

The King and His Kingdom (Part 4)

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I. Initial thoughts on the King and His Kingdom

A. The King and His Kingdom is the one idea that ties the whole Bible together

1. Jesus has always been—Is now—And will always be—King
2. There is a kingdom of heaven in heaven—There is a kingdom of heaven in earth
3. *'The kingdom of heaven is at hand'* is the message of the New Testament

B. *'The kingdom of heaven at hand'* is a Jesus-taught way to live life to the fullest

1. Living in *'the kingdom of heaven at hand'* is a great way (the greatest way) to live life
2. Living in the kingdom is the way to have a bit of the heaven that awaits us—Even now
3. *The kingdom of heaven at hand* is something spiritual—It is inside you—In your soul
4. *The kingdom of heaven at hand* is a fellowship relationship with the King
5. To live in the kingdom is to be a servant who strives to live accountable to his King

C. The parable of the sower is the basic parable of all kingdom of heaven parables

II. Conditions for living in the kingdom of heaven at hand

A. *Born again* guarantees eternal heaven—And is a necessity for the kingdom at hand

Joh 3:5 ...Except a man be born...of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the **kingdom** of God.

B. The kingdom is for those who are willing to repent (*change their minds and lives*)

Mat 4:17 ...Repent: for the **kingdom** of heaven is at hand.

Mat 21:31 ...Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the **kingdom** of God before you.

C. The kingdom is for those who put the kingdom first

Mat 6:33 But seek ye first the **kingdom** of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

D. The kingdom is for those who strive for righteousness

Mat 5:6 Blessed *are* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness

Rom 14:17 For the **kingdom** of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Mat 5:20 ...except your righteousness shall exceed *the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the **kingdom** of heaven.

E. The kingdom is for the lowly, the meek and the humble

Mat 5:3 Blessed *are* the poor in spirit: for theirs is the **kingdom** of heaven...

Mat 5:5 Blessed *are* the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Mat 18:3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the **kingdom** of heaven.

Mat 18:4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the **kingdom** of heaven.

F. The kingdom is for those who are willing to suffer for it

Mat 11:12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the **kingdom** of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

Mat 5:10 Blessed *are* they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the **kingdom** of heaven.

Act 14:22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, *and* exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the **kingdom** of God.

G. The kingdom is for those who are willing to forgive

Mat 18:23 Therefore is the **kingdom** of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.

Mat 18:24 And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.

Mat 18:25 But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

Mat 18:26 The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

Mat 18:27 Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.

Mat 18:28 But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took *him* by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.

Mat 18:29 And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

Mat 18:30 And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.

Mat 18:31 So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.

Mat 18:32 Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:

Mat 18:33 Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?

Mat 18:34 And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

Mat 18:35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

H. The kingdom is for those who are not in love with the world

Mat 22:2 The **kingdom** of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,

Mat 22:3 And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come...

Mat 22:5 But they made light of *it*, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise:

I. The kingdom is for those who are not in love with money

Mat 19:22 But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.

Mat 19:23 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.

J. The kingdom is for those who prepare and watch

Mat 25:1 Then shall the **kingdom** of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

Mat 25:2 And five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish.

Mat 25:3 They that *were* foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

Mat 25:4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

K. The kingdom is for those who work and watch

Mat 25:14 For *the kingdom of heaven is* as a man travelling into a far country, *who* called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

Mat 25:15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

L. The King is sovereign in His kingdom

Mat 20:1 For the **kingdom** of heaven is like unto a man *that is* an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard.

Mat 20:2 And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

Mat 20:3 And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace,

Mat 20:4 And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way.

Mat 20:5 Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise.

Mat 20:6 And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?

Mat 20:7 They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, *that* shall ye receive.

Mat 20:8 So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them *their* hire, beginning from the last unto the first.

Mat 20:9 And when they came that *were hired* about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny.

Mat 20:10 But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny.

Mat 20:11 And when they had received *it*, they murmured against the goodman of the house,

Mat 20:12 Saying, These last have wrought *but* one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day.

Mat 20:13 But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny?

Mat 20:14 Take *that* thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee.

Mat 20:15 Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good?

Mat 20:16 So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.

III. Living in the kingdom of heaven is a great way (the greatest way) to live life

Mat 11:11 Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the **kingdom** of heaven is greater than he.

Mat 13:44 Again, the **kingdom** of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

Mat 13:45 Again, the **kingdom** of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls:

Mat 13:46 Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

Mat 13:3 ...Behold, a sower went forth to sow;

Mat 13:4 And when he sowed, some *seeds* fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up:

Mat 13:5 Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:

Mat 13:6 And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

Mat 13:7 And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them:

Mat 13:8 But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.