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# A Parable: A King Who Ruled Many Nations

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There once was a king who ruled many nations. An island nation was rebelling against the king. He called his general, the commander of his army and **commanded that he go** to the island and squelch the rebellion. The next day the general came to the king. He said long live the king and sir you gave me authority to go to the island but how do I get there? The king issued orders for him to go to the boat dock **and take the battleship** and sail to the island. Upon arriving at the dock, the boat was there but no crew to sail it. The general again requested an audience with the king. He spoke long live the king and sir I have the authority and the means to go to the island but no crew to sail the ship. The king issued the decree **to his naval commander to make the ship ready** for the general and his army and obey his commands. He sailed and with his army stopped the rebellion.

We as Christians must follow the Word of God to be successful in our kingdom work. There is the pattern we must adhere to before we go forth according to the word of God.

**First we must do Romans 10:9-13** <sup>9</sup> *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.* <sup>10</sup> *For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.* <sup>11</sup> *For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.* <sup>12</sup> *For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.* <sup>13</sup> *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.* (KJV) This gives us the authority to do the works in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Second we must do Matthew 16:19** <sup>19</sup> *And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.* (KJV)

This gives us the means to do battle.

**Third we must have power to complete the job.** *Acts 2:1-4* <sup>1</sup> *And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.* <sup>2</sup> *And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting .* <sup>3</sup> *And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.* <sup>4</sup> *And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them*

utterance. (KJV) **And Paul writes in Ephesians 6:10-13** **10** Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might **11** Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. **12** For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. **13** Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. (KJV) **And Paul writes in Ephesians 6:18** **18** Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; (KJV) **Prayer and supplication in the Spirit is praying in tongues. Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 14:18** **18** I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all: (KJV) **Jude 1:20** **20** But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, (KJV)

The Word of God true and does not lie. If we disobey the Word of God are we sinning? Are you living the Word of God in you life by following the instructions of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ? How can we be sure we belong to Jesus Christ? **1 John 2:3-6** **3** And how can we be sure that we belong to him? By obeying his commandments. **4** If someone says, "I belong to God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and does not live in the truth **5** But those who obey God's word really do love him. That is the way to know whether or not we live in him. **6** Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Christ did. (NLT)

If we are to obey the Word of God we **must** follow the commands of Jesus Christ as he spoke in the following scriptures **Matthew 28:19-20** **19** Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **20** Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. (KJV) **Mark 16:15-18** **15** And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. **16** He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. **17** And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; **18** They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. (KJV) **Luke 24:47-49** **47** And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. **48** And ye are witnesses of these things. **49** And, behold, I send the promise of my

*Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. (KJV) Acts 1:5-8* **5** *For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.* **6** *When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?* **7** *And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.* **8** *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. (KJV) Acts 2:1-4* **1** *And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.* **2** *And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.* **3** *And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.* **4** *And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. (KJV)*

As we can see Jesus was very clear in his instructions; that none are to go out until they receive power by the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the evidence being speaking in other tongues. This is the word of God. Many will say that tongues died when the apostles of Jesus died or it is of the devil. It is neither for it is in God's Word. Receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues will open our eyes to the Word of God in a new light we never saw before, the Word comes alive. As Peter spoke *Acts 2:16-18* **16** *But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;* **17** *And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:* **18** *And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: (KJV)* **2 John 1:3** **3** *Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love. (KJV)* **If we are not in both truth and love, we have not grace mercy and peace from heaven.** What is truth? In Webster's Dictionary truth is "the quality of being in accordance with experience, facts, or reality; conform to fact." The "fact" is the whole Word of God, the complete Word of God, being in obedience to God's Word. As Paul wrote in **2 Timothy 3:5** **5** *They will act as if they are religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. You must stay away from people like that. (NLT)* So as 2 John says we need both the **truth and love** for God our Father and Jesus Christ his Son to be in us. The truth being in obedience to all God's Word as it commands. Do we have love if we deny the power of the Holy Spirit? For if we

have not the truth in us, we have not love for we do not obey God's Word and we are liars. Look again at **1 John 2:3-6** **3** *And how can we be sure that we belong to him? By obeying his commandments.* **4** *If someone says, "I belong to God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and does not live in the truth.* **5** *But those who obey God's word really do love him. That is the way to know whether or not we live in him.* **6** *Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Christ did.* (NLT)

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