#### **Aflame Community Church**

Sunday Sermon - 30 April 2017

Theme: Preach the Gospel of GOD's Kingdom

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#### **PREACH**

#### **GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

Matthew 24: 14

• Luke 9: 1 - 2

#### 5 Breakthroughs in the Heavenlies

**Evangelize** Reformation (1517)

Focus Salvation

By GOD's grace we are saved through faith in

Christ

Jesus. The ultimate focus is not in making converts

but making disciples.

**Empower** Azusa Street (1907)

Focus Holy Spirit

With the Azusa Street revival, there is greater

awareness of the empowering and demonstration of the work of the Holy Spirit and in signs and wonders

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#### 5 Breakthroughs in the Heavenlies

**Equip Focus** Charismatic Movement (1950)

Healing, Deliverance and Evangelism

The charismatic movement spread into all

denominations, with saints equipped in Spiritual

gifts for the work of the ministry

**Enlarge** Church Growth (1970)

Focus Teaching and Shepherding

During this era, we saw the growth of mega

churches and the concept of home cells. There is

also a greater unity amongst Christians from

different denominations

#### **5 Breakthroughs in the Heavenlies**

Extend Kingdom of God (2000)
Focus Apostolic and Prophetic

This is the era where we see the Kingdom of God being preached and being extended into every sphere of society through the 7 gates or mountains. As this is the current focus of FGBS, the mission statements of the Fellowship have been intensified to include the renewed understanding and demonstration of the power and glory of the Kingdom of God.

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## Fulfil the Will of the FATHER and Mandates of JESUS

Luke 22: 42

"FATHER... not My will but YOURs be done."

Matthew 28: 18

"All Authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."

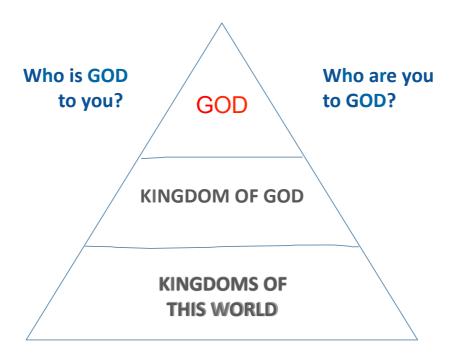
Matthew 16: 19

"And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in in heaven."

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### **GOD & 2 Kingdoms**

#### ONE GOD, TWO KINGDOMS



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#### **FATHER** is seeking worshippers to worship HIM

• In Spirit and in Truth

John 4: 23

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the FATHER <u>in Spirit and Truth</u>; for the FATHER is seeking such to worship Him.

Only Truth can set us free

John 8: 32

And you shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free.

#### **Kingdom & Secular World View**

The Kingdom of GOD As represented by Jerusalem: The Glory & Presence of GOD (Revelations 21)	The Kingdom of The World As represented by Babylon: Mother of harlots & Abominations of the earth (Revelations 17:5)	
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## Kingdom of GOD

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The phases "Kingdom of GOD" or "Kingdom of heaven" appears over 100 times in the Gospels & spoken over 90 times by JESUS.

By contrast, JESUS mentions the word "church" only 2 times (NKJV: Matthew 16: 18; 18: 15; 18: 17)

The Kingdom Of GOD Is Any Realm
Where CHRIST The King Rules & Reigns
- Where GOD's Will Is Done

The nature of the Kingdom provides a framework for personal transformation that will move outward Bringing transformation to communities & nations.

## Teaching & Preaching The Gospel Of The Kingdom Of GOD

JESUS mandated us to go & preach the gospel to the world & nations. JESUS conveyed this truth about the Kingdom of GOD through HIS Prayer, Preaching & Parables

- i. See (John 3: 3,5), Seek (Matthew 6:33) & Send forth from the kingdom (2 Corinthians 5:20).
- ii. Pray (Matthew 6: 10), Press In (Luke 16: 16; 17: 21) & Preach the kingdom (Matthew 24: 14; Acts 1: 3; Acts 28: 31).
- Define (Romans 14: 17), Declare (Matthew 6: 13; Psalms 145: 13) &
- Decree about the Kingdom (Matthew 5: 3,10; Revelations 11: 15).
  - Citizenship (Philippians 3: 20-21), Conveyance (1 Peter 2: 9) &
- iv. Come to the Kingdom (Ecclesiastes 4: 14).
   Know (Hebrews 12: 28), Keep (Luke 9: 62) & Receive the Keys of the Kingdom (Matthew 16: 19).

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## OUR IDENTITY: SONSHIP, CITIZENSHIP, AMBASSADORSHIP

#### 1. Kingdom Sonship

Our heart attitudes & life are to be fully yielded to the Almighty GOD & Lordship of JESUS CHRIST.

Matthew 13: 38; Acts 17: 28; Romans 8: 14

#### 2. Kingdom Citizenship

This is a covenant relationship with HIM & with one another Empowered by love & trust, led & directed by the HOLY SPIRIT **Ephesians 2: 19; Philippians 3: 20** 

#### 3. Kingdom Ambassadorship

Advancing the Kingdom of GOD to the kingdoms of this world, the unlimited Power & Anointing of the HOLY SPIRIT flows abundantly to bless & transform our lives, our family, community, our nation & the whole world

Acts 1: 8; 2 Corinthians 5: 20

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#### **KNOW THE TIMES**

"And from the days of John the Baptist until now Kingdom of Heaven (GOD) suffers violence, and the violent take it by force" – Matthew 11: 12

We are seeing Matthew 11: 12 increasingly in our world scene. Nations are suffering violence as believers and non-believers fail to stand up for righteousness and justice. We have:

#### A. Radicalism

Extreme radicalism amounting to violence represented by the likes of the Jihadists, ISIS, Boko Haram, Hezbollah, Hamas, Taliban, and Al-Qaeda

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#### **B.** Liberalism

"Now the Lord is the Spirit and where the Spirit of Lord is, there is liberty" (2 Cor 3:17). Instead of liberty in the Lord, we see liberalism at work. Championing of individual freedom versus freedom in the Lord. We have groups like the LGBTs and same sex marriagespreading adulterated freedom to love in the flesh without knowing the God of love, who is Holy.

#### C. Secularism

Sacred-Secular divide. What was deemed sacred has now increasingly become secular. This is happening because the church fail to discipled the world.

"Instead, the world is discipling the church" - Darrow Millar

#### D. Relativism

Everything is relative. Once you have relativism, everything is right in one's own eye – there is no more truth.

"So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My Mouth." (Revelations 3: 16) e.g. the movie "50 Shades of Grey".

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#### **Know the Times**

#### 1 Chronicles 12: 32

"Of the sons of Issachar who had UNDERSTANDING OF THE TIMES to know what Israel ought to do."

- Harlot Seduction
- Beast Deception
- Anti Christ Persecution

## Time for the worship warriors to take it back by force

#### **Matthew 11: 12**

And from the days of John the Baptist until now the Kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.

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#### **End Time Move of GOD**

- When sin abounds, Grace abounds much more (Romans 5: 20).
- HOLY SPIRIT outpoured upon all flesh and witness to all cities, nations and world (Joel 2: 28; Acts 1: 8).
- Early & Latter Rain for sowing and reaping (Deuteronomy 11: 14; Joel 2: 23; Romans 9:28).
- Kingdom Invasion and Glory Invation (Matthew 6: 10, 13; Isaiah 60: 1 2; Revelations 21: 24 26).

#### **ADVANCING HIS KINGDOM**

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# This is the Calling and Role of Kingdom Ambassadors and Disciples

#### **APOSTLES' ADVANCE**

Luke 9: 1 - 3 3 STEPS

- Power & Authority over all demons
- Preach the Gospel of the Kingdom of GOD
- Heal and cure all diseases

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#### **DISCIPLES' ADVANCE**

The Presence of GOD go with you (Exodus 33: 15; Matthew 28: 20)

#### 4 STEPS

- 1. <u>Bless</u> the people with GOD's Shalom Peace (JESUS' Shalom Peace).
- 2. <u>Fellowship</u> with the people by loving & accepting them (FATHER GOD's Love).
- **3.** <u>Care</u> for the people by meeting their needs with solutions (HOLY SPIRIT Gifts).
- **4.** <u>Declare</u> HIS Kingdom by advancing & extending HIS Kingdom.