

# *A Parallel Reality: The Kingdom of God*



## Scripture Verses

- **Psalm 73:25**  
Whom have I in heaven but You? And besides You, I desire nothing on earth.
- **Matthew 5:6**  
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- **Psalm 42:1**  
As the deer pants for the water brooks, so my soul pants for You, O God.
- **Hebrews 11:6**  
And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.
- **Romans 4:19-21**  
Without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah's womb, yet with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully assured that what God has promised, He was able also to perform.

## Other Verses

- Rev. 3:7
- Rev. 5:8
- Matthew 26:36-46
- Luke 6:12
- John 8:36
- Luke 11:20
- Ephesians 2:6
- Gen. 32:26
- Matt. 7:7
- Gen. 22:18
- Gen. 22:9-14
- Gen. 15:1

## Main Points

- Vertical worship music-songs that are sung directly to God
- Horizontal worship music-songs that are sung about God.
- When we understand where we can actually go in God, it motivates us to seek and pray.
- A parallel reality is a reality that exists above the natural realm.
  - When Jesus came to our world, He broke into our reality.
  - Most people didn't recognize Him.
  - His works of healings were breaks into our reality.
- We can experience so much more than what we're presently experiencing.
- The first step to enter into God's parallel reality is: desire.
  - Desire is the combustion engine to drive us to enter into this reality.
  - Desire unlocks the river of life into our souls.

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- Desire releases the Holy Spirit into our lives.
  - A fierce, extreme desire that will not be satisfied.
  - Jacob's desire led him to wrestle and not let go of God.
- Where does desire come from?
- A prerequisite for desire is to believe you can have what God says you can have.

## **Discussion Questions**

1. What does a parallel reality mean to you now that you have heard Rabbi Schneider's teaching on this subject? On a scale of 1 to 10, where would you rate your desire to enter this parallel reality?
  
2. Cultivating a desire for God and His kingdom is a chief starting place. What will you do today to be a kingdom seeker? Draw a simple picture of yourself in this role. (There are no exact answers...) What are some things you would put in your picture? Think of some specific scriptures that would help with this? What attitudes must be internal to be a seeker?
  
3. In God's parallel reality, what promises come true? Specifically in relationship to Abraham and Sarah, how does God's reality and our reality differ? Does it excite you to think about sharing His reality, even though we are part of the physical world? Write a few sentences about that.
  
4. Be sure to keep a journal about the journey you are on with God.