

God Will Have His Kingdom on the Earth

When the disciples asked the Lord Jesus to teach them how to pray, He prayed for God's kingdom to come to the earth. This is the beginning of how He taught the disciples to pray:

“Our Father, who is in the heavens, Your name be sanctified (holy), Your kingdom come; Your will be done, as in heaven, so also on earth.”



When God brings His Kingdom to the earth, it will be restored to its original beauty.

In this prayer we can see that Jesus cared for God's purpose to have His kingdom on the earth. This is what the earth is for. To have His kingdom on earth simply means that God is expressed on the earth in His person and in His authority.

As we have seen, this expression is in and through man. Like the disciples, we also should pray that God would bring His kingdom to the earth. In this way, God's original intention for His creation of the earth will be fulfilled.



God's Creation

- Lesson Nineteen -

The Heavens and the Earth Are for Man (8)

The earth is the place where God's expression and authority are. Man is God's chosen vessel to express Himself in His person (image) and in His authority (dominion). In this lesson we will consider how man expresses God in His person and authority.

How God's Person is Expressed

Since man was created in God's image, he has the ability to express God. Man does this through many various human virtues. As the apostle Paul wrote, we should exercise ourselves unto godliness. Godliness is simply to have God expressed in our living. We, as human beings, have the ability to express God in His love, kindness, gentleness, compassion, and righteousness. All that God is will eventually be expressed through human virtues.



Paul encouraged his young helper, Timothy, to “exercise himself unto godliness”. Godliness is God being expressed in the virtues of the human life.

When the Lord Jesus was living on the earth, before He was crucified, He manifested God in His living. When people saw Him, they saw what God is, through His humanity. This is why so many people were attracted to Him. Eventually, all God's people will express Him in the same way. In this way the earth will be filled with the glory of God.

How God's Authority is Expressed

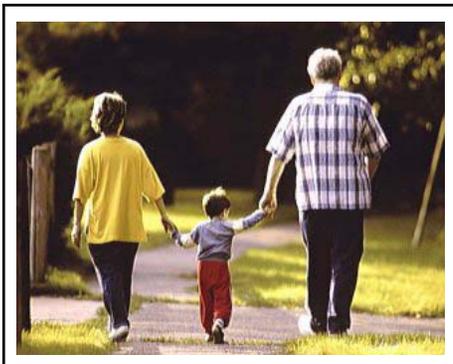
Memory Verse

Having your manner of life
excellent... so that...
you... may glorify God...

1 Peter 2:12

In addition to creating man in His image so that His person could be expressed, God gave to man His dominion, or authority. Man has God's authority so that he can represent God. Because of the fall of man, there is the need for authority on the earth. This authority comes in many forms.

Firstly, our parents have God's authority to raise us up as their children. We should always love, honor and obey our parents. In doing that, we are also loving, honoring and obeying God. God's authority is also in the church and in human government. We have many laws that are designed to protect us and to protect God's interest on the earth.



Our parents represent God's authority to us. We should love, honor and obey them.

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David was a king of Israel who represented and expressed God in many ways.



Parents Initials: