



THE
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OF GOD IS NEAR

MORE THAN HEAVEN, MORE THAN THE CHURCH

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- We call these books “*gospels*” because they contain the good news about Jesus.
- The good news is the proclamation that God’s Kingdom has come *near* to people.

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- When we take the Lordship of Christ seriously, God's will is done God's way, among God's people.
- He talks about the Kingdom eight times in his sermon!

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- Jesus is telling us that God's Kingdom is not a **physical** kingdom.
- Part of the good news from Jesus is that it is possible to live here, on earth, in peace and harmony, free from **fear** or **anxiety**.

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- The reality of God's Kingdom should first be demonstrated among **God's people**.
- Jesus is instructing his followers to pray that God's Kingdom would become an everyday **reality** in their everyday lives.

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- God's Kingdom should be our highest **priority**.
- The new birth is the **entryway** into God's Kingdom.
- We cannot live fully as subjects of King Jesus apart from His **grace** and **mercy**, apart from His Spirit living in us.

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1. The Kingdom of God is more than *Heaven*.

- We should not *confuse* the Kingdom of God with heaven.
- The Kingdom of God is where the *KING* has *dominion*.

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2. The Kingdom of God is not the same thing as the **church**.

- This means that we can discover the Kingdom of God in some **surprising** places!

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- Daniel's life and ministry was an **outpost** of God's Kingdom.
- You can find God's Kingdom in **unusual** places.
- You will find the presence of the King in the **hearts** of his people.