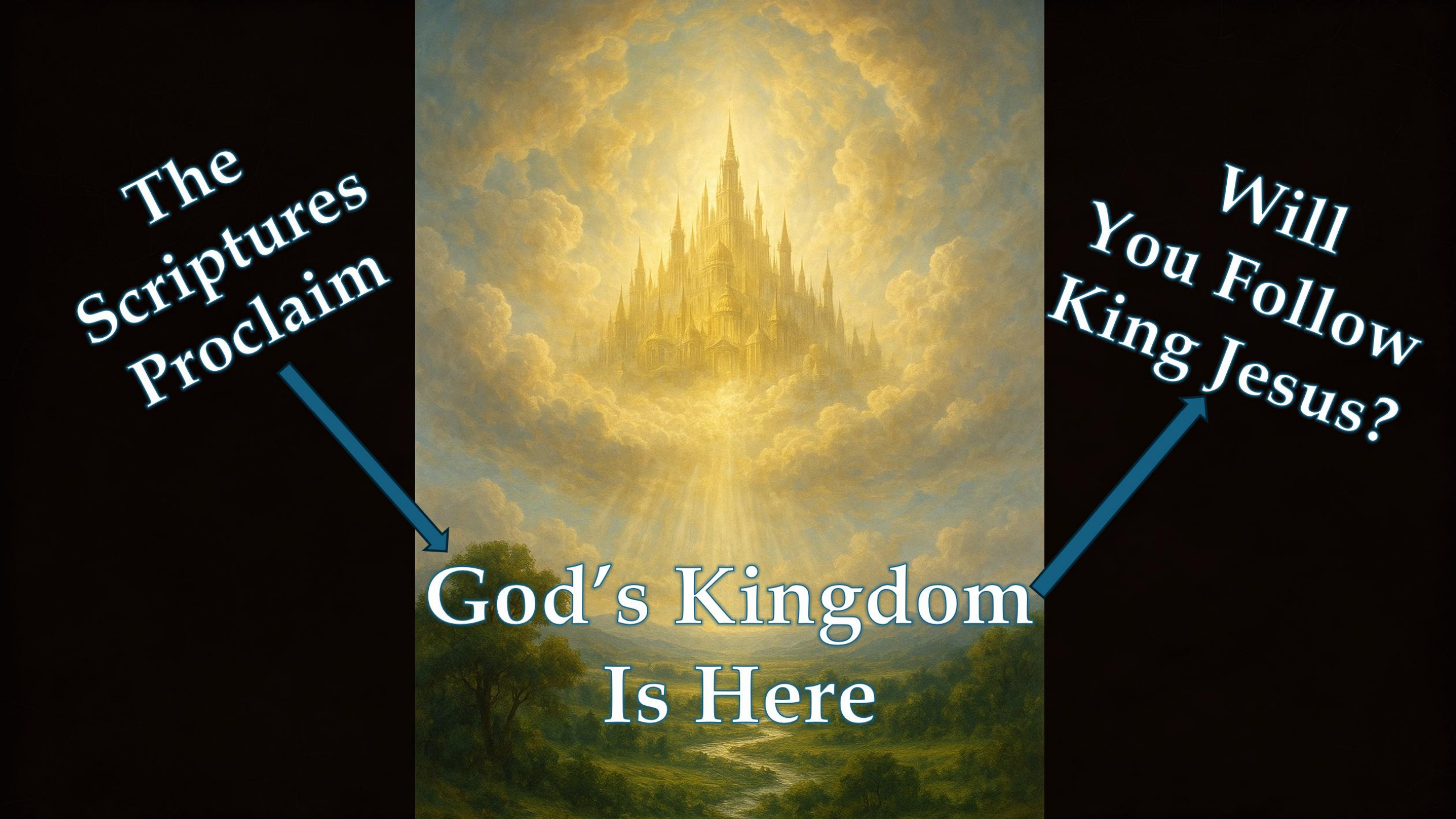




*The
Scriptures
Proclaim*

*Will
You Follow
King Jesus?*

*God's Kingdom
Is Here*

The Gospel of the Kingdom of God – Part 2

The Prophesied King and His Kingdom

Judah was chosen as promised kingly line. Then, David's line chosen. Then, the specific timeline for God's Kingdom to arrive was prophesied.

The magi sought the birth of the King while Herod sought to kill Him. They checked the scriptures to confirm He'd be born in Bethlehem.

After the magi locate King Jesus, Jesus and his family escape Herod to Egypt and then return to the Galilean region of Nazareth.

John the Baptist preaches God's Kingdom and calls all to a life of repentance.

Jesus preaches the Gospel of the Kingdom and calls all to repentance, while His hometown rejects Him as the promised Messiah.

Good News for the Poor in Spirit & the Persecuted

Matthew 5:3 (NKJV) Blessed *are* the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Luke 6:20 (NIV) Looking at his disciples, he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God."

Matthew 5:10-12 (ESV) ¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Do you recognize Godly humility as the right posture?

Devastating news to those who cling to riches

Mark 10:17-22 (CSB) ¹⁷ As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸ "Why do you call me good?" Jesus asked him. "No one is good except God alone." ¹⁹ You know the commandments: Do not murder; do not commit adultery; do not steal; do not bear false witness; do not defraud; honor your father and mother." ²⁰ He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these from my youth." ²¹ Looking at him, Jesus loved him and said to him, "You lack one thing: Go, sell all you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." ²² But he was dismayed by this demand, and he went away grieving, because he had many possessions.

Do you recognize you are but a steward of what God has given you?

The Righteousness Needed for the Kingdom

Matthew 5:20 (NASB₁₉₉₅) ²⁰ "For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses *that* of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Hebrews 10:10-14 (LSB) ¹⁰ By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. ¹¹ And every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; ¹² but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD, ¹³ waiting from that time UNTIL HIS ENEMIES ARE PUT AS A FOOTSTOOL FOR HIS FEET. ¹⁴ For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

Do you understand sanctification as a lifelong process?

Praying for the Gospel of the Kingdom

Matthew 6:9-15 (NKJV) ⁹ In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as *it is* in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. ¹³ And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. ¹⁴ "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Do you regularly pray for the expansion of God's Kingdom and for God's perfect will to be done?

The path to Kingdom inheritance is narrow

Matthew 7:13-14 (NIV) ¹³ "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

Matthew 7:21-23 (ESV) ²¹ "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' ²³ And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

Are you on the narrow road, or do you need to exit the broad one?