

The Kingdom of God as the Spreading of the Divine Life for God's Eternal Administration

<p>I. The direction of the Lord's move today is to bring in the kingdom of God as the spreading of the divine life for God's eternal administration:  <u>Luke 17:21</u> Nor will they say, Behold, here it is! or, There! For behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.  <u>John 3:3</u> Jesus answered and said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God.  <u>5</u> Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. <u>Col. 1:13</u> Who delivered us out of the authority of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,</p>	<p>A. The kingdom of God is actually Christ Himself sown into the believers in the church age.</p> <p>The kingdom of God is spreading in Christ's increasing to be the enlarged, upcoming kingdom, which the Lord will bring in at His coming back:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This is signified by the stone (Christ) that became a great mountain (the kingdom in the millennium), as revealed in Daniel 2:34-35.  <u>Dan. 2:34</u> You were watching until a stone was cut out without hands, and it struck the image at its feet of iron and clay and crushed them. <u>35</u> Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed all at once, and they became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.</li> <li>2. This enlarged, upcoming kingdom of God will be God's universal government in the new heaven and new earth for God's eternal administration in the fulfillment of God's eternal economy in Christ, as God's ultimately consummated household administration in eternity.</li> </ol>
<p>II. The kingdom of God is Christ the Savior Himself:</p>	<p>A. Wherever the Savior is, there the kingdom of God is.</p> <p>B. The kingdom of God is with the Savior, and He brings it to His disciples.</p> <p>C. The kingdom of God is the Savior as the seed of life sown into God's chosen people and developing into a realm over which God can rule as His kingdom in His divine life:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The entrance into the kingdom is regeneration, and the development of the kingdom is the believers' growth in the divine life.</li> <li>2. Since His resurrection Christ has been within His believers; thus, the kingdom of God is within the church today.</li> <li>3. The kingdom is the church life, in which the faithful believers live, and it will develop into the coming kingdom as a reward to be inherited by the overcoming saints in the millennium.</li> <li>4. Eventually, the kingdom of God will consummate in the New Jerusalem as the eternal kingdom of God, an eternal realm of the eternal blessing of God's eternal life, which all of God's redeemed will enjoy in the new heaven and new earth for eternity.</li> <li>5. Such a kingdom, the kingdom of God, is what the Lord Jesus announced as the gospel, the good news, to those who were alienated from the life of God.</li> </ol>
<p>III. We need to see the relationship between the kingdom and the church: <u>Rom. 14:17</u> For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.</p>	<p>A. The Bible first presents the kingdom and presents the thereafter church; the presence of the kingdom produces</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The life of God is the kingdom of God; the divine life is the kingdom, and this life produces the church:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The kingdom is the realm of life for life to move, work, rule, and govern so that life may accomplish its purpose, and this realm is the kingdom.</li> <li>b. The gospel brings in the divine life, and this life has its realm, which is the kingdom; the divine life with its realm produces the church.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. The kingdom is the reality of the church; therefore, apart from             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The reality of the kingdom of the heavens</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

<p>III. We need to see the relationship between the kingdom and the church:  <u>Matt. 16:18</u> ...I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. <u>19</u> I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of the heavens, ...</p>	<p>the church:</p>	<p>the kingdom life, we cannot live the church life.  <u>Matt. 5:3</u> Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of the heavens. <u>Rev. 1:9</u> I John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and endurance in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.</p>	<p>(Matt. 5—7) is the content of the church life; without the reality of the kingdom, the church is empty.</p>	
	<p>3. Without the kingdom as the reality of the church, the church cannot be built up:</p>	<p>a. The church is brought into being through the authority of the kingdom.</p>	<p>b. Since the kingdom life issues in the church life, as we live corporately in the kingdom life, we spontaneously live the church life.</p>	
	<p>B. The genuine church is the kingdom of God in this age; today the believers live the kingdom life in the church:  <u>Eph. 2:19</u> So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,  <u>1 Cor. 4:20</u> For the kingdom of God is not in speech but in power.</p>	<p>1. Each time the Lord Jesus spoke of the church, He mentioned it in relation to the kingdom; this indicates how intimately the kingdom and the church are related.</p>	<p>2. In the church as the kingdom, we are under the kingdom's rule, government, discipline, and exercise.</p>	<p>3. As those who are under the dispensing of the Divine Trinity, we need to live a kingdom life in the church, growing and developing in the divine life until we reach maturity.</p>
	<p>C. The church brings in the kingdom; the work of the church is to bring in the kingdom of God:  <u>Matt. 6:10</u> Your kingdom come; Your will be done, as in heaven, so also on earth.  <u>Rev. 11:15</u> And the seventh angel trumpeted; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.</p>	<p>1. The church was brought into being for the purpose of bringing in the kingdom:</p>	<p>a. The work of the church on earth is to bring in the kingdom of God; the work of the church is governed by the principle of the kingdom of God.</p>	<p>b. The church is responsible for bringing heaven's will down to earth and for carrying it out on earth.  <u>Matt. 7:21</u> Not every one who says to Me, Lord, Lord, will enter into the kingdom of the heavens, but he who does the will of My Father who is in the heavens.</p>
	<p>2. The church should pray to bring in the kingdom of God; if there is no prayer, the kingdom cannot come:</p>	<p>a. The church must be the outlet of heaven, allowing heaven's authority to be expressed on earth.</p>	<p>b. Genuine prayer is a joint labor with God to bring His kingdom to the earth and to carry out His will on earth.  <u>2 Cor. 10:4</u> For the weapons of our warfare are not fleshly but powerful before God for the overthrowing of strongholds,</p>	

① The direction of the Lord's move today is... to bring in the kingdom of God as the spreading of the divine life, which is Christ. The kingdom of God is actually Christ Himself as the seed of life sown into His believers in the church age and spreading in His increasing to be the enlarged, upcoming kingdom of God, which He will bring in at His coming back... The entrance into the kingdom is regeneration, and the development of the kingdom is the believers' growth in the divine life. The kingdom is the church life today, in which the faithful believers live, and it will develop into the coming kingdom as a reward to be inherited by the overcoming saints in the millennium. Eventually, it will enjoy in the New Jerusalem as the eternal kingdom of God, an eternal realm of the eternal blessing of God's eternal life, which all God's redeemed will enjoy in the new heaven and new earth for eternity—Revelation... Such a kingdom, the kingdom of God, is what the Savior announced... as the gospel, the good news, to those who were alienated from the life of God.

Business life model: The kingdom of God begins with regeneration and develops in the church life through the growth of life and leads to New Jerusalem through millennium. The kingdom of God is life, it has a wonderful start, development, and harvest. Likewise, in the business life you should experience the start and development in the indwelling life of Christ. The revival every morning is the daily start in life. In order to grow and move forward bit by bit, you need to pray-read the Word with the brothers and sisters every morning. Enjoy the spirit and life in the Word and experience the fresh revival. The morning revival should never be taken lightly. Even if you do not appreciate much now, carry it out by faith every day. In one to two weeks, you can see how much you are benefitting from the new start and the revival by life. After the revival every morning, you can work while enjoying the Lord inwardly. By doing this, you can experience the growth of life in your work and the growth even in carrying out your business. Little by little you experience the start and development of such daily life, within a year or two, you will be able to do something your colleagues cannot and you will notice something that your boss does not. The most important thing is for you to experience such a normal Christian life, it enables you to reach the Millennial Kingdom, and eventually to the New Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

② We need to be deeply impressed with the fact that the reality of the kingdom of the heavens is the content of the church life. This means that without the reality of the kingdom, the church is empty. The reality of the

kingdom is actually Christ Himself as our life. Christ as life is the essence, the substance, for us to live a proper life so that in this life we may be built up with other believers to bring in the real church life, which is a glorious expression of Christ as the embodiment of the Triune God.

School life (college/graduate school) model:

In the researches of universities and graduate schools, you need to find the essence of your research theme. Generally speaking, Japanese students are good at applying the rules mechanically, but are not good at gripping on the essence, they lose their lead in competitiveness to the graduate students from other developed countries. But if you exercise your spirit, live the church life and pay attention to the essence of church life being "the life of Christ and the reality of the kingdom" that you are not meeting or serving in the church life formally, you can then become a person who grips on the essence. In consequence, church life uplifts your research life, and experience Christ in your research life enables you to build up the church in a virtuous cycle. Amen!

③ God has many things stacked up in heaven. He cannot accomplish any of them because there is no outlet for Him on earth. There are numerous things stacked up in heaven. Yet God cannot resolve them because the church has not exercised its free will to stand on God's side and fulfill God's goal. Brothers and sisters, you have to remember that the highest and greatest work of the church is to be the outlet of God's will. The church becomes the outlet of God's will through prayer. This prayer is not a fragmentary prayer but a prayer that is in the nature of a ministry, a prayer that is in the nature of a work. God gives man vision and opens man's eyes to see His will. When this happens, man takes his place to pray... Genuine prayer is a joint labor with God to bring His kingdom to the earth and to carry out His will on earth. Hence, prayer is nothing less than a spiritual battle. Prayer overturns the power of darkness and opens the way for God's will to be executed on earth.

Marriage life model: You must not make a small kingdom out of your marriage life. But when you build your own small kingdom, you will end up discovering that you are a slave in Satan's kingdom. Be sure to offer your marriage life and your children for the realization of God's economy. And pray for the realization of God's economy with one mind. By doing this, God can gain an outlet that will enable Him to carry out His will on earth. Hallelujah!

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王こくはかみの とう治, えい光;  
主権は王こくの ちつ序維持す。  
かみは王こくで 王権を行使す,  
なが權威, 王こく, 永遠にいたる。

2

王こくの中心は, けん威の御座;  
御むねにしたがい, かみ, 支はいす。  
かれは王となり, 一切を管理す;  
主の身分, 保持し, かしらとなる。

3

かみは王こくで, 御むね遂行す;  
統治権のもとで, 御むね成就す。  
王こくのなかで, しゆくふく得る;  
御座より, いのち あふれながる。

4

かん理にふくし, しゆくふく得る;  
反ぎやくするのは, ざいあくの根。  
御座をたおそうと, サタンもくろむ;  
主の權威のもと, われら生きる。

5

王こくのなかで, いのちにあり,  
キリスト大きく あらわされる。  
かみは統治して, しゆくふくする;  
主は權威にぎり, 栄光, 表現する。

6

ときが満ちると, 万有, 主に帰し,  
主の權威を知り, 統治を受ける。  
いのちの支配を 召会あじわい,  
王こくもたらし, 万有も享受す。

—

国度是神的掌权, 维持神的荣耀;  
是神主宰的管治, 将祂秩序建造。  
神在祂的国度里, 施行祂的王权,  
照祂自己来治理, 直到永永远远。

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国度中心是宝座, 神在其上掌权;  
一切带上祂正规, 照着祂心所愿。  
国度之中祂作王, 一切归祂管治;  
为首为主的身分, 如此始能维持。

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神藉掌权国度中, 通行祂的旨意;  
在祂统治的权下, 成全祂的心意。  
惟有在神国度中, 祝福始能得着;  
乃是从神的宝座, 流出生命水河。

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服在神的管治下, 乃是蒙福之本;  
背叛神圣的主权, 乃是罪恶之根。  
撒但邪恶的目的, 乃在翻神宝座;  
我们该有的目标, 在神权下活着。

—

在神至高国度中, 基督得显为大;  
基督掌权生命中, 神就能有可夸。  
当神施行祂统治, 一切全都蒙福;  
基督若为神掌权, 神的荣耀显出。

—

日期满足的时候, 主要归一万有,  
万有要认祂王权, 将祂统治领受。  
生命荣耀的管治, 召会现已预尝,  
并催国度速实现, 万有都得分享。

It is His sovereign ruling,  
His order to sustain.  
He exercises fully  
His own authority  
Within His kingdom ever  
And to eternity.

\_2\_

Upon the throne, the center  
Of government divine,  
God reigns, and with His purpose  
Brings everything in line.  
God's headship and His lordship  
He only can maintain  
As King within His kingdom,  
O'er everything to reign.

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By reigning in His kingdom  
God worketh all His will,  
And under His dominion  
His purpose doth fulfill.  
'Tis only in God's kingdom  
His blessing we may know;  
'Tis from His throne almighty  
The stream of life doth flow.

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Submitted to God's ruling,  
All virtue thus will win;  
Rebellion to His Headship  
Is but the root of sin.  
The evil aim of Satan-  
God's throne to overthrow;  
Our aim and goal is ever  
His rule to fully know.

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Within God's sovereign kingdom  
His Christ is magnified;  
When Christ in life is reigning,  
The Father's glorified.  
When God is in dominion,  
All things are truly blessed;  
When Christ for God is reigning,  
God's glory is expressed.

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In fulness of the seasons  
God's Christ will head up all,  
Then all will own His reigning  
And worship, great and small.  
Such reign in life and glory  
The Church e'en now foretastes,  
And to His rule submitting  
Unto His kingdom hastes.