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- 21 nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or, 'There it is!' For behold, the kingdom of God is in your midst."



# Luke 17 (NKJ)

- 20 Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation;
- 21 "nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you."

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  - Luke 17:21 Jesus must rule in the heart.
  - The biggest challenge of Jesus' earthly ministry:
    - Satan... Pharisees... Sadducees... Pilate...
    - It was the faith of His disciples (Mt 17:17).
- The word "kingdom"...
  - "sovereignty, royal power, dominion"
  - The kingdom is about a simple question: "Is the Lord ruling my life?"

#### Is Heaven Within You?

- Is God ruling your life?
  - I'm not asking if you are at all of the services of the church.
  - The word "kingdom" king's dominion.
- The kingdom begins in the heart.
  - Seed of the kingdom (Mt 13:24) which is God's word (Lk 8:11; Rom 10:17).
  - Law is planted (Rom 8:2; I Cor 9:21).
  - Obedience to the king by faith (I Jn 5:4).
  - Entry by birth (Jn 3:5; I Pt 1:23; I Jn 2:29).



### Matthew 6

- 19 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal;
- 20 "but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.
- 21 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Journey to heaven does not begin with *outward* motion. It begins with inward devotion.