

The Kingdom Of God

1 Cor 4:20 - *For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.* NIV

1. As the maker and sustainer of all that exists.
2. It encompasses past, present, and future.
3. It represents salvation and blessing.
4. It is the fulfillment of Abraham's covenant.

Entrance into the Kingdom of God is by the new birth.

John 3:3-5 - *In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." 4 "How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!" 5 Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.* NIV

The Kingdom of God is future.

Rev 19:9 - *Then the angel said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!'" And he added, "These are the true words of God."* NIV

The Kingdom of God is immediate future

Mark 9:1 - *And he said to them, "I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."* NIV

The Kingdom of God is now.

Matt 3:1-3 - *In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." 3 This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"* NIV

Micah 2:12-13 - *"I will surely gather all of you, O Jacob; I will surely bring together the remnant of Israel. I will bring them together like sheep in a pen, like a flock in its pasture; the place will throng with people. 13 One who breaks open the way will go up before them; they will break through the gate and go out. Their king will pass through before them, the LORD at their head."* NIV

Matt 11:12 - *From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it.* NIV

“The kingdom of heaven breaks forth...”

“From the days of John the Baptist until now, the Kingdom of heaven breaks forth and **those breaking forth are pursuing it.**”

1. Pursue God’s reign with all our might.
2. Pursue intensity for the work of the Lord.
3. Pursue the rule of God in every part of our lives.
4. Become subjects of the King.
5. Seek healing and redemption for a world full of people in need of God.