

Matthew 10:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Analysis

The message 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand' is identical to John's and Jesus' preaching (3:2, 4:17), showing consistency in gospel proclamation. 'As ye go, preach' makes ministry a lifestyle, not an occasional event. The present tense 'is at hand' emphasizes urgency and imminence—the King has arrived, demanding response. This is the kerygma (core message) that remains central throughout Scripture.

Historical Context

The disciples' preaching built on John's preparatory work and Jesus' established ministry in Galilee. They called for repentance and faith in light of the kingdom's arrival through Jesus. Their mission was authenticated by accompanying signs (v. 8).

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How is your life a continuous testimony that the kingdom is at hand?
2. What would change in your daily life if you truly believed the kingdom of heaven is near?

Interlinear Text

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βασιλεία τῶν οὐρανῶν
The kingdom of heaven
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Additional Cross-References

Acts 28:31 (Kingdom): Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

Matthew 3:2 (Kingdom): And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Matthew 4:17 (Kingdom): From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Luke 9:60 (Kingdom): Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.

Isaiah 61:1 (Parallel theme): The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

Luke 16:16 (Kingdom): The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it.

Luke 9:2 (Kingdom): And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.

Mark 6:12 (Parallel theme): And they went out, and preached that men should repent.

Acts 10:25 (Parallel theme): And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him.

Acts 4:2 (Parallel theme): Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

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