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The kingdom of God is the rule of the eternal, sovereign God over all the universe, including our life. This kingdom has its own set of realities, realized and appropriated by faith, that often clash with the realities of this fallen world, that are appropriated by reason, logic and our senses.

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When the men had come to Him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to You, saying, ‘Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?’ ” And that very hour He cured many of infirmities, afflictions, and evil spirits; and to many blind He gave sight.

Luke 7:20-21

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Jesus answered and said to them,

“Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.”

Luke 7:22-23

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