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The Golden Harvest

PRESSING INTO THE KING AND HIS KINGDOM

JOHN THE BAPTIST WAS THE MIGHTY PROPHET WHO CAME IN THE SPIRIT OF ELIJAH TO PREPARE ISRAEL FOR THE COMING OF HER KING.

JESUS CHRIST HAD PREPARED, AND SENT OUT HIS 12 APOSTLES INTO ALL THE CITIES THAT HE HIMSELF WOULD COME TO BRING THE GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM.

“AND IT CAME TO PASS, WHEN JESUS HAD MADE AN END OF COMMANDING HIS 12 DISCIPLES, HE DEPARTED THEN TO **TEACH AND TO PREACH** IN THEIR CITIES.” Matt 11:1

FIRST JESUS WOULD **TEACH**, HELPING HIS FOLLOWERS TO LEARN ABOUT THE KINGDOM.

TEACH IS MENTIONED 93 TIMES IN THE KJV AND **TAUGHT** IS MENTIONED 4 TIMES. HELPING US TO REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF HELPING PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THE KINGDOM.

PREACH IS MENTIONED 51 TIMES. PUBLISH 2, PROCLAIM 2, PREACHED 2, PREACHER 1, FOR A TOTAL COUNT OF 61 TIMES IN THE KJV.

PREACH: MEANS TO HERALD (AS A PUBLIC CRIER) ESPECIALLY DIVINE TRUTH (THE GOSPEL).

JESUS OFTEN WENT TO **TEACH AND PREACH** IN THE CITIES WHERE THE PEOPLE POPULATED.

JESUS HONORED THIS LAST PROPHET OF THE OLD TESTAMENT ERA BY SAYING “**FOR THIS IS HE, OF WHOM IT IS WRITTEN, BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER BEFORE THY FACE, WHICH**

SHALL PREPARE THY WAY BEFORE THEE. VERILY I SAY UNTO YOU, AMONG THEM THAT ARE BORN OF WOMEN THERE HAS NOT RISEN A GREATER THAN JOHN THE BAPTIST: NEVERTHELESS HE THAT IS LEAST IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS GREATER THAN HE.”

“**AND FROM THE DAYS OF JOHN THE BAPTIST UNTIL NOW THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN SUFFERS VIOLENCE, AND THE VIOLENT TAKE IT BY FORCE.**”

VIOLENCE= PRESS, TO FORCE, TO CROWD ONESELF INTO THE KINGDOM.

VIOLENT= A FORCER, **ENERGETIC**. **VIOLENT** IS ONLY USED 1 TIME IN THE NKJ.

“**THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN WITHIN**’ IS TO BE ENERGETICALLY SEIZED BY THE HEART OF MANKIND.

AND WHO COULD RESIST, AFTER JESUS SPOKE OF THE GREATNESS OF “**THE LEAST IN THE KINGDOM BEING GREATER THAN JOHN THE BAPTIST?** (Now See Luke 16:16):

“**THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS WERE UNTIL JOHN (THE BAPTIST): SINCE THAT TIME THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS PREACHED, AND EVERY MAN PRESSETH INTO IT.**”

THE KINGDOM OF GOD= THE SUPREME DIVINITY!

PREACHED= ANNOUNCED GOOD NEWS. EVANGELIZED WITH THE GOSPEL. DECLARED, BROUGHT, PREACHED THE GOSPEL.

EVERY MAN= ALL MANER OF MANKIND. WHOSEVER WILL PRESS IN.

PRESSETH INTO IT= TO FORCE. TO CROWD ONESELF INTO, SEIZE IT. PRESS, SUFFER VIOLENCE. (PERHAPS EVEN MARTYRDOM).

FROM THE DAYS OF JESUS MINISTRY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN



PRESSING INTO THE KING AND HIS KINGDOM:

“INDEED IMMEDIATELY A GREAT MANY GATHERED, INSOMUCH THAT THERE WAS NO ROOM TO CONTAIN THEM, NO, NOT SO MUCH AS NEAR TO THE DOOR: AND JESUS PREACHED THE WORD TO THEM.

AND WHEN THEY COULD NOT APPROACH NEAR TO **HIM (JESUS)** BECAUSE OF THE CROWD, THEY UNCOVERED THE ROOF WHERE **HE** WAS: AND WHEN THEY HAD **BROKEN IT UP** (DUG IT OUT), THEY LOWERED DOWN THE BED WITH THE PARALYZED MAN. (Read Mark 2: 1-12).

JESUS OFFERED THE SICK MAN FORGIVNESS OF HIS SIN, AND HE HEALED HIM. FORGIVNESS AND HEALING WERE PROVIDED. THE CROWD PRAISED GOD BECAUSE THEY HAD NEVER SEEN IT LIKE THAT BEFORE.

THIS IS AN UNUSUAL WAY OF “**PRESSING IN**” TO JESUS, BUT I BELIEVE WE SHALL WITNESS THIS COMING BACK AGAIN IN THE GOLDEN HARVEST AT THE END OF THIS AGE.

IN THE GOSPELS, WE SEE MANY PEOPLE “**PRESSING IN**” TO JESUS CHRIST THE KING AND HIS KINGDOM.

Read Mark 5: 27-30. Luke 8:19, 45. **PRESS**= CROWD FROM EVERY SIDE. THE **TOUCH!** Mark 3:7-12. GREAT MULTITUDE= POPULACE, THROUNG. FALLING UPON JESUS, SEIZING AND EMBRACING JESUS (With More Or Less Violence).

ARE TEACHERS & PREACHERS READY FOR THE **PRESSING CROWD** AS THEY **PRESS INTO JESUS AND HIS KINGDOM?**