

The Kingdom: Vessels of Honorable Use

Matthew 10:7

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Matthew 10:5-7

“These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’”

Matthew 10:5-7 ESV

What is the Kingdom?

BREAKING IT DOWN INTO THREE KEY CONCEPTS

1. The sovereignty of God's kingdom
2. The manifestation of God's kingdom (OUR FOCUS)
3. The culmination of God's kingdom

THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD'S KINGDOM

GOD HAS...

- Preeminence
- Ascendancy
- Superiority
- Dominion
- Authority

THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD'S KINGDOM

“The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.”

Psalm 24:1-2 ESV

“For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.”

Psalm 95:3-5 ESV

THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD'S KINGDOM

“You are the Lord, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you.”

Nehemiah 9:6 ESV

“Who has first given to me, that I should repay him? Whatever is under the whole heaven is mine.”

Job 41:11 ESV

THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD'S KINGDOM

“Remember this and stand firm, recall it to mind, you transgressors, remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,’”

Isaiah 46:8–10 ESV

THE MANIFESTATION OF GOD'S KINGDOM

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.”

Ephesians 1:3-6 ESV

THE CONSUMMATION OF GOD'S KINGDOM

“And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming.”

2 Thessalonians 2:8 ESV.

“And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever,”

Daniel 2:44 ESV

THE CONSUMMATION OF GOD'S KINGDOM

“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.””

Revelation 21:3-4 ESV

THIS IS TRUE LIFE, TRUE KINGDOM LIVING!

MANIFESTATION: JESUS THE KING

JESUS IS THE PERFECT REPRESENTATION OF THE KINGDOM

“He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,”

Hebrews 1:3 ESV

MANIFESTATION: JESUS THE KING

JESUS IS THE CHIEF PROMOTER OF GOD'S KINGDOM AND REIGN

“For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.”

John 6:38 ESV

MANIFESTATION: VESSELS OF THE KINGDOM

WE SEE GOD'S KINGDOM MANIFEST IN A SPECIFIC ORDER

- God manifests in Christ

“All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.” John 16:15 ESV

- Christ manifests in us

“Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.” John 16:7 ESV

“Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.” John 14:21 ESV

- We manifest to others and all creation

MANIFESTATION: VESSELS OF THE KINGDOM

IN CHRIST, WE ARE MADE AMBASSADORS AND MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL

REDEEMED AND EMPOWERED, WE ARE MEDIATORS OF GOD'S KINGDOM REIGN

“Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.” 2 Corinthians 5:20 ESV

“All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;” 2 Corinthians 5:18 ESV

MANIFESTATION: VESSELS OF THE KINGDOM

“All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you! They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. [The Lord is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.]”

Psalm 145:10–13 ESV

CONCLUSION...

DO WE UNDERSTAND?

““Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained (DISCIPLE OF) for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.””

Matthew 13:51-52 ESV

CONCLUSION...

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
Matthew 6:21 ESV

CONCLUSION...

HOW ARE WE REGARDED?

“This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.”

1 Corinthians 4:1-2 ESV

CONCLUSION...

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”

Matthew 13:44 ESV

CONCLUSION...

IS HE YOUR HEART'S GREATEST TREASURE?

“The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.”

Zephaniah 3:17 ESV

“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—”

Ephesians 2:4-5 ESV

CONCLUSION...

We are his treasure! Greatly and deeply loved!

- Exodus 20:12
- Deut. 7:6
- Psal 36:7
- Psalm 63:3
- Psalm 86:15
- Psalm 107:8,9
- Psalm 109:21
- Psalm 136
- Isaiah 43:1-4
- Isaiah 54:10

CONCLUSION...

- Isaiah 61:3
- Jeremiah 31:3
- Lamentations 3:22-25
- John 1:12,13
- John 3:16
- John 15:3-9
- Romans 5:8
- Romans 8:37-39
- Galatians 2:20
- Ephesians 3:18,19
- 1 John 3:1
- 1 John 4:9-11
- 1 John 4:19