

Bible Verse of the Day, Dec. 14th: Advent Season, Mark 1:1-3

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The Preaching of John the Baptist

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the Prophets: "Look, I am sending My messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your way before You." "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.' "

The Kingdom of God

Over time the true meaning of the kingdom of God has been overshadowed by the religious conventions of Christianity, church denominations, and the traditions of man, thereby hindering believers from true freedom. Let us take some time to truly understand what God really intended by this phenomenon called the kingdom. The kingdom of God is a literal, spiritual realm accessible only to born-again believers. This realm encompasses the power and resources essential to the believer if he or she desires to achieve the manifestation of heaven on earth. (See Genesis 2:4–5.) It can be best understood from an analogous perspective of the natural cosmological systems of the universe. In the kingdom of heaven the believer's earthly experience is filled with the essence of the righteousness that is God. It is a spiritual realm in which believers are privileged to exist and function at prosperous levels while physically living in the earth. This life is lived with the perspective originally intended by God at the forefront—that is, fulfilling God's original mandate to humanity as presented in Genesis 1:26—that we are to have dominion on the earth. {eoa}

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