

The Kingdom Program – Part 2

Luke 13:22-35

Intro:

Idea: The kingdom of God has been carefully planned for its eventual establishment on the earth.

1. Only Jesus can deliver Israel from spiritual bondage to be ready for the coming kingdom. (13:10-17)
2. The kingdom of God would develop into a large kingdom from an insignificant beginning. (13:18-19)
3. The kingdom of God would eventually dominate the whole world. (13:20-21)
4. **The kingdom of God will dawn (be launched, begin) with a festive Messianic banquet. (13:22-30)**
 - 4.1 To attend this banquet a believer must fervently strive to live according to the righteous ways of the future King. (v 24-28)
 - The narrow path of discipleship requires a serious commitment to follow Christ and His kingdom values.
 - The Messianic banquet is restricted to those believers who have faithfully succeeded to endure for Christ.
 - 1) Believers who rely on their fellowship with Christ and knowledge of His teaching to enter the banquet will be astonished at their rejection to enter the banquet.
 - 2) Believers who have lived unrighteous lives will not be allowed to enter the banquet.
 - 3) Unfaithful believers will agonize with profound regret their exclusion from the joy of the banquet.
 - 4.2 To attend this banquet a faithful believer will sit down in the banquet along with the other honored invitees. (v 29-30)
 - Those who have attained greatness as God's servants
 - Those who have acquired eternal rewards through service to God
5. **The kingdom of God will be deferred as Jesus must first give His life as a sacrifice for sin. (13:31-33)**
 - 5.1 Even though warned by the Pharisees, Jesus would not be intimidated from facing death on the cross.
 - 5.2 Even though threatened by Herod, Jesus would impose the time and place of His death to accomplish His purpose.
6. **The kingdom of God would be delayed until Jesus' second coming. (13:34-35)**
 - 6.1 Israel would be ruined (and Jerusalem destroyed) because of their unbelief in Jesus as their Messiah.
 - 6.2 Jesus would return a second time to Israel in the future, and at that time they will proclaim Him as their King.

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