

Title: *Kingdom Ambassadors: Representing Heaven on Earth*

Main Focus: What it means to be a Kingdom Ambassador, using Scripture (especially Matthew 13), with insights inspired by the teachings of Myles Munroe and the Shem Tov Hebrew Gospel of Matthew.

1. Understanding the Kingdom of God

- **Definition of "Kingdom":** A kingdom is a government ruled by a king. It includes the king's authority, territory, citizens, laws, and culture. God's Kingdom is His government from heaven extending to earth.
- **God's Kingdom is not religion, it's a government.**
 - *Isaiah 9:6-7* - "...and the government shall be upon his shoulder..."
 - *Psalms 103:19* - "The LORD has established His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom rules over all."

2. What is an Ambassador?

- An ambassador is a representative sent by a ruler to another land. They don't represent themselves; they represent their home government.
- In the Bible, believers are called ambassadors of Christ.
 - *2 Corinthians 5:20* - "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ..."
 - *Ephesians 6:20* - "For which I am an ambassador in chains..."

3. The Message of the Kingdom

- Jesus' main message was not Christianity, but the Kingdom of Heaven.
 - *Matthew 4:17* - "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
 - *Matthew 13:11* - "Because it has been given to you to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven..."

4. Matthew 13: The Secrets of the Kingdom

- Jesus used parables to teach deep truths about the Kingdom.
 - *Matthew 13:24-30 (Parable of the Weeds)*: Shows how the kingdom grows among resistance.
 - *Matthew 13:31-32 (Mustard Seed)*: Even small beginnings lead to great impact.
 - *Matthew 13:33 (Yeast in Dough)*: The Kingdom influences the whole world quietly but powerfully.
 - *Matthew 13:44-46 (Hidden Treasure & Pearl)*: The Kingdom is worth everything.

5. The Kingdom is Near: What Does That Mean?

- In the Shem Tov Hebrew Gospel of Matthew, Jesus says the Kingdom is *brought near*, not just coming soon.
- This means the Kingdom is present and active now, not only in the future.

6. The Role of a Kingdom Ambassador

- You represent God's Kingdom on earth.
- You speak Heaven's laws, live by Heaven's culture, and bring Heaven's solutions to earthly problems.
 - *Philippians 3:20* - "Our citizenship is in heaven..."
 - *Romans 14:17* - "The kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit."

7. Walking as a Kingdom Ambassador

- Speak like the King
- Live by the King's commands
- Carry the King's authority
- Prioritize the Kingdom over personal interests

Key Verses Recap:

- Isaiah 9:6-7
- Psalm 103:19
- 2 Corinthians 5:20
- Matthew 4:17
- Matthew 13:11-46 (selected parables)
- Philippians 3:20
- Romans 14:17

Final Encouragement:

You are not just saved to go to heaven, but sent to bring heaven to earth. As a Kingdom Ambassador, your life is a message that God's rule has come near.

Recommended Reading:

- "Rediscovering the Kingdom" by Dr. Myles Munroe
- Shem Tov's Hebrew Gospel of Matthew (Translation by George Howard)

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