousness and not act in nakedness.

So, understanding that what I'm looking at on the cross is the inner person of the guy sitting at my table, talking to me, and if I can learn to focus on that, then I can begin to have compassion for him because, you know, God would have us live and walk and act in love. But you're not going to do that if you don't want to. If somebody has a smart mouth and they're angry and bitter and all of these things, you may not want to show them compassion, but you don't look at people with the flesh anymore. You look at people through the spirit. If you do that, you can be patient and long-suffering with them.

So I'm telling you all of this so you can understand that the kingdom of God is in the Holy Spirit. It's the righteousness, the peace, and the joy that you find in the Holy Spirit. What about this Holy Spirit? Well, I tried to point out in an earlier podcast how God tells us in Isaiah 65, *I'm going to give you a new heaven and a new earth. Behold, I create Jerusalem.* Jerusalem in Revelation 21 is the tabernacle of God. God dwells in that city. A

city in the Bible, Proverbs 25, is a mindset, it's a spirit. A city is a mindset; you've got Babylon and you've got new Jerusalem. You're either going to dwell in confusion about God, or you're going to understand God.

So, looking at the Holy Spirit, realizing this is new Jerusalem, how does he give you the new heaven? Revelation chapter 6, the sixth seal. He has to turn the sun black, the moon red, the stars fall, and he closes the heavens. There is no Christian on the planet who is going to let you do that to them without putting up resistance. Nobody will allow you to just come in and push over their understanding of Jesus, their understanding of the Bible, taking all of those stars and just casting them to the earth, closing their understanding of God, closing the heavens. Who would let you do that? See, they won't. Therefore, they will resist what you're trying to do.

Now, Jesus came preaching the kingdom of God or the kingdom of heaven. And if you guys would just simply look up the word "kingdom," you're going to find some fantastic information concerning the Holy Spirit and concerning the kingdom of God. Look up the word "kingdom" in the Strong's, and that number is in the Greek [932]. Just go through there, and in each verse that you see, just say the word Spirit, the Holy Spirit, in each one of these places, and you'll begin to have your eyes opened about his kingdom and his spirit in what's going on with you, what's going on with the people around you.

He came preaching the kingdom of God. What was he preaching? How you walk in love. Don't believe me? Go back and read everything he said. The main commandment is to love God. Second is to love your neighbor as yourself. So you need to be in his kingdom or you need to possess his Holy Spirit, because the kingdom is righteousness. It's the action of love in the Holy Spirit. Think about it. The kingdom is in your mind. It's within you. God's kingdom dwells within us. It's spiritual. It's the Holy Spirit.

So since I make that the Holy Spirit, then it makes other things make more sense to me. For instance, look at Acts 14:22. I'm going to read this to you.

Act 14:22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, (this is the middle of a sentence), and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom.

Now, there are two ways to look at this. When you're helping somebody understand the Holy Spirit, giving them a new heaven, there is tremendous tribulation on them to enter into God's kingdom. There's tremendous tribulation. Nobody takes that lying down. You're not going to go in there and take away the Trinity and tell them the Bible is spiritual and all of the things about it, to help them see and enter the kingdom. They will go through much tribulation to do that.

When you do that, when you're telling people those truths, they will cause tribulation on you. And you must, through much tribulation, enter into the kingdom of God. Think about it. *The kingdom of God suffers violence, and it's the violent who take it and possess it by force* (Mat 11:12). You have to hate mother, father, sister, brother, daughter, son (Luk 14:26). You have to hate what they're telling you when they try to stand in your way.

The greatest enemies of a man are those in his own house (Mat 13:57). And again, you can apply that in two different ways: in your mind and in your literal home. Your greatest enemies stand against you, possessing the truth. They can't take the tribulation. They struggle with it. In Mark 10, start at verse 23,

Mar 10:23 Jesus looked round about, and he said unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God?

Mar 10:24 And the disciples were astonished. But Jesus answered again, and he said, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!

Mar 10:25 It's easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.

I'm telling you right now, for you to receive the Holy Spirit, for God to give you a new heaven and a new earth, may not be the easiest thing to do. Because of the apostasy everyone is in, they don't realize it. They're sure that they're saved because they prayed the prayer. They're sure they're saved because Romans 10:9-10, they confessed with their mouth, the Lord Jesus.

So to break through that and help a person see the truth is really a battle and a march, no joke. I think we're finding that out as time goes by. The more we see, the more we understand, the more sense this is all making to us. If you look at Mark 9:47,

Mar 9:47 If your eye offends you (if your understanding offends you), pluck it out: it's better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one understanding, than having two understandings and be cast into hell fire (which is Gehenna).

I don't need to key on every one of these verses. I think if you think that through, that'll begin to make more sense to you. But I want to move to another thing about the kingdom of God. This is in John chapter 3, verse 3.

Jhn 3:3 Jesus said, Except a man be born from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Now, except you accept Jesus as the Son of God, you will never receive the Holy Spirit. That is what he's saying. I have been over this several times concerning being born from above, how Christ was born again at his baptism. What he is relating to Nicodemus is his own personal testimony of being born of water and spirit. If I look at water as an understanding and spirit as God's understanding, being born of water and spirit, you can't enter into the kingdom of God. God has to reveal to you that Christ is his Son.

As soon as you see that, the Trinity is destroyed in your understanding. You have nowhere to go to church as soon as you realize he really is the Son of God. Once you get that understanding, then you can understand what Christ is doing on that cross. This is the Son of God. God is giving you a sacrifice that you might overcome all iniquity. In order to do that, you need to receive God's understanding of iniquity in your own life, what it has done to you, and how to overcome it.

So, except you see him as the Son, you have no authority to declare yourself to be a child of God, except for a Bible verse. I'm telling you it's more than that. If he's the Son of God and God gave you his Son, he loves you as much as he loves his Son. If you take away the Son, you take away the love of the Father. So you've got to be born. God has to reveal to you that his Son is Jesus, the Son of God, not God the Son. That's two different things. He isn't God the Son. He's the Son of God.

"God the Son" is nowhere in the Bible. It's just human reasoning to say, "Well, look, he's the God of Israel. Well, he's God the Son." No, he's the Son of God. There's only one God, and Jesus is his only begotten Son, who was sent by God to help deliver us,

redeem us from all iniquity, which is how we perceive the cross. When that happens, you can receive his Holy Spirit, and you've entered into his kingdom.

When he says, *"I won't drink the juice of the grape until the kingdom of God comes,"* well, that's what he was talking about. When he dies on the cross, the Holy Spirit has been depicted, and we can now believe what he has shown us about ourselves, receive that truth, and enter into his kingdom.

Actually, this truth is something that we could talk about forever, going through the Bible, again, looking up the word "kingdom," and just replacing "the Holy Spirit" with the word "kingdom." But what I want to do is read the Lord's Prayer. Now, this is out of Matthew chapter 6, and I want to start reading at verse 5.

Mat 6:5 When you pray, don't be as the hypocrites. They love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the street, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward.

Mat 6:6 But you, when you pray, enter into your closet, when you've shut your door, pray to your Father which is in secret; and your Father which sees in secret shall reward thee openly.

Mat 6:7 But when you pray, use not vain repetitions, as heathens do: for they think that they'll be heard for their much speaking.

Mat 6:8 Be not ye therefore like them: for your Father knows what things you have need of, before you ask.

What do you mean, "what things we have need of"? We need a new car? No, he isn't talking about that. He's talking about the iniquity in your life and helping you overcome. So here's how you do it.

Mat 6:9 After this manner pray, Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Now, remember, his name is described in Exodus 34:6-7. The Son of God declared the glory, the name of God, and in that declaration, *"You're merciful, you're gracious, you're long suffering."* See, all of those things, *"You remove, you lift up iniquity, rebellion, and sin,"* and you can't leave out the flip side, *"You will by no means acquit the guilty."* It's learning to identify the guilty that will help you understand that.

But after this manner, this is how you pray. Acknowledge the fact of the glory of God. *"Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be your name."* Go back and read that in Exodus 34. This is the name of God. Have this in your mind when you come to God. Verse 10, Matthew 6:10.

Mat 6:10 Your kingdom come...

I want to say something again about the glory of God and his kingdom coming to you. For me to say that God is gracious and merciful, well, we can believe it because the Bible brings that out, and it's true. But you need to know that by means of experience. And the way you understand that by means of experience is to recognize that he is depicting you on the cross. He is showing you your guilt you're carrying, and why you're carrying it. He's helping you understand the people you cannot forgive and why you can't. The nakedness when you expose yourself, the darkness about God... he's helping you see that.

When you acknowledge that about yourself, you realize you've been experiencing the glory of God your whole life. Now when he says, *"I'm showing you grace, I am showing you kindness and mercy. I am being long-suffering with you. Just look at your soul on the cross,"* therefore, hallowed be your name, your kingdom is come. The kingdom of God, the Holy Spirit is come. This is your prayer. He already knows what you have need of before you ask. Acknowledge who he is.

Acknowledge his character, his love and concern, his pity, and say, "Your kingdom has come." I get it, I possess the Holy Spirit, and I've told you, I've prayed to you, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit. Your kingdom is come. In so doing, your will will be done in the earth, just like it is in heaven." The earth is your self.

Now again, this is your prayer. Hallowed would be your name, your kingdom has come. I see your name in my life, as you have shown me my iniquity. So possessing the kingdom, your will will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Therefore, Matthew 6:11,

Mat 6:11 Give us this day our daily bread.

Give us this day the broken body to help me see myself. Give us this day our daily bread because your kingdom has come. I want your will done. Right now, I've got a problem going on with my husband, my wife, my kids. I'm mad. I'm struggling. I'm upset. I've got all this happening. But your kingdom, I possess your Holy Spirit, I pray that your will be done.

Well, how are we going to do it? Well, give me my daily bread. Give me my daily dose of my own iniquity and the iniquity my wife has. Give me my daily bread that I can look at that cross and realize this is just pitiful where we are. It is just pitiful the person we have become without the Holy Spirit. And now you possess that Holy Spirit, "Father, give us our daily bread." Verse 12,

Mat 6:12 And forgive us our debts, as we're forgiving our debtors.

See how all of this just flows together. If you can forgive your debtors, remember the kingdom of God is righteousness, it's acting in love, and peace. Why peace? Because you will have peace in your home, even though someone may be angry. You don't have to respond to that, and you can have peace in your home.

What was the next word? Joy. It's righteousness. It's acting in love. It's the peace that happens when you do that, and the joy that you find in your heart. One reason you have joy is because you see that the truth is working in your life, and you know what you're believing is true. Verse 13,

Mat 6:13 Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom. Father, it is your spirit. It is your ability, and it is your glory forever.

Let me say that again. Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory. Father, it is your spirit. It is the ability that you give us, and it is the glory of your character that we possess.

I have to tie that in to a very special verse, just a little simple verse. It's found in 1 Thessalonians chapter 2, and I want to include the verse above it, too. 1 Thessalonians 2:11.

1Th 2:11 As you know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, just like a father does his children. (Now here's the verse)

1Th 2:12 That you would walk worthy of God, who has called you unto his kingdom and glory.

Again, the kingdom of God is his Holy Spirit. The glory is his character. When you possess the truth of his Holy Spirit, you literally can begin to work out your own salvation of redemption, being redeemed from all iniquity. It takes humility. It takes absolute humility for this to work. Again, what is your prayer?

What is your prayer? Father, Hallowed be your name. I know who you are. I know what you've done with me all my life. Thank you, dear God. I worship you. I love you. I thank you for passing over my past sins in your forbearance. Your kingdom has come into my understanding. Your kingdom is spiritual. It's within me. Your kingdom has come. And your will will be done in my life, just like in the heavens. You will see your glory in my life.

I pray for that every day. Is it easy? No. Is it something that just happens overnight? No. But it will happen, and it is happening. God is going to use us to pass that information to the world, and it's going to take a very special human being to receive that. Because, again, it takes humility to say, I've been worshipping the wrong God, I've been going to the wrong church. The way I read the Bible is ridiculous. It's not even accurate.

Dear God, everything I thought was true, please correct it. Redeem me, redeem my soul. Redeem my church. Redeem my family. I want to go home. Before I do, I want to have victory. I pray to have victory over the whisperer and to stop allowing him to give me thoughts that produce a feeling that moves me to sin.

I want the Holy Spirit to give me the thought which will evoke compassion, bowels of compassion in my heart for you, and move me to righteousness.

Heavenly Father, I don't know... without you, these podcasts are nothing, and I just ask you to give the blessing, that people in this world might find the truth and worship you and find communion with you, true communion. In Jesus' name, Amen.

