



THE GOSPEL OF
LUKE



LUKE 13:18-21

He said therefore, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? It is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his garden, and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches."...



LUKE 4:43

but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose."



LUKE 6:20

And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples,
and said: "Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.



LUKE 9:1

**and he sent them out to proclaim the
kingdom of God...**



LUKE 9:11

When the crowds learned it, they followed him, and he welcomed them and spoke to them of the kingdom of God and cured those who had need of healing.



LUKE 11:20

But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you







The Kingdom...

- Is Intended to Start Out Small & Seemingly Insignificant...
- Will Experience Slow, Yet Tremendous Growth...
- Will Ultimately Be a Blessing to the Whole World...



MacArthur

As the visible kingdom developed it brought many benefits to grace this sin-darkened world. Christianity has opposed social evils, produced many of the world's greatest scientists, promoted education, and in general given rise to much that has comforted and benefitted mankind.

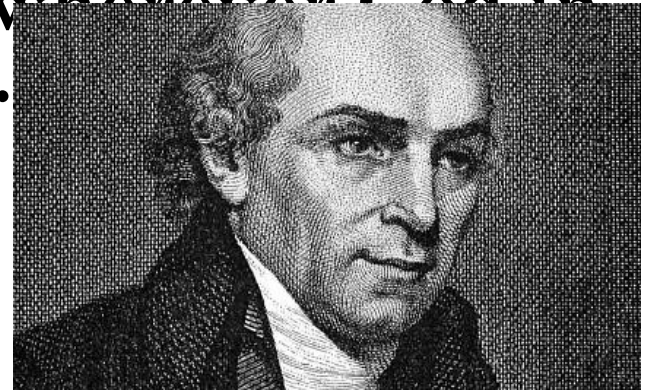


Implication...

- **God Delights in Using the Small & Insignificant...**
- **Don't Underestimate How God May Choose To Use You...**

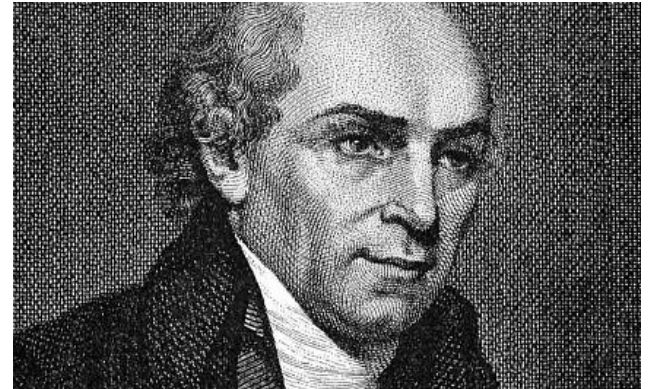
Slight of stature, prematurely balding, and wearing an ill-fitting red wig, Carey made a distinctly unimpressive personal appearance. He preached for the entire summer of 1785 at the church at Olney and did so poorly the church refused to recommend him for ordination. On one occasion he gave, according to one hearer, a message “as weak and crude as anything ever called a sermon.” Carey persisted, and the next year the church voted reluctantly to recommend that he be ordained to “preach whenever God in his providence might call him.”

William Carey



...The church appointed one of its members, a Miss Tressler, to canvass the community to raise money to buy Carey a black suit to be ordained in. He was later called as pastor of the church at Moulton"

William Carey





LUKE 13:20-21

And again he said, "To what shall I compare the kingdom of God? It is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, until it was all leavened."



The Kingdom...

- Growth Will Be **PERVASIVE...**
- Growth Will Be **LARGELY
INVISIBLE....**
- Growth Will Be **COMPLETE...**



Acts 5:27-28

And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us."

LUKE

