

Topic: God's Kingdom Come

Meditation: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near". John the Baptist proclaimed this in preparing the way for Christ's ministry among people. The Bible says "no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again" and that the kingdom of God is "of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit" and "the kingdom of God is within you". God's kingdom is of the spirit. Inviting Christ within us is the beginning of His kingdom working within us and through us. As our faith is put into action, God's kingdom comes to be among us. His kingdom comes when we "feed the hungry, receive the stranger, clothe the naked, visit the sick and those imprisoned". His kingdom comes when we are Christ to those in need. Has God's kingdom come, a little bit, through your actions in the world - today or anytime?

Prayer: Jesus, the Bible talks about your kingdom coming and I think I want that to happen and I want to be part of it. But, I don't understand what that all entails, so please help me understand where I am unclear. Speak to me Lord, in a way so that I know it is You and tell me how You would use me to bring Your kingdom on earth now. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Additional scriptures: Mt 3:2; 6:9-13; 25:34-40; Lk 13:22-30; 16:20-21; Jn 3:3; Rom 14:17; 1 Cor 15:50