

Kingdom Living—  
According to Jesus

**“A man’s main purpose in life is to find his ground, till it and care for it, bringing the Kingdom of God there and establishing the Lordship of Jesus Christ over it.” — Sunday Adelaja**

For the next two weeks we will discover:

1. The Announcement of the Kingdom:
2. The nature of the Kingdom:
3. The value of the Kingdom:
4. The characteristics of the children of the Kingdom:
5. The characteristics of the subjects of the Kingdom:

Definition of Kingdom of Heaven:

**The Announcement of the Kingdom:**

***Matthew 4:17, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”***

***Matthew 4:23, “And He went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.”***

***Mark 1:14, “The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”***

***Luke 4:19, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”***

***Luke 4:43, “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.”***

***John 3:5, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.”***

1. In all four of the Gospels, Jesus immediately:
2. In all four of the Gospels, Jesus makes it perfectly clear:

### **The Nature of the Kingdom**

*Matthew 13:31-32, “He put another parable before them, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.’”*

1. God’s kingdom may start small:
2. God’s kingdom is a place of safety and refuge:

*Matthew 13:33, “He told them another parable. ‘The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.’”*

1. Even a small amount of the influence of the kingdom:
2. In the same way that leavened bread tastes good:

*Mark 4:26-29, “And He said, ‘The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.’”*

1. The spread of the kingdom is accomplished:
2. The harvest of the kingdom is:

*Matthew 13:24-30, “He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”*

*Matthew 13:36-43, "Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.*

*Matthew 13:47-50, "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."*

We can understand these things:

1. There are those who are sons in the kingdom and:
2. Sharing the same environment does:
3. The angels will not:

Conclusion: