

# JESUS IS KING #8

## Matthew 6

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### SLIDE 1 – JESUS IS KING – COMPELLED BY JESUS

- Parable of the talents – what am I doing w/what I've been entrusted?
- Well done, good & faithful servant...Stewarding – taken & followed through

### SLIDE 2 – ETHOS: DEFINITION

- Greek word meaning "character" – describes the guiding beliefs, aspirations, values, & ideals that characterize a community, nation, &/or ideology

### SLIDE 3 – ETHOS OF THE KINGDOM

- Jesus' declaration: "The Kingdom of God is at hand"
- How does this reality affect our everyday interactions w/God & people?

### SLIDE 4 – SERMON ON THE MOUNT – MATTHEW 5-7

- Jesus defines the 'ethos' of the KOG – whole list of topics
- Context: crowds, Jesus goes to Mt. sits down, disciples come to Him
  - Not speaking to ALL people – those who want to be disciples/follow Him
  - Jesus: "**You've heard it said... but I say to you...**"
- The ethos of the KOG – God wants our hearts, not merely technical obedience
  - **Matt 7** – crowds astonished; Jesus teaching w/authority
- With this in mind, Jesus addresses what we treasure, value, prioritize, put #1

### SLIDES 5-7 – MATTHEW 6:19-24

### SLIDE 8 – THE HEART & THE KINGDOM

- Near Eastern: the heart is the center of one's emotions, will, & reasoning
  - The heart (& who the Lord, Master, King of it is) is what steers our lives
- Don't store up treasures here – can be destroyed, stolen, burned, etc...
- Live a life pointed to the eternal – treasure that lasts
  - Not a command to live in poverty; instead, putting \$ & stuff in perspective
- The danger of the 'love of money' – **1Timothy 6:10** root of all kinds of evil
- Resources – time, energy, money – PREFERRING things of the Kingdom
  - Living for the eternal vs. the temporary – where treasure is, heart will be

### SLIDE 9 – THE EYES & THE KINGDOM

- "Good Eye" = Jewish expression = generous;
  - Healthy/good eye affects entire person/life for good – LIGHT
- "Bad/Evil Eye" = twisted, wicked, focused on self/selfishness, stingy

- Bad/evil eye affects entire person/life for evil – DARKNESS
- Focus on the treasures, values, etc. of this world → darkness, waste, loss

#### **SLIDE 10 – THERE CAN BE ONLY ONE**

- Can't serve 2 masters/lords; 1 will always take precedence
- This is THAT – God or Money (Mammon) – can't serve both
  - Both demand absolute loyalty – **rich vs. blessed illustration**

#### **SLIDES 11-14 – MATTHEW 6:25-34**

#### **SLIDE 15 – TRUST GOD'S PROVISION**

- THEREFORE – because of all I just said (heavenly treasures, good/bad eyes, & serving 2 masters...
- This is an invitation to trust God's provision in our lives
  - Do not be anxious (don't worry, don't be preoccupied)
  - People who don't know God (the Gentiles) worry about all this
  - God knows what you need & will provide – faith & trust & hope

#### **SLIDE 16 – PURSUE THE KINGDOM 1<sup>ST</sup>**

- Make your priority pursuing the KOG & KOG values – & God's righteousness
- THEN, God will take care of the other stuff
  - If my focus is on the other stuff, it can't be on pursuing the KOG

#### **SLIDE 17 – DO NOT BE ANXIOUS...**

- Don't focus/be preoccupied/worry/be anxious on all the trouble that *may be* coming my way tomorrow
- Take on tomorrow when you get there – no use in wasting life in worry about the troubles that may come tomorrow
  - Enemy's aim is to steal away our peace through worry, anxiety, & fear
  - Take our focus off of our Master/Provider & put them on the troubles

#### **SLIDE 18 – THE ETHOS OF THE KINGDOM**

- In relation to money, resources, God's provision
- Our focus, what we give (& don't give) our hearts, minds, & lives to
- The pre-eminence of the KOG & the focus on His righteousness

#### **SLIDE 19 – WHAT ARE WE DOING WITH THIS?**

#### **SLIDE 20 – PRAYER IS AVAILABLE – ANNOUNCE THIS**

- Starting with Jesus, Healing/help, Blessing...