

Why Is It That We Experience So Little of the Kingdom of Heaven?

by Basilea Schlink

The kingdom of heaven is at hand, but we experience little of it because we, as Christians, do not radiate the joy of redemption and are poor witnesses to God's glory, until we repent.

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Scripture: Matthew 4:17, Matthew 5:3, Matthew 6:33, Luke 15:7, Luke 18:17, Acts 3:19, James 4:8

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Description

In this sermon, Basilia Schlink discusses the lack of manifestation of the kingdom of heaven among Christians. He emphasizes the importance of not only preaching about love and God's goodness but also demonstrating it in our actions. Jesus came to build the kingdom of heaven and it is now waiting to be established among us. The key to experiencing the kingdom of heaven is repentance, as God will only come with His blessings and kingdom to the heart of a humble and repentant sinner.

Transcript

God lives and works today. He has established a church of his followers to help him build his kingdom. But why is it that we experience so little of the kingdom of heaven? Today's meditation by Basilia Schlink will answer this question.

How often we preach about love but don't show it. Or we talk about God's goodness but do not demonstrate it. Jesus, however, came to build the kingdom of heaven.

At the start of his ministry he said that it was dawning. Now he's waiting for it to be established among us. He went the bitter way to death, not only to open the door to heaven for us, but also to redeem us here on earth.

Both God and the world are waiting and yearning for his kingdom to be manifested among us Christians. The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Jesus said this when he was on earth.

Now he says the same thing about his church. However, let us ask ourselves, where is it at hand? Where is it possible to say if you go to this house or to this church you will become happy? There you will be healed of the suffering of your soul. There you will be surrounded with so much love that it will seem as if you have been born anew.

You will taste the fullness of joy because eternal joy is there. Sadly enough, these cases are few and far between. No wonder so many people prefer to spend their Sundays outdoors.

There, in the midst of creation, they experience something of the joy and beauty which nature reflects. How painful it is for God. The stones and all of nature must preach because we, his own, keep silence.

We do not radiate the joy of redemption and are such poor witnesses to his glory. But why is there so little of God's kingdom in our midst? Why? Only one word brings about the kingdom of heaven. Repent.

It is a call as mighty as a peel of thunder. It's a call which cannot be ignored for it concerns us sinners. And it is not simply any call.

It is the call of scripture. It is a holy law of scripture that God will only come with his blessings and his kingdom to the heart of a humble soul, that is, to a sinner who has repented. The kingdom of heaven remains closed to all others.

The kingdom of heaven is a kingdom full of grace. Therefore, only he who lies prostrate at the feet of Jesus in contrition and repentance will experience it, for grace belongs to the repentant sinner. Then he will be blessed.

Then he will experience the kingdom of heaven here today. Yes, in all its abundance here on earth. Kingdom of heaven is truly at hand Where sinners fall their sins to repent Jesus, our joy eternal Heaven may be entered, thou here on earth Penitent sinners given to birth Jesus, our joy eternal You have been listening to a program written by Basile Schlink of the Little Land of Canaan.

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