Faith
Session 3: Law of Faith

Acts 1:1-3

Matthew 6:33 NKJV "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

Jesus referenced the kingdom over 100 times in the gospels.

Matthew 4:23 "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people."

The more we understand how the kingdom of God and everything in it operates, the more we will see the evidence, the blessings, of that kingdom in our lives.

Matthew 13:11 NKJV "He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given."

Matthew 13:12 NKJV " For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him."

What is the Kingdom of God?

A kingdom is a territory, country, or realm over which a king rules.

1. God's kingdom rules over all

   Psalm 103:19 KJV "The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all."

2. The kingdom of God is within you.

   Luke 17:21 NKJV "nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you."

   There are 2 acceptable ways to view this. Jesus was stating that the kingdom of God was among them in the person of Jesus, but also that the kingdom of God was within the hearts of His followers.

3. We are already in the Kingdom of God

Colossians 1:13 KJV "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

Translated is defined as to transpose, transfer, remove from one place to another.

Other examples of Biblical use:
1) Saul was removed out of the kingdom (Acts 13:22)
2) Faith removes mountains (1 Corinthians 13:2)
3) Paul turned away many people from false gods (Acts 19:26)

Matthew 4:8-9 "Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."

Believers have been totally removed from the power of darkness, the kingdom of darkness, and repositioned in the Kingdom of Jesus.

4. God's Kingdom will be physically established here on earth.

Revelation 11:15 NKJV "Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!""

The Kingdom of God is here and yet to be fully established at Jesus' second coming.

- Although there is still a coming establishment of Jesus' physical kingdom here on earth in the second coming, Jesus' kingdom is spiritually established in the hearts of those that follow and submit to Him.

Kingdoms have a king, his territory, his subjects, his Laws, his covenants, his principles, his promises, and his proclamations.

A law is a universal precept or truth that is eternal, governs creation and establishes order and a foundation for living. It is strict, non-negotiable, and requires obedience.

Jeremiah 33:25 NLT "But this is what the Lord says: I would no more reject my people than I would change my laws that govern night and day, earth and sky."

A law is something that is constant, it doesn't not change. God, in His sovereignty, established natural laws, moral laws, and spiritual laws.

Psalm 89:34 "My covenant I will not break, Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips."

1. Natural Law
   - Examples: Gravity, Electricity
2. Moral Law
   - Examples: Do not covet, Do not steal, Do not murder
3. Spiritual Law
   - Law of Sowing and Reaping, Law of Genesis, Law of Seedtime and Harvest, Law of Sin and Death, Law of Humility, Law of Faith

The Law of Faith

Romans 3:27-28 'Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? Nay: but the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law."

<u>If we can understand how faith works in salvation, we can understand how faith works in all areas of life.</u>

The law of faith is a spiritual law that will always function in the same way. Because it is a law, we have a legal right to what God has provided for us by grace through faith. It's in the realm of the legal. And when we have an understanding of the legal "requirements" of faith we will see the benefits of that law in our lives.

Romans 10:8–10: The Word Is Near to All

1. **Authority established: Jesus is Lord.**
   Romans 10:9: "That if you confess with your mouth <u>the Lord Jesus</u> and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

2. **Belief in the heart: God raised Jesus from the dead.**
   Romans 10:9: "That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and <u>believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead</u>, you will be saved."

3. **A revelation of salvation: It's already done.**
   Romans 10:9: "That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that <u>God has raised Him from the dead</u>, you will be saved."

4. **A confession with the mouth.**
   Romans 10:10: “For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

5. **Salvation is the outcome of the law of faith.**
   Romans 10:9: “That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”