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Kingdom Living Lesson 2: Redemption, Reconciliation, & Re-establishment of the Kingdom of God



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Introduction

- God is Creator (Gen. 1:1-25)
 - He existed before all things
 - The first kingdom / Created the visible and the invisible (Col. 1:16; Heb. 11:3)
 - Ruler over all creation

- God is Love (1 John 4:8, 16)
 - Love is His very being
 - Love gives
 - Love is demonstrated through relationships (John 13:35; 1 John 3:11; 4:21)

- God Created Man (Gen. 1:26-28)
 - Man was both created and made (Gen. 2:7; 21-23)
 - Man was made in God's image
 - God gave man dominion over all the earth
 - God created male and female
 - God gave man instructions
 - Be fruitful and multiply
 - Replenish the earth
 - Subdue the earth
 - Have dominion over every living thing

- God's Intent for the Original Kingdom
 - To establish kings and rulers on earth -
 - for a relationship with Him
 - to extend His rulership, kingship and influence from heaven to earth
 - to execute God's will on earth as it is established in heaven
 - to establish a visible territory of an invisible world
 - to have His will done and the heavenly kingdom come on earth just as it is in heaven
 - to establish a family of spirit sons (and daughters)
 - to influence earth from heaven through mankind



- The Fall of humankind (Gen. 3:1-19)
 - The result
 - Death
 - Loss of position and disposition
 - Self-consciousness and shame
 - fear and intimidation of authority
 - Loss of domination over nature
 - Hard labor
 - Pain and discomfort in childbearing
 - The need for human accountability
 - WE LOST THE KINGDOM

- Man's innate pursuit
 - Power and control (Gen. 3:1-6; 16b)
 - Purpose and fulfillment in life (Eph. 2:10)
 - Religion – man's search for God

- God's Plan for Redemption, Reconciliation & the Re-establishment of His Kingdom on Earth
 - The promise of the Messiah-King (Gen. 3:15-16)
 - We were redeemed (Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14; Tit. 2:14)
 - We were reconciled (2 Cor. 5:18; Eph. 2:16; Col. 1:20)
 - The Kingdom of God was re-established – Jesus preached, “Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand (Matt. 4:17; Mk. 1:14-15; Lk. 4:43, 8:1;9:2; 16:16; Acts 1:3)

- We are Restored to our Original Position in Christ
 - We are restored (2 Cor. 5:17)
 - We are sons and daughters, not servants
 - We are kings, not subjects
 - We have a relationship, not religion
 - We can influence earth by God through heaven

- You Hold the Key (Matt. 16:19)
 - God has given you authority – “I will give unto you...”
 - God has given you access – “...the keys...”
 - Your access has been activated – “...whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”