

Lesson 1 - Kingdom Principles

"Is there no king in your midst?" (Mic. 4:9)

*"There is an evil I have seen under the sun, as an error proceeding from the ruler:
I have seen servants on horses, while princes walk on the ground like servants." (Eccl. 10:5-7)*

Jesus came to reintroduce people to the idea of a loving Father and the Kingdom of God. (**Matt. 6:10**) He spent more time talking about the Kingdom than He did about any other topic. He preached about the "gospel of the kingdom" and the people were healed. (**Matt. 9:35**) Even when not specifically mentioned, His actions and words were demonstrating Kingdom principles. Jesus also admonishes us to seek first the Kingdom (**Matt. 6:33**)

When we speak of Kingdom, we are not speaking about our natural environment or the customs, history, or make-up of any nation. We are talking about the spiritual Kingdom where Abba is King and we all are citizens of that Kingdom. (**Eph. 2:18-19**) We are to be ambassadors for His Kingdom in the entire world. (**2 Cor. 5:18-20**)

Some facts about the Kingdom

1. **The King owns everything** in a Kingdom, (**Lev. 25:23, Ps. 24:1**). The subjects of the Kingdom own nothing, but the King does give them part of His possessions to take care of. We are stewards of what the King owns, and therefore, we should keep a loose grip on everything we have. Because He owns everything, He has the right at any time to take what we have and give to someone else and take from others and give it to us.
2. Because of our loyalty and service to the King, **He promises to take care of us and protect us** from all our enemies. (**Ps. 91**) The King only looks as good as the subjects in His Kingdom. Therefore, a good and wise King provides everything for all His subjects in payment for their services to Him.
3. **We are all kings and priests** in God's Kingdom. (**1 Cor. 4:8, Rev. 1:6-7**) Jesus is the King of kings and Lord of lords. (**1 Tim. 6:15**) In this role of being a "king," **we are more like governors** over the colonies of the Kingdom. The governor oversees the affairs of the colony, makes sure that all the laws and customs of the Kingdom are enforced and observed, the language of the Kingdom is taught and spoken, and that everyone in the colony is taken care of. The governor represents the King in the colony and has the same authority, powers, and privileges of the King. The governor is not dependent on the area where he governs for his supplies and needs. Those are all taken care of and come to him from the Kingdom.
4. **There is no time** in the Kingdom. Father, our King, does not wear a wrist watch or have a clock hanging in the throne room. Father operates outside of time and is not limited by time. If there was time in the Kingdom, then it would be greater than the King.
 - Jesus was slain before the foundations of the world (**Rev. 13:8**)
 - Jesus was before Abraham ("I am" is present tense) (**John 8:58**)
 - Jesus is the Alpha and Omega (**Rev. 21:6, 22:13-14**)
 - Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever (**Heb. 13:8**)
 - Jesus has delivered us from time (**Gal. 4:4**)
 - God started the idea of time in the world, not in the Kingdom (**Gen. 1:14**)
 - to God a day is the same as a 1,000 years (**2 Pet. 3:8**)

- there will be a time when the plowman overtakes the reaper (**Amos 9:13**)
- Adam was designed to live forever – he became subject to time and death at the fall
- Prophecy is seeing things in the future that have already happened or already exist in the Kingdom

Satan and religion try to trap us into being limited by time. **Satan wants us to keep hoping for the future.** Everything is pushed off into the future. "Someday" is a destroyer of faith. The fact is, "someday" never comes! We need to be aware of time because the world operates in time, but as far as living in the Kingdom, we are not limited by time. Faith is always **now!** (**Heb. 11:1**) Healing, prosperity, health, blessing are always now, not "some day in the sweet by and by." When we live in the Kingdom and not limited by time in this world, we can call our future into our present by the words we speak.

5. **There is not lack** in the Kingdom. Since the King owns everything and He can distribute it any way He wants, we can have all we need and still have enough to give away. We receive all of our provisions from Him by faith. We are blessed and living in the blessing in the Kingdom right now! By grace, the King's provisions come to us in an infinite number of ways: naturally through things like jobs, gifts, inheritance, favor, and supernaturally through such things as a gold coin in a fish (**Matt. 17:27**), filling jars with oil (**2 Kings 4:2-7**), nets full of fish (**Luke 5:5-8**), and multiplying loaves and fishes (**Matt. 14:17-21**).

6. **The Kingdom system operates on the principles of giving and receiving and sowing and reaping.** The world's system operates under the law of buying and selling and toil and sweat. (**Gen. 3:17-19**) The world's system is broke and never will be able to function the way Kingdom works. We are to be in this world, but not of this world. (**John 17**) The way you live in the Kingdom is by faith through prayer. "Your Kingdom come, your will be done here on earth as it is in heaven." (**Matt. 6:10**)

Everything that we will be sharing on the Father's love is coming from the Kingdom perspective. What we will be sharing goes beyond what is typically covered by secular and religious teachings. Father's ways are much higher than our ways. (**Is. 55:8-9**) Some of the images of the heavenly Father that we will be talking about you may never have heard before. Just be open to receive all that Father has for you and not allow anything from your past to hinder what He wants to do in your life.

We were created and brought into this world "for such a time as this." We have an assignment. There is a King in you! We are to represent the Kingdom of God before the kingdoms of this world. (ex. Joseph **Gen. 41:38**, Ester **Est. 4:14**, Daniel **Dan. 3:28-29, 25-26**) We are to glorify God before men! **Matt. 5:16**