“BE LIKE CHILDREN”

HUMBLE AND EAGER TO LEARN

He called a little child to him and placed the child among them. And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.” (Matthew 18:2-5)

In the Christian tradition, the kingdom of God is fundamentally about God's sovereign rule and authority, not just a place. It is how God establishes his will on earth. Jesus’ message contains the announcement of God’s reign breaking into the world. “. . . the kingdom of God is in your midst.” Luke 17:21 It is considered a present reality and a future hope. When Christ returns, God’s reign will be complete. He will have absolute rule over His creation.

While the Quran doesn't use the exact phrase "Kingdom of God," it frequently emphasizes Allah's kingship and authority over the universe and all that exists.

According to multiple sources, Jesus declared that the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like children. He explained that children's humility, trust, and lack of worldly concerns make them more open to the Kingdom of God. Children tend to have such qualities, together with an eagerness to learn and to understand life’s mysteries—God’s mysteries.

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