



# SON OF HEAVEN

*Disciples of the Son of Heaven*

What does  
it look like  
*to be*  
a disciple  
of the Son  
of Heaven?

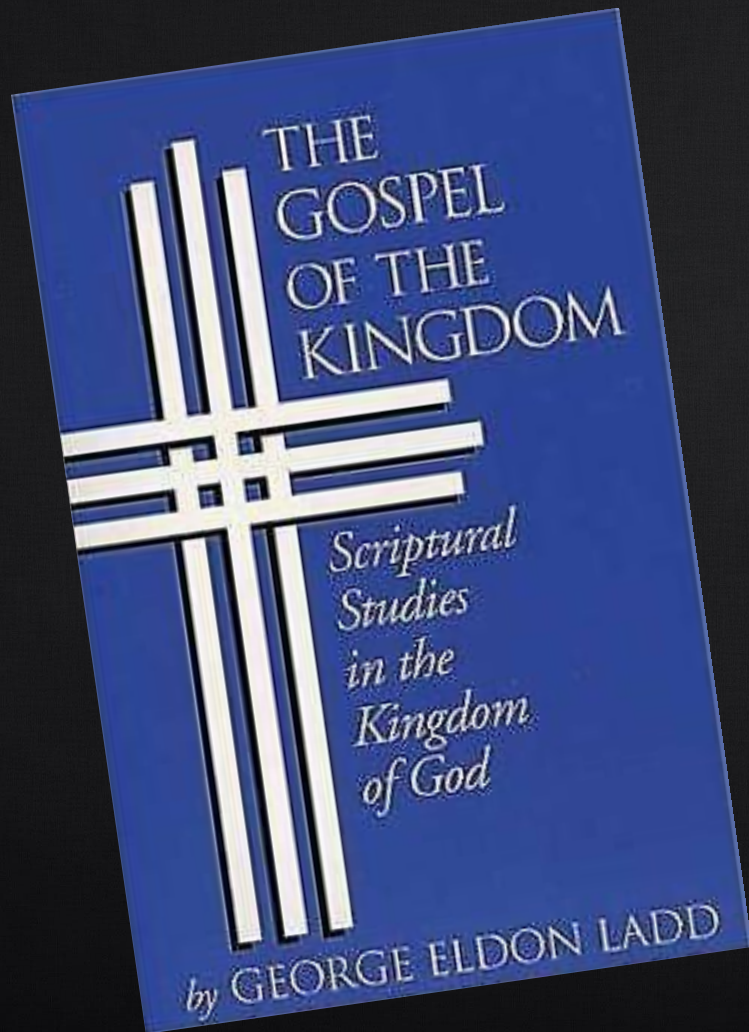
pursue  
understanding  
of God's will and  
ways as we meet  
with him in  
Scripture

partner with  
the Holy Spirit  
in the ongoing  
process of inner  
formation

cultivate a  
relationship with  
God that is real,  
conversational  
and loving

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and promise  
of heaven



“The Kingdom of God is basically the rule of God. It is God’s reign, the divine sovereignty in action.... God’s reign manifests itself both in the future and in the present and thereby creates both a future realm and **a present realm in which man may experience the blessings of His reign.**”

-George Eldon Ladd,  
*The Gospel of the Kingdom*

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is where God is present in  
purpose, authority and power,  
and his resources are available  
to those who are attentive  
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Luke 8:1 CSB

...he was traveling from one town and village to another, preaching and telling the good news of the kingdom of God.

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Acts 1:3 CSB

After he had suffered, he also presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

Acts 28:30 CSB

Paul stayed two whole years in his own rented house.

And he welcomed all who visited him,

<sup>31</sup> proclaiming the kingdom of God

and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ

with all boldness and without hindrance.

...the kingdom  
of God is not eating  
and drinking, but  
righteousness, peace,  
and joy in the  
Holy Spirit.  
Romans 14:17 CSB

He has rescued us  
from the **domain** of  
darkness and transferred  
us into the kingdom of  
the Son he loves.  
Colossians 1:13 CSB

**exousia**  
“the right  
to exercise  
power”

For the kingdom  
of God is not a  
matter of talk  
but of power.  
1 Corinthians 4:20 CSB



To be born again  
is to be rescued from  
the authority of the  
demonic realm and  
transferred into the  
kingdom of God.

Acts 26:17b-18 CSB

“I am sending you to them <sup>18</sup> to open  
their eyes so that they may turn from  
darkness to light and from the **power**  
of Satan to God, that they may receive  
forgiveness of sins and a share among  
those who are sanctified by faith in me.”

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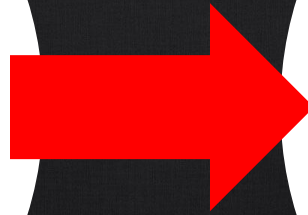


Matthew 9:35-38 CSB

Jesus continued going around to all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness.

<sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest.”

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## Ephesians 6: 10-13 ESV

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

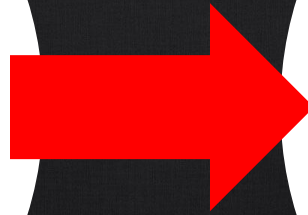


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## 1 Corinthians 12:7-11 ESV

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

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