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The Kingdom in the New Testament

*What is the kingdom of God? It simply means **the rule or government of God**. God must have the kingdom to **exercise His authority** in order to fulfill His purpose. This is why in the prayer of the Lord Jesus in Matthew 6, He prayed something at the very beginning and at the very end concerning the kingdom. At the beginning of the prayer He said, "Your kingdom come," and at the end of the prayer He said, "Yours is the kingdom." He prayed concerning the kingdom because **God's purpose depends so much on the kingdom**. If God does not have a kingdom in which He can exercise His authority, then He is very limited.... **We need to see the matter of the kingdom because it is very much related to the inner life and also to the church life**. If we would realize and experience the proper church life, we have to see something concerning the kingdom of the heavens. Also, if we would experience the inner life in a practical way, we must know something of the kingdom of the heavens..*

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Scripture Readings:

Matt 3:1-2	Now in those days John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the wilderness of Judea. And saying, Repent, for the kingdom of the heavens has drawn near.
Matt 4:17	From that time Jesus began to proclaim and to say, Repent, for the kingdom of the heavens has drawn near.
Luke 10:9	And heal the sick who are in it and [you] say to them, The kingdom of God has drawn near to you.
Matt 24:14	And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole inhabited earth for a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.
John 3:3	Jesus answered and said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God.
Acts 19:8	And he entered into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading them in the things concerning the kingdom of God.
Rev 1:9	I John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom...

The word **repent** means to change your mind, to have a change in your way of thinking. It means to change your way of reasoning, to change your concepts, ideas, philosophy, and even your theology. We all need to repent. Repent from your old concepts. Repent from philosophy and systematic theology. Repent from the old Bible knowledge, from the old expositions and interpretations of the Scriptures. We need to change our point of view.

Why must we repent for the kingdom? Because, regardless of the concepts we cling to, we are not for the kingdom. You may be for education or for religion... You may be for doing good. You may be zealous for the spiritual gifts, or you may be seeking the power of God. I do not know what you are for, but I am afraid you may not be for the kingdom. You must repent. Repent from **what** you are. Repent from **where** you are. Repent from what you are **doing** and what you are **thinking**. Repent from all your **concepts**. I do not care and God does not care whether your concept is good or bad. That means nothing. As long as you are not for the kingdom, it makes no difference. **We all must repent for the kingdom.** The New Testament is for the kingdom. When the New Testament age comes, the kingdom comes. If you are not in the kingdom, if you are not living for the kingdom, you need to repent.

Hymn #1 (#941)

1 God's kingdom is God's reigning, His glory to maintain; It is His sovereign ruling, His order to sustain. He exercises fully His own authority Within His kingdom ever And to eternity.	4 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.
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.	5 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.
3 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.	6 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.

God's kingdom is God's reigning The Kingdom — Its Meaning

(Guitar)

1. God's king - dom is God's reign - ing, His glo - ry to main - tain; It
is His sov - ereign rul - ing, His or - der to sus - tain. He
ex - er - cis - es ful - ly His own auth - or - i - ty With -
in His king - dom ev - er And to e - ter - ni - ty.