

THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM?

- **The main theme of Jesus teaching is the kingdom of heaven or of God or the Gospel of the Kingdom.**
- **Matt.4:17,23**
- **It is a theme through the OT. – Isa.2:2,4; 4:2-4, 9:2-7; 11:1-10; Isa.52:7 – Our God reigns! Which the Jews took to read as a butt whooping for other nations!**
- **But Jesus fulfills Isa.53 as part of bringing in Kingdom**
- **And we are confused trying to understand what it means for the kingdom to be “Already, but not yet!”**

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- **The Gospel of the Kingdom is the kingdom of God's reign . [Ps.103:19](#):“The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.” Hear the basic meaning of the word *kingdom* as *rule*. It doesn't mean that his kingdom rules over his realm; it means that **God's reign or rule governs all things.****
- **He sits as king on his throne of the universe, and his kingly rule — his kingdom and his reign — governs all things. The basic meaning of the word *kingdom* in the Bible is **God's kingly rule — his reign, his action, his lordship, his sovereign governance.****

IS THE KINGDOM PRESENT OR FUTURE?

- The answer is that it is partly present and partly future. Many of its blessings are here to be enjoyed now; but many of them are not yet here. Some of its power is available now but not all of it. Some of the curse and misery of this old age can be overcome now by the presence of the kingdom. But some of it cannot be. The decisive battle against sin and Satan and sickness and death has been fought and won by the King in his death and resurrection, but the war is not over. Sin must be fought, Satan must be resisted, sickness must be prayed over and groaned (Rom.8:23) under and death must be endured until the second coming of the King and the consummation of the kingdom.

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- **Lk. 17:20-21** - "The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed; nor will they say, 'Lo, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you."
- **KJV says "within you."** Jesus was talking to Pharisees. **Was the kingdom "within" them?**
- **The Gospel of the Kingdom is the kingdom of God's reign — his sovereign action in the world to redeem and deliver a people and then at a future time finish it and renew his people and the universe completely.**

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

- **Lk. 19:11 – Parable of the Minas**
- **He told the parable because; 1. Because, He was near Jerusalem and 2. Because, They supposed that the kingdom would appear immediately**
- **12 - The Nobleman went into a FAR country**
- **Jesus was telling them and us that He was going into Heaven and would be gone for some time before he returns to establish his kingdom in power and glory**
- **The kingdom is Future – Heb.11:13-16**

THE MYSTERY OF THE KINGDOM

- **Matt. 13:11 - To you it has been given to know the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven cf. 16, 17**
- **The Parable of the Sower – 4 things can happen**
 1. **Satan can snatch it**
 2. **The heat of trouble can scorch it;**
 3. **The Thorns of care can choke it;**
 4. **It can bear fruit**
- **Here is the mystery. $\frac{3}{4}$ of kingdom preaching is aborted**
Our God Reigns! It comes with power to save!

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- **Vs. 24 – Parable of the wheat and the weeds**
 - **The wheat is the people of the Kingdom**
 - **The weeds are children of the evil one**
 - **They grow side by side till the day of judgement**
 - **OT idea was that evil was to be destroyed. That will happen at Jesus second coming. Here, but not yet.**
- **Parable of the Mustard seed –31 It was progressive, not cataclysmic, at the first coming**

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- **The Parable of the Net – 47**
- **A separation is coming. The separation is not between the fish that didn't get caught and those who did. There are two kinds of people in the kingdom. Some are true disciples and some are hypocrites.**
- **In Matt.25:31 you have the separation of the sheep and the goats. People who are a part of the church but not redeemed by God.**
- **The issue is the Rule of God in their lives! To be a part of the kingdom means you are living under God's rule!**

THE CALL OF THE KINGDOM

- **The Kingdom is the rule of the King of Kings.**
- **One of the Mystery's of the Kingdom is that there are 2 kinds of people included in the present.**
- **There are those who love the fellowship of the body and those who love the fellowship with the King.**
- **There are those who love the power and control and those who love the leading of King.**
- **There are those who love the Form and the singing and those who love to worship the King.**
- **Which are you? On that last day, will you be in or out?**

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- **Are You living under the Rule of the King?**
- **Do you love the King with all your heart, mind and strength?**
- **Do you love your neighbor as yourself?**
- **Who determines your career path?**
- **Who determines what you do with your holidays?**
- **If you are retired, what are you doing with your time?**
- **Are you willing to repent of your treason and surrender to the King? He promises forgiveness and care. Matt.6:30-33**