

Maranatha Mirror Message



GOD'S WORLD

And God said, "Let there be light and there was light!"



Out of the Light came stars, galaxies, black holes, dark matter, scattered across the light-years.

Is that it?

Is reality limited to what we can see, weigh, measure, and count?

Humans are born with the innate suspicion that there is another world out there---
a world where evil is powerless.

Through the eons, those who have searched for such a world have received glimpses of God's World
---Heaven.

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.*

Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.



But where is Heaven?

Where is this world where evil has no power?

Is it outside our universe?

Or does Heaven mysteriously penetrate our world?

How do we reach it?

Maybe we cannot reach it. Maybe we have to wait until Heaven comes to us.

Those who have had encounters with Heaven tell us that when Heaven breaks into our world, strange things happen.

Evil flies into panic mode. The atmosphere is charged.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the good news."

Mark 1:14-15



When Jesus announced the Kingdom of God, he backed up his words by opening blind eyes, restoring crippled limbs, raising dead bodies.

These signs were evidence of a world *where evil is powerless.*



Jesus healed the sick as a sign that the Kingdom of God had *complete power over evil.*

Crowds were drawn to Jesus. And then he would speak words to them that burned with fire.

“No one ever spoke like this man!”

John 7:46

To this day we know that Heaven has come among us when we hear those words.

Words from the mouth of Jesus have a power our words do not have.

Our words wilt before the powers of darkness.

Jesus' words unmask evil and destroy them.

For three and a half years Jesus spoke words that revealed God's World to all who had ears to hear.

Echoing through the centuries to this hour, those words call us to turn away from evil and begin walking in the light of God's World.

When Jesus offered up his body on the cross,
evil lost its claim on the human race.

It was Satan's hour of judgment.

To this day evil has been putting up a furious fight to maintain control,
but evil's days are numbered.

“Now is the judgment of this world, now shall the prince of this world be cast out;

*and I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."
He said this to show by what death he was to die.*

John 12:31-33

In spite of all appearances to the contrary,
the Kingdom of God has already established itself in this world.

At a moment known only to God, Heaven will deal evil its final blow.

This world will at last be a place where evil has no power.

This world will be God's World, God's Kingdom.

*Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him,
saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field."*

*He answered, "He who sows the good seed is the Son of man;
the field is the world, and the good seed means the sons and daughters of the kingdom;
the weeds are the sons and daughters of the evil one,
and the enemy who sowed them is the devil;*

the harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels.

Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age.

*The Son of man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of
sin and all evildoers, and throw them into the furnace of fire;
there men will weep and gnash their teeth.*

*Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.
He who has ears, let him hear."*

Matthew 13:36-43

Meanwhile each of us, sooner or later, is given an invitation to repent of the evil in
our own hearts, renounce the evil that presses in on us, and enter God's World.

When our ears open, and we begin to hear the voice of the Incarnate Word (Jesus)
calling us, our moment of redemption has arrived.

The door of God's World opens before us.



If we answer the Master's call, and keep answering it morning by morning, day by day, hour by hour, we will find ourselves surrounded by the power of *God's World*, sustained, protected, and guided---walking in the light of the world to come.

*“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.
And I give them eternal life, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.”*
John 10:28

Prayer

Our Father in heaven, we lift our hearts to you, we bend our knees to you. There is no other like you. What a beautiful wonder that you sent heaven to us in the form of your son to defeat evil. The Universe will never stop singing of such love. We look forward to the day when evil is no more. But for now, may we turn from evil, shun it and be drawn by every cell in our bodies to your cross where evil cannot claim us. May we hear and answer your call morning by morning, day by day, hour by hour. Surround us with your World, your Kingdom and keep us walking in your Living Light.

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