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The Kingdom of God
Part 2 : The King And His Kingdom

Review of the main points covered so far.

Let us begin to live and operate out of a "Kingdom of God" perspective – where everything you do is an extension of the King's domain here on earth – His rule being released in you and through you.

Today

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THE KING

We perceive God in many different ways – as Father, as Saviour, Healer, etc. We must also perceive Him as King, for that is who He also is.

Psalm 145

1 A Praise of David. I will extol You, my God, O King; And I will bless Your name forever and ever.

10 All Your works shall praise You, O LORD, And Your saints shall bless You.

11 They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, And talk of Your power,

12 To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, And the glorious majesty of His kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

We extol, praise and worship Him as King.

We speak of the glory of His Kingdom and His power

We know that His Kingdom is an everlasting kingdom.

Psalm 47:6,7

6 Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

7 For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with understanding.

Psalm 44:4 You are my King, O God; Command victories (*Heb. Yeshua = salvation, deliverance, prosperity, healing*) **for Jacob.**

In prayer, the psalmist is calling on God, recognizing His authority as omnipotent ruler, and asking Him to command (issue decrees) for victories for Israel.

God is King. He has a Kingdom.

Here are some obvious (but enlightening) facts about the King and His Kingdom:

1, As King, God is final authority. His authority is inherent, in who He is. No one votes Him into power and no one can vote Him out of power.

2, As King, God's Word is also His Command. It is law, in the Kingdom.

3, As King, God's presence is also the place of all kingdom authority and glory. When you enter the presence of the King, you are entering the presence of His complete glory and authority.



4, As King, God's name represents the full weight of His authority.

5, As King, God's Kingdom is an expression of who He is

Isaiah 9:6,7

6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Wonderful (Heb. = Miracle, marvelous thing) – expression of miraculous

Counselor (Heb. = Advisor) – expression of wisdom

Mighty God – expression of power

Everlasting Father – expression of compassion, love, care

Prince of Peace – expression of shalom (wholeness, total well being)

The miraculous, the wisdom, the power, the fatherhood of God, the ruler who brings wholeness, judgment and justice....all of these are facets of God's Kingdom or God's government. Where ever God exerts His influence, through out the realm of His dominion – these will be evident.

Side Note: The problem is that some of us emphasize one particular aspect of God's Kingdom, and sound like that is all there is to the Kingdom. For example, some emphasize only the Fatherhood of God – His loving, caring, forgiving, nurturing, providing facets. This is good, but not the only aspect of the King. The danger is that **an overemphasis of one genuine facet of God can lead to a misrepresentation of God, because it prevents people from knowing who God really is.**

6, As King, God is to be feared and honored

Jeremiah 10:7,10

7 Who would not fear You, O King of the nations? For this is Your rightful due. For among all the wise men of the nations, And in all their kingdoms, There is none like You.

10 But the LORD is the true God; He is the living God and the everlasting King. At His wrath the earth will tremble, And the nations will not be able to endure His indignation.

One of the finest tributes to God came from Nebuchadnezzar, the Babylonian king:

Daniel 4:34-37

34 And at the end of the time I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my understanding returned to me; and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever: For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, And His kingdom is from generation to generation.

35 All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; He does according to His will in the army of heaven And among the inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain His hand Or say to Him, "What have You done?"

36 At the same time my reason returned to me, and for the glory of my kingdom, my honor and splendor returned to me. My counselors and nobles resorted to me, I was restored to my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added to me.

37 Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all of whose works are truth, and His ways justice. And those who walk in pride He is able to put down.

1 Timothy 1:17

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

1 Timothy 6:15



15 which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords,

(See also Revelation 17:14, 19:16)

ANNOUNCING HIS KINGDOM

John the Baptist fore-runner of the King- greatest honor

Matthew 3:2 and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

John had the greatest honor of announcing the Kingdom, but yet could not himself be part of the Kingdom.

Luke 7:28 For I say to you, among those born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

Matthew 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Jesus took a 3-fold approach in introducing the Kingdom:

Matthew 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

Matthew 9:35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

- 1, Preaching the good news about the Kingdom*
- 2, Teaching the principles of the Kingdom*
- 3, Demonstrating the power of the Kingdom*

Explain:

- 1, Preaching the good news about the Kingdom*

What could be good news about the Kingdom?

I believe it was a message that declared that the enemy of the kingdom was overthrown, that people no longer needed to be in fear and oppression of the enemy, and that all people could now come in to the triumphant kingdom.

- 2, Teaching the principles of the Kingdom*

For example, Jesus said thing like:

Matthew 5:3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:19 Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:20 For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.



Matthew 6:10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:13 And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Matthew 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Matthew 7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

Matthew 8:11,12

11 And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.

12 But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

And a whole lot more....

He taught many mysteries of the kingdom in parables – illustrations from every day life. We will study the parables of the kingdom later in this series.

3, Demonstrating the power of the Kingdom

Matthew 12:28

But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.

He instructed His disciples to preach and demonstrate the Kingdom:

Matthew 10:7,8

7 And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

We must do the same : teach, preach and demonstrate the Kingdom.

THE CHURCH AND THE KINGDOM

The Church is part of the Kingdom of God.

On earth today, the Church – those redeemed by the blood of the Lamb – have been vested with the authority of the Kingdom.

Matthew 16:18,19

18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

The "gates of hell" represent the "powers of hell". The powers of hell cannot stop the Church. Gates are stationary. Gates don't move. So it is the Church that must move towards the gates. The Church does not sit around waiting for the gates to come to it! So to sum up, **The Church Jesus is building is a Church that confronts and overthrows the powers of hell.**

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven – keys represent authority. Jesus said that He had the keys of hell and death (Revelation 1:18), meaning He had conquered and therefore had authority over hell and death. The Church has the authority of the Kingdom of heaven. To do what? The correct rendering of the rest of the verse is: "to bind on earth what has been bound in



heaven, to loose on earth what has been loosed in heaven". **The Church Jesus is building is a Church that has the authority of heaven to bind on earth what God has declared bound in heaven and to loose on earth what God has loosed in heave. The Church bring heaven to earth.**

If we recap what happened in Genesis 1:26-28:

Genesis 1:26-28

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

When God said "let them have dominion" He was delegating His authority to mankind, setting them with the ability to rule and subdue on the earth.

God's original intent was for mankind to have dominion on earth. This was the first introduction of the Kingdom of God on earth, by God through man. God's rule or government would fill the earth through man.

Man's authority on earth came from God. Man derived His authority from God who created Him. God is Spirit, in the invisible realm. Man therefore derives his authority from the spiritual realm and extends that in to the natural visible realm. Man rules the natural realm from the invisible realm.

Disobedience broke the flow of this authority and brought man in to slavery to the powers of darkness.

In redemption, the Church, in now vested with Kingdom authority on the earth, re-establishing God's original intent released in Genesis.

Whenever the Church exercises authority we are executing God's original intent – to extend His rule on the earth through man.

I believe, that we need a lot more emphasis on the Kingdom of God in the Church today!

Look at the book of Acts:

In His final forty days, the Lord spoke of things related to the kingdom:

Acts 1:3 to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

It is quite obvious that the apostles and the early church focused on the kingdom of God:

Acts 8:12 But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized.



Paul and Barnabas

Acts 14:21 And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch,

Acts 14:22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."

Paul at Ephesus

Acts 19:8 And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God.

Paul's testimony to the elders from Ephesus, indicates that he emphasized the preaching of the kingdom of God:

Acts 20:25 "And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, will see my face no more.

Paul, on what seemed his final assignment, under house arrest, preached the Kingdom of God.

Acts 28:23 So when they had appointed him a day, many came to him at his lodging, to whom he explained and solemnly testified of the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus from both the Law of Moses and the Prophets, from morning till evening.

Acts 28:31 preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no one forbidding him.

The early church taught about the Kingdom. We will study this in the coming Sundays.

We need to recapture this emphasis, understanding and focus on the Kingdom of God in the church today.

THE FUTURE KINGDOM

We will discuss this in detail in a future message. Here is what will happen:

Daniel 7:

13 "I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him.

14 Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed.

18 But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.'

27 Then the kingdom and dominion, And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And all dominions shall serve and obey Him.'

SUMMARY : KEY TAKEAWAY

The Church, in this age, has been vested with the spiritual Kingdom of God. It is through us, the redeemed of the Lord, that His rule and reign is extended on the earth. As a Kingdom community, we must learn to worship our KING. We must extend His Kingdom – His rule and reign – in the hearts and lives of people as we preach, teach and demonstrate the Kingdom. We have been vested with Kingdom authority to usher the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth.

THE PRICELESS KINGDOM

Matthew 13:44-46

44 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls,



46 who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

For us to experience the kingdom, we have to embrace it (the King and His Kingdom) wholeheartedly, second to nothing.

SALVATION CALL

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION

1, What are your perceptions of worshiping God as KING?

2, Discuss your understanding of the relationship between the Church and the Kingdom of God? Why is there so little understanding of the Kingdom of God in the church today? How can the church truly arise and be an expression of the King and His Kingdom in the earth today?



USEFUL RESOURCES



Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

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WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

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BIBLE COLLEGE: <https://apcbiblecollege.org>

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