

LIFE IN THE KINGDOM

3. THE ABSOLUTE GOODNESS OF GOD

Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow.

Santiago 1:17 NLT

God is absolutely good in everything. As we have already seen, His will, His plan and His purpose for us is good, pleasing and perfect; there is nothing evil in Him. Everything He made was designed for the well-being of man and not for evil and harm. In His infinite goodness He has given us the manual with the designs and instructions so that we can freely manage everything; so that all creation serves us and that nothing enslaves us. However for this to work it is imperative to believe that God our Heavenly Father, is completely good, since this is what our faith is built on. For this reason the favorite weapon of the enemy is doubting within our souls the intentions of our Father and His Word. The enemy's goal being to remove us from God's will.

Placing doubt in our minds and hearts is the first temptation we find in Genesis 4, in which the devil affirms to Eve that what God told them is not true; that He lied and that His plans are not good for human beings. **The doubt planted in the heart of man to not trust His Father and His Word, is from where all evil originated:** fear, shame, guilt, accusation, jealousy, envy, resentment, anger, revenge, violence, slander, etc. All these attitudes divide and cause human beings to harm each other. They bring destruction not only to ourselves and the family of God but ultimately to the entire creation.

When things happen that are not good, pleasing, or perfect; when we experience some calamity we usually say that it was God's will or that He allowed it to happen. This confuses us and makes us doubt His absolute goodness. That is why it is important to understand that nothing in the entire universe goes beyond His sovereignty. God clearly established in His word what the consequences of trusting Him and obeying His commandments, (blessings), were and what the consequences of not doing so, (curses), are.



"If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully keep all his commands that I am giving you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the world. You will experience all these blessings if you obey the Lord your God: ...

"But if you refuse to listen to the Lord your God and do not obey all the commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come and overwhelm you:

Deuteronomy 28:1-2,15 NLT

When we experience the consequences of having not trusted Him and obeying His commands; we must understand that although it is within what He instituted, that in no way does it mean that it is His desire for us. God's desire is for us to delight in Him and due to doing this, our lives manifest His justice and righteousness. His desire is that we enjoy peace and joy in all areas of our lives and bring the benefits of His Kingdom wherever we are until the entire Earth is filled with His glory; until your will be done here on Earth just as it is done in heaven.

By trusting in the absolute goodness of our Eternal Father we will willingly return to Him, live in the center of His will, follow His instructions and rest without worry or anxiety for tomorrow in the midst of His wonderful plan.

Study Questions

1. How do you describe the necessary elements in order for a kingdom to exist according to the word? What are those elements in the context of the Kingdom of God here on Earth?
2. According to the passage, what is the roles of the subjects in establishing and manifesting the Kingdom of God on Earth? How can believers live under the lordship of Jesus Christ?
3. The text mentions the importance of renewing our way of thinking to experience the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. How can people adopt "Kingdom Culture" in their daily lives and in different areas such as home or work?

