

6. HEAVEN AND HELL

- Mt 7²¹ “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ ²³ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’

7. CHRISTIAN LIFE – THE YOKE OF THE KINGDOM = JESUS’ YOKE

- Jesus’ Promise- Mt 11²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”
 - Our Response- Mt 6⁹ ... “Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, ¹⁰ Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Lk 22:42 “Not my will but yours be done.”
 - Our Daily Walk- seek, trust, love
 - Mt 6³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.
 - Pro 3⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.
 - Mk 12³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ ³¹ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”
 - Lord Jesus, I take Your yoke, for Your kingdom, Your glory, others’ good and my own. Amen!
- ❖ Take up Jesus’ yoke everyday- pray the above Scriptures daily for the next week. See how Jesus will lead you, and make your burdens light! For His kingdom & glory, for other’s good and your own!

❖ WHAT’S GOD SAYING TO YOU? – write it down, pray it back, share it with others!

Heavenly Father, you and your Son are King. Good, righteous, powerful, loving. I want to submit to your kingship, take up your yoke, proclaim your reign, and bring others into your rule. Not my will but your will be done in my life. I especially feel You saying to me...

#1- THE KINGDOM IS KEY, 4/24/22

GETTING OUR FEET WET? How would you summarize Jesus’ message in 3 words or less?

DIVING INTO SCRIPTURE

- Mat 4¹⁷ From then on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”
- Mt 25³⁴ “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat... I was a stranger and you invited me in...
- Mk 10¹⁵ Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”
- Jn 3³ “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”
- Acts 1³ After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.
- Acts 14²¹ They preached the gospel... ²² strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. “We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God,”
- Acts 28³¹ Paul proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance!

GETTING OUR GLASSES ON- WHAT’S THE KINGDOM?

I. IS IT IMPORTANT?

- A. Jesus- over 110x in gospels
- B. Paul- Acts 8:12, 14:22, 19:8, 20:25, 28:23,31; Rom 14: 17, Gal 5:21, I Thess 2:12, II Tim 4:1
- C. Revelation- 1:6,9; 5:10, 11:15, 12:10, 15:3, 17:14, 19:16

II. SO, WHAT IS THE KINGDOM? 7 VIEWS

- 1. Jesus- God’s Son, He is the king & kingdom
- 2. Gospel- God’s salvation, eternal life, justification by faith
- 3. Calvinist- God’s sovereignty, control
- 4. Prophecy- God’s future- 1,000 year reign- Millennium
- 5. Charismatic- God’s power, miracles, healing, prosperity
- 6. Spiritual formation- God’s character, the inner life, true spirituality
- 7. Social justice- changing society for the good

III. SO, WHO IS RIGHT?

A. The better question- what is right in each position?

- The kingdom includes all 7 views- the blind men & the elephant
- Be a Berean- seek truth- Acts 17:12

B. Stepping back- on a human level, what does a kingdom include?

1. Person- King
2. Position- Authority & Power
3. Place- Time & Realm
4. People- Subjects
5. Pictures- symbols- crown, throne, scepter, robe, emblem, coat of arms, flag

C. CONCLUSION- The kingdom is where God's p_____ will is followed

- Mt 6:10 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
- The kingdom of God is where people o_____ God's rule wanting Him as King

TIME	PLACE OF THE KINGDOM	PEOPLE OF THE KINGDOM
Eternity	Heaven	Angels, saved who died
Now & Near	Earth- in the hearts, lives & lips of the...	Saved who seek His perfect will
Future & Near	Christ's return, Millennium, New Heaven & Earth	Angels & saved, died & alive

- Near = available & urgent = you must make a d_____

LOOKING THROUGH KINGDOM GLASSES- THE KINGDOM IS KEY FOR UNDERSTANDING...

1. **GOD** – OT King- 43x, NT 1x- Lord- 6,749x, Lord of hosts- 261x

- I Tim 1¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

2. **JESUS**- NT king- 42x, Christ, Messiah- 543x

- Daniel 7¹³ "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. ¹⁴ He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

- Rev 11¹⁵ The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever."

3. **SATAN**

- Isaiah 14¹³ You said in your heart, "I will ascend to the heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon. ¹⁴ I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High." ¹⁵ But you are brought down to the realm of the dead, to the depths of the pit.

4. **CREATION**

- Genesis 1²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."
- Ps 8⁵ You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. ⁶ You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: ⁷ all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, ⁸ the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. ⁹ LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

5. **BIBLE**- it's story, the spiritual battle, political empires, end times, and God's goal

- Gen 3¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."
- Dan 2⁴⁴ "In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever. ⁴⁵ This is the meaning of the vision of the rock cut out of a mountain, but not by human hands—a rock that broke the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold to pieces.
- Eph 6¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.
- Rev 5⁹ "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. ¹⁰ You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."