

**INTRODUCTION**

**A. THE KINGDOM OF GOD** (Mt.12:28,9f,18f; see 3:2; 4:17; 10:7)

**B. THE KING OF GOD** (Mt.12:23; Lk.1:32; see Ps.2:5; 110:1f; see Ps.5:2; 44:4; 68:24; 74:12; 84:3)

**I. TESTING CHRIST** (Mt.12:38-42; see 16:1-4; Mk.8:11,12; Lk.11:16-32; Jn.6:30)

**A. THE PEOPLE OF GOD** (Lk.11:16; Jn.6:24,30; see Ps.95:9,7f; 78:11f,18f,22,56)

**B. TEST: AN UNBELIEVING DEMAND** (Mt.16:1; Mk.8:11; Lk.11:16 /Jn6:30; 20:25,27; contrast Jms5:15)

**C. UNBELIEF: REJECTING GOD'S PROOFS & DEMANDING YOUR PROOFS**

1. *adulterous* (Mt.12:39 16:4; Hos.3:1LXX)

2. *reject & demand* (see Mt.12:28&38f(=Lk.11:15&16); Mt.15:32f&16:1f,10(=Mk.8:1f&11f) /Jn.6:14,1f&30)

3. *the evil exchange* (see Rom.1:18f,23; see 1Cor.1:22)

**D. ONE MORE SIGN**

1. *grief in the face of unbelief* (Mk.8:12; see 3:5; Ps.119:136; Lk.13:34; 19:41)

2. *mercy triumphs over judgment* (Mk.8:12 w/Mt.12:39f; Lk.11:29f; see Jms.2:13; see Ps.78:23f,38f)

3. *the sign that Jonah was* (Lk.11:30; Mt.12:39f; see Jon.2:17; 3:10; Mk.8:31; 9:31; 10:34; see Gen.1:5)

4. *the word that Jonah preached* (Mt.12:41; Lk.11:32; see Jon.3:4f; Mt.3:2; 4:17; 10:7; see Acts 2:36f; 10:40-42; 17:31; 2Tm.4:1; see Jn.5:29; Heb.6:2)

**E. EXEMPLARY RESPONSES**

1. *the response of the Ninevites to Jonah* (Mt.12:41; Lk.11:32; see Jon.3,4)

2. *the response of the Queen of Sheba to Solomon* (Mt.12:42; Lk.11:31; see 1Kngs.10:1-13=2Chr.9:1-12)

3. *the response of the people of God to Jesus* (Mt.12:41,42; Lk.11:31,32 /Mt.11:21-24; 12:5,6; Lk.12:48)

**II. TRUSTING CHRIST!**

**A. DO NOT TEST GOD IN UNBELIEF!** (Mt.12:38f,28, etc.; Rom.1:18f; 1Cor.1:22)

**B. DO TEST GOD IN FAITH!** (Mal.3:10; see Acts 16:31; Rom.10:11,13; see Dt.11:26; Ex.20:11,12; Heb.12:5f)

**C. BELIEVE THE SIGN OF JESUS!** (Mt.12:39f,28; 11:1f; see Mk.8:31; 9:31; 10:34; Acts 2:31f; 10:40f; 17:31; 1Cor.15:3f,12f)

**D. BELIEVE THE WORD OF JESUS!** (Mt.12:41,42 /Jon.3:2f; Mt.3:2; 4:17; 10:7 /1K10:1f; Mt.5:1ff; Eph.4:21ff)

**E. HEAR & BELIEVE!** (Jn.6:30; Mt.13:58; Mk.9:24; see Mt.12:38f; 16:1f; see Mt.12:41,42; Lk.11:31,32; Rom.10:17; 2Tm.3:14-17)