

INSIDE REVOLUTION ¹

November 6, 2022 Matthew 5:17-26 by Bob Branch
The Presence of The Future, part 4

“If I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.” **Matthew 12:28**

BIG IDEA: A King has come to start a revolution inside you that will work out into your world and eventually the whole world. *The Inside-Out Revolution.*

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

¹⁹ Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.”

- **Jesus fulfilled the Law and Prophets—*what God has revealed about himself, his purpose, his ways, his people, what he promised.*** (John 4:25; 1:45)
- **He is *not* taking away from what God revealed, but taking it into the heart—revealing a heart-set-right (righteousness).**
- **He calls us to take what he reveals seriously and invite others in.**
- **Living this will mean: “Do unto others as we want them to do unto us.” **Matthew 7:12****

- **Entering the kingdom of the heavens is a Now and Later reality.**

²¹ “You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ ²² But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister, will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell (*Gehenna*).

²³ “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

²⁵ “Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. ²⁶ Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

The invisible has come into the visible, to invade the invisible to become visible.

1. What has God *already* been challenging in you? _____ Him.
2. What is the temperature of your anger? _____ to Him.
3. Who is the Spirit reminding you that something needs fixing? _____ it.
4. Where have you been doing right, religious stuff, but your heart isn't in it? _____ yourself. _____ it.