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Words of Life

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"NOR WILL THEY SAY, 'Look, here it is!' or, 'There it is!' For behold, the Kingdom of God is within you." Luke 17:21

This is the second of a series on the Kingdom of God (God's Kingdom).

To be born into God's Kingdom (or to go to heaven) should be the goal of every person on earth, Christians and non-Christians. The Christian world is no closer to the Kingdom of God than is the non-Christian. For all of the human race, from the Pope to the Ayatollah, have the Kingdom within them in seed form. Also, everyone from the Pope to the Ayatollah, including the Christian Charismatics, are all worshipping gods of their own imagination. Now the Spirit of God is hovering over the waters of the deep pulling down our vain imaginations of who we think we are; and all the gods we worship are coming to naught. How awesome is His presence!

In spite of all the false teachers and false Christs who are ruling in high places, God is bringing forth His Kingdom. America still hasn't suffered to the shedding of her (spiritual) blood; however, there are many people who are being rooted from the comfort of the grave hating their spouse, their mother and father, yea, even their own life, and are bewildered because they cannot get along with people with whom they formerly had companionship. Hatred is the catharsis that purges us of the trappings of the grave. Remember the grave is our old life — our old family — our old works — our old marriage — our old ways of acting and thinking, and our old righteousness. The graves are opening as God is calling forth His people. Jesus Christ has come into the world and is germinating that seed within mankind that seed called the natural man.

Obedience to His voice and a willingness to give up our life will ultimately lead one into the Kingdom of God, commonly known as the resurrection. Just as an oak tree is hidden within the acorn, so God's Kingdom is within each and every individual. Are you yielding your will to His mighty hand in your life by humbling yourself and acknowledging that your way will no longer suffice? Are you calling on the name of the Lord? Do you know that Jesus Christ is the way — the truth and the life? Or is your stubbornness, self—right-eousness and rebellion causing your seed to abort and not bear fruit? Are you seeking first His Kingdom or are you sitting in some church listening and clinging to a false gospel idolizing your pastor or priest?

As we see the Kingdom of God come into the earth with God's ways and laws being established, expect these things to happen.

- 1. Expect more divorces as the foundation of the old age gives way to the Kingdom of God. We come before God singly each one in his own order answering to Him and Him alone for our life.
- **2.** Expect more homeless and jobless as man's works come to an end. Only as we seek Him and find His will for our life will we enter into His work for our life.
- **3.** Expect new types of jobs, services and work to come forth as the talents hidden in the seed come to fruition.
- **4.** Expect the church and its rulers to become history as the people's eyes begin to be opened to the phony gospels, the phony holiness, and the phony leaders. People are looking for something real and eternal.
- **5.** In Matthew 24, He says there will be wars and rumors of wars but that isn't the end the end is the destruction of the temple (our old life).
- **6.** Expect a healthy, meek, patient people to begin appearing People not seeking their own life but seeking to be part of that family called the children of God. Remember, all man's problems stem from his sick, spiritual inner man.

If your life has suddenly come to an end, rejoice, for God has found favor with you. Seek Him and His will for your life and ask Him to help you find your spiritual family: where you belong with Him and also with His people.

I pray we learn to live minute by minute in His presence; that we begin to be a sober, holy people who are real. As long as we live in the old age, the old world (that is, the world of our old life), we are not sober, for we are energized by the Prince of the world. He is called

the devil and he is your Father (source) as long as you are of the world.

Dear Savior — Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in each of your people. 'Til next time, dear people, may God bless you, and may you become single—minded as you begin to be identified with the only one true God, our Father, and the Father of our faithful and patient Savior, Jesus Christ.

Marie Kolasinski

January — March 1991 Letter

Hello Dear Friends,

Another year is looming up before us and I pray we see a great healing in our nation as we humble ourselves under the mighty hand of our God.

We here at Piecemakers would like to thank you from our very hearts for your wonderful support in more ways than monetarily. It is you people that make the store hum with activity. You are our very life, and we get great pleasure out of serving you. We hope you feel that Piecemakers is another home for you... that God's peace be poured out upon you, not only in the store but also in your heart and home.

Now for the plans for the next three months. January 1st, get your husband's munchies all set out by his chair so he will be happy watching the game. Then you make your way to Piecemakers. We are having a fun day. From now until January 1st, see what you can make out of an egg carton. You can reduce it to paper pulp if you wish. We will have a nice prize for that most ingenious creation. We'll display the creations for a week at the store. We'll have good food, games, singing, etc., on the 1st, so come join us as we welcome in 1991 — the year of many changes.

The next three months you'll find something awesome happening here at Piecemakers. Don't fail to be a part of it! We are having new teachers come from all over the country sharing their talents. New classes, new creations, new faces, and the old faithful teachers are with us once again.

Have you met "the new kid on the block"? That is our very own fabric, designed and birthed by our Piecemakers maidens. This beautiful fabric is as fresh as a newborn baby and has already made its way into other countries. To give this "new baby" a baptism, we are having a "FABRIC CHALLENGE" CONTEST. Using at least three of our fabrics in combination with other fabrics of your choice, we challenge you to create that fresh, unique wallhanging, block, doll, quilt or whatever. The projects will be due June 1st, and displayed Father's Day weekend, June 14th, 15th and 16th. Awards will be given June 15th. Get your needle, turn on your creative thinker, and make that creation that will make even you smile.

One of the big events taking place in 1991 will be the "FESTIVAL OF QUILTS" which will be the grand finale of our worldwide quilt contest. We will have the quilts from many nations represented. We have six from Russia, plus many from other countries. To top it off, the quilt hanging in our entrance will be raffled off. Please don't miss this commemorative event which is in honor of the "FREEDOM OF THE NATIONS".

February 16th will be the celebration of the end of the Children's Quilt Contest, "America Through My Eyes" with a big barbecue. Quilts and blocks will be displayed on February 15th, 16th & 17th, and prizes for the best entries will be given.

Did you know that our new cookbook finally made it to the stands? It is well worth the long wait. For that special gift, treat yourself and your friends to a book that's more than a cookbook.

By the time you read this, we will be in Germany, hopefully making a way for Piecemakers to become established in that country. We will keep you informed as to the progress we make. The 17th and 18th of December, we have a trunk show with the Army services' wives from 8th Infantry Division. We will be in Nuremberg also sharing Piecemakers patterns, etc. Please pray for us. We hope to establish tours from here to Germany and also from Germany to Piecemakers.

Many blessings and God's love to all of you.

and the rest of the Piecemakers

Marie