

Session #5

Kingdom

The ruling domain

And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

Luke 17:20-21

After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Matthew 6:9-13

2 Kingdoms

Darkness versus Light, Flesh versus Spirit

And Isaac intreated the LORD for his wife, because she was barren: and the LORD was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived. And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to enquire of the LORD. And the LORD said unto her, **Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels;** and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.

Genesis 25:20-34

Amalek was the first of the nations; but his latter end shall be that he perish for ever.

Numbers 24:21

For if ye live after the **flesh**, ye shall die: but if ye through the **Spirit** do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

Romans 8:13

But as then he that was **born after the flesh** persecuted him that was **born after the Spirit**, even so it is now.

Galatians 4:29

For **the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh**: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

Galatians 5:17

Kingdom #1

The Kingdom of Darkness (after the Flesh, forged by Self-Reliance)

Chief Power - Lord Lucifer

Chief Objective – Hold dominion over the Human Soul

Chief Operation – The Flesh, opposing God’s Kingly rule

Chief Battle Strategy – Keep humanity Self-reliant and Self-glorifying

Chief Stronghold – Sin (Self pompously ruling the human life)

Chief Appeal – The glory of man

Kingdom #2

Kingdom of Light (after the Spirit, forged by Self-Denial)

Chief Power - Lord Jesus

Chief Objective – Gain dominion over the Human Soul, rescuing it for the Glory of God

Chief Operation – Faith (yieldedness to God’s control), Preserving God’s Kingly rule

Chief Battle Strategy – Reclaim the throne of the Human soul and crown Christ as King

Chief Weapon – The Purchase of the Cross (The Spirit of God)

Chief Appeal – The glory of God

Heavenly Definitions of 4 Earthly Words

Looking past the human shell to see the divine

Word #1

Kingdom – Basilea

A ruling domain, territory subject to the rule of a king

The Deeper spiritual meaning –

The rule of Christ within the soul of a man. The possession of the inner man by the Spirit of Christ. Christ the King of kings making the heart of men, his first claim upon this earth. He will make His second claim, returning in wrath and judgment, accompanied by the host of heaven, to dispossess Satan once and for all of his claim on this earth. And every knee will bow, both in heaven, on earth, and under the earth, and every mouth confess that Jesus Christ is the rightful Master, Legal Possessor, and True Lord and King over all earthly territories (both the lives of men, and the physical lands of this earth).

Word #2

GLORY – Doxa

Seen in its truest state, it's fullest, most correct, accurate portrayal of itself. The beauty, the magnificence, the grandeur, the splendor of an object, resulting in awe, praise, and honor.

The Deeper spiritual meaning – bringing the awe-inspiring picture of the reality of Christ to earth. Showcasing his triumph, showcasing His love, showcasing His power, showcasing His divine purpose, and showcasing His Kingdom rule. This is the Christian's purpose – to bring about a full, correct, and accurate portrayal of the King of kings and Lord of lords in and through the surrender and possession and operation of their lives by the King of kings and Lord of lords himself. The world will see the glory of God when the Kingdom of God is on earth (crowned as King and ruling with absolute and unquestioned authority) as it is in heaven. The beauty, the magnificence, the grandeur, and the splendor of Christ, which will result in awe, praise, and honor, can be witnessed here on earth now in the life of a believer fully yielded to God's Kingly rule. When Christ returns to earth, accompanied by the host of heaven, He will be seen in His truest state, and all eyes will witness the full, correct, and awe-inspiring portrayal of who He really is.

Word #3

King – Basileus or Basileuo

Leader of a people, prince, commander, lord of the land, to exercise kingly power, to reign, to exercise the highest influence, to control.

The Deeper spiritual meaning – Not a mere mortal King, who reigns for the span of a lifetime, but an immortal, all-powerful king who rules the Universe for eternity. The King of all other kings, the Power that holds complete control over all other earthly and heavenly powers. A King that not merely reigns over physical land, but over spiritual principalities, over unseen powers, and over the souls of men. A Divine Prince of Heaven motivated by love, guided by mercy, but fiercely aligned with the cause of Justice. A King will reward those who are loyal, and will surely punish those who reject his Sovereign appointment over their souls. To deny His rulership is deny Him; to

resist His control, His quickening, His command, is to reject His Person and to despise His inheritance.

Word #4

LORD – Kurios + Kurieuo (Potentate, Ruler, Sovereign – Dunastes)

he to whom a person or thing belongs, about which he has power of deciding; master, lord; the possessor and disposer of a thing; the owner; one who has control of the person, the master; in the state: the sovereign, prince, chief, the Roman emperor; to be lord of, to rule, have dominion over; of things and forces; to exercise influence upon, to have power over.

The Deeper spiritual meaning – Jesus Christ is referred to as Lord, because He came to earth to establish His possession of His people. In His second return He will establish His possession of the lands of the earth as well. But the purchase of His Cross was the souls of men, set free from the controlling lordship of Sin, translated into His Kingdom, His Lorddom, to be ruled, mastered, controlled, influenced, and empowered by Him. The soul will be a slave to one master, either Sin unto death, or The Spirit of Righteousness unto life. His Lordship, His Kingship, His absolute possession, His dominance of the human soul is the secret to the life that is free from Sin, the life that is a heavenly picture of triumph on earth, the life that brings glory to the Almighty, and the life that brings the Kingdom of God to earth and sets the Kingdom of Darkness on its head.



In His time He will show

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; That thou keep this

commandment without spot, unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ. Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.

1 Timothy 6:6-16

EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Philippians 2:5-13

WRITTEN ON HIS VESTURE AND ON HIS THIGH

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of

Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

Revelation 19:11-16

The Christian Purpose

All for the Kingdom and the King's Glory

But God said unto him, 'Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee. Then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?' So is he that layeth up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God." And He said unto His disciples, "Therefore I say unto you, take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on. The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment. Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap, they neither have storehouse nor barn, and God feedeth them. How much more are ye better than the fowls? And which of you by taking thought can add to his stature one cubit? If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If then God so clothe the grass, which is today in the field and tomorrow is cast into the oven, how much more will He clothe you, O ye of little faith? "And seek ye not what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubting mind. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. **But rather seek ye the Kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added unto you. "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.**

Luke 12: 20-32

That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

1 Thessalonians 2:12

Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31

To whom God would make known what [is] the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

Colossians 1:27

He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.

John 7:18

And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.

Acts 12:23

He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

Romans 4:20

By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Romans 5:2

Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 1:11

But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, establish, strengthen, settle you.

1 Peter 5:10

To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

1Peter 5:11

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

2 Peter 1:3

But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

2 Peter 3:18

To the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

Jude 1:25

And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 1:6

Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

Revelation 14:7

And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knows your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God. The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presses into it. And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail.

Luke 16:15-17

The Message of CHRIST, The Message of HISTORIC CHRISTIANITY

It's always been about His Kingdom

To whom also he showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

Acts 1:3

But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

Acts 8:12

And he went into the synagogue, and spoke boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.

Acts 19:8

And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.

Acts 20:25

And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.

Acts 28:23

And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him, Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

Acts 28:30-32

The Secret to the Kingdom, the Glory

Step #1

Becoming Empty-Pocketed (Poor in Spirit)

Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Matthew 5:3

And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, how hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!

Luke 18:24

For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

Step #2

Becoming Spirit-Born (Possessed by the Living God)

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see (perceive, understand, behold, know) the kingdom of God.

John 3:3

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

John 3:5

For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

Acts 1:5-7

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

Romans 14:17

For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.

1 Corinthians 4:20

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

1 Corinthians 15:50

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

Colossians 1:13

Step #3

Becoming Bettered by the Tribular of God's Grace (Sanctified by the Spirit of God)

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake;
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Matthew 5:10

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.

Acts 14:22

Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God,
that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for
which ye also suffer:

2 Thessalonians 1:5

I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation,
and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle
that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony
of Jesus Christ.

Revelation 1:9

thy Kingdom Come, thy Will be Done

Bringing the Kingdom, The Glory to Earth

Kingdom behavior #1

ABIDING

The vivid picture of the King of kings and Lord of lords can only be seen through the life of a believer, that is fully given, fully resting, fully enjoying the ever-increasing reign and occupation of the Spirit of God over the territories of their inner life and thus their outer life. Wake up and freshly proclaim to the heavens that your life is owned and operated by the Lord of all. Sing throughout your day, and pronounce the joyous reality that your life is not your own but has been bought with a price. Practice the Presence of God, desiring to never have the holy communion and connected broken. Seek to listen more, talk less. Seek to forget your worldly cares, casting them all at His feet, and seek to be swallowed up in His thoughts, His desires, His concerns, and His glory. To yield is the act of faith, to abide is the lifestyle of constant yieldedness.

Kingdom behavior #2

Fervent Intercessory Prayer

God has designed the glories and realities of His Kingdom to showcase on earth in direct proportion to the fervent prayers, the persevering requests, and the aggressive and constant petitions of Saints. Fervent Intercessory Prayer brings the realities of His Kingship, His Lordship, His power, His holiness, and His love to earth, making His surpassing glory evident on this earth in the hearts and minds of men and women. Intercessory Prayer makes requests of God on the behalf of others. It is one of the purest, most perfect expressions of humble servitude, holy compassion, and divine love. To obey is an act of Spirit-enabled love, to fervently and heartily pray is the lifestyle of constant loving obedience.

Kingdom behavior #3

Zeal for His House

Jesus used a whip to drive out the money changers in His Father's Temple. We must allow God to acquaint us with His zeal and move us by His holy passions. We must allow Christ to pick up a whip within our souls and drive out the self-centered, self-aggrandizing, self-coddling, self-promoting strongholds that still linger in our bodies – the temple of His Holy Spirit. We mustn't allow our lives to remain in our own control. We must relinquish, surrender, and fervently request our Lord to gain mastery over our entire lives. To die to Self is the act of heart-felt worship. To Daily die to Self is a Spirit-enabled lifestyle that will bring the Kingdom of Heaven to earth.

And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee. And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

Matthew 21:11-13

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are. Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.

1 Corinthians 3:16-18

Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own

body. What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

1 Corinthians 6:18-20

And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.

2 Corinthians 6:15-17

Kingdom behavior #4

Zeal for His Land

Like King Josiah of old, we have been assigned a ruling jurisdiction over God's province – our bodies. Whatever God wants is what we must do, but we can choose to rebel and unlawfully claim His Kingdom as our own. But like Josiah, we must love the things He loves and burn with hatred towards the things that obstruct His Kingdom rule and His glory. We must obliterate the Amalekites and the rest of the warring factions in the land that would seek to control our lives. We must tear down all the altars in the land, grind them to powder and scattered the dust over their graves. Like Josiah, we must not base our commitment to God based on those that ruled before him, but rather, we must do whatever, no matter how seemingly severe, to clear the way for the pure, untarnished Glory of our King to be seen in and through our bodies. Nothing must reside in the land of our soul that hinders the clear view of His Kingly grace and grandeur.

Josiah Renews the Covenant

Then the king called together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. He went up to the temple of the LORD with the men of Judah, the people of Jerusalem, the priests and the prophets—all the people from the least to the greatest. He read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant, which had been found in the temple of the LORD. The king stood by the pillar and renewed the covenant in the presence of the LORD -to follow the LORD and keep his commands, regulations and decrees with all his heart and all his soul, thus confirming the words of the covenant written in this book. Then all the people

pledged themselves to the covenant. The king ordered Hilkiah the high priest, the priests next in rank and the doorkeepers to remove from the temple of the LORD all the articles made for Baal and Asherah and all the starry hosts. He burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of the Kidron Valley and took the ashes to Bethel. He did away with the pagan priests appointed by the kings of Judah to burn incense on the high places of the towns of Judah and on those around Jerusalem—those who burned incense to Baal, to the sun and moon, to the constellations and to all the starry hosts. He took the Asherah pole from the temple of the LORD to the Kidron Valley outside Jerusalem and burned it there. He ground it to powder and scattered the dust over the graves of the common people. He also tore down the quarters of the male shrine prostitutes, which were in the temple of the LORD and where women did weaving for Asherah. Josiah brought all the priests from the towns of Judah and desecrated the high places, from Geba to Beersheba, where the priests had burned incense. He broke down the shrines at the gates—at the entrance to the Gate of Joshua, the city governor, which is on the left of the city gate. Although the priests of the high places did not serve at the altar of the LORD in Jerusalem, they ate unleavened bread with their fellow priests. He desecrated Topheth, which was in the Valley of Ben Hinnom, so no one could use it to sacrifice his son or daughter in the fire to Molech. He removed from the entrance to the temple of the LORD the horses that the kings of Judah had dedicated to the sun. They were in the court near the room of an official named Nathan-Melech. Josiah then burned the chariots dedicated to the sun. He pulled down the altars the kings of Judah had erected on the roof near the upper room of Ahaz, and the altars Manasseh had built in the two courts of the temple of the LORD. He removed them from there, smashed them to pieces and threw the rubble into the Kidron Valley. The king also desecrated the high places that were east of Jerusalem on the south of the Hill of Corruption—the ones Solomon king of Israel had built for Ashtoreth the vile goddess of the Sidonians, for Chemosh the vile god of Moab, and for Molech the detestable god of the people of Ammon. Josiah smashed the sacred stones and cut down the Asherah poles and covered the sites with human bones. Even the altar at Bethel, the high place made by Jeroboam son of Nebat, who

had caused Israel to sin—even that altar and high place he demolished. He burned the high place and ground it to powder, and burned the Asherah pole also. Then Josiah looked around, and when he saw the tombs that were there on the hillside, he had the bones removed from them and burned on the altar to defile it, in accordance with the word of the LORD proclaimed by the man of God who foretold these things. The king asked, "What is that tombstone I see?" The men of the city said, "It marks the tomb of the man of God who came from Judah and pronounced against the altar of Bethel the very things you have done to it." "Leave it alone," he said. "Don't let anyone disturb his bones." So they spared his bones and those of the prophet who had come from Samaria. Just as he had done at Bethel, Josiah removed and defiled all the shrines at the high places that the kings of Israel had built in the towns of Samaria that had provoked the LORD to anger. Josiah slaughtered all the priests of those high places on the altars and burned human bones on them. Then he went back to Jerusalem. The king gave this order to all the people: "Celebrate the Passover to the LORD your God, as it is written in this Book of the Covenant." Not since the days of the judges who led Israel, nor throughout the days of the kings of Israel and the kings of Judah, had any such Passover been observed. But in the eighteenth year of King Josiah, this Passover was celebrated to the LORD in Jerusalem. Furthermore, Josiah got rid of the mediums and spiritists, the household gods, the idols and all the other detestable things seen in Judah and Jerusalem. This he did to fulfill the requirements of the law written in the book that Hilkiah the priest had discovered in the temple of the LORD. Neither before nor after Josiah was there a king like him who turned to the LORD as he did—with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his strength, in accordance with all the Law of Moses. Nevertheless, the LORD did not turn away from the heat of his fierce anger, which burned against Judah because of all that Manasseh had done to provoke him to anger. So the LORD said, "I will remove Judah also from my presence as I removed Israel, and I will reject Jerusalem, the city I chose, and this temple, about which I said, 'There shall my Name be.'" As for the other events of Josiah's reign, and all he did, are they not written in the book of the annals of the kings of Judah? While Josiah was king, Pharaoh Neco king of Egypt went up to the Euphrates

River to help the king of Assyria. King Josiah marched out to meet him in battle, but Neco faced him and killed him at Megiddo. Josiah's servants brought his body in a chariot from Megiddo to Jerusalem and buried him in his own tomb. And the people of the land took Jehoahaz son of Josiah and anointed him and made him king in place of his father.

2 Kings 23