

# L6: The Gospels: The Gospel of the Kingdom Pt. 1

**Read Hebrews 4:1-11**

**Pray**

## **Summary Points:**

- Different gospels, but only one provision for justification unto eternal life and only one desired response from man, that is, faith alone.

## **Lesson Points:**

- **The Gospel of the Kingdom**
  - **The Purpose of God's Earth**
  - **The Purpose for Man**
    - **Adam**
    - **Abraham**
    - **David**
    - **Prophets**
    - **Jesus**
  - **Preached Again?**

## **The Gospel of the Kingdom**

- "the gospel" - God's good news
- "of the kingdom" - king's dominion
  - God's good news of His King's dominion
  - God's good news of His kingdom
- First time "kingdom" is used in the Bible
  - Genesis 10:10

## **The Purpose of God's Earth**

- First time the **concept** of "kingdom" is brought up
  - Kingdom - The territory or country subject to a king; an undivided territory under the dominion of a king or monarch
  - Genesis 1:1-25 - God's earth (territory)
  - Revelation 21:1ff

## **The Purpose for Man**

- **Adam**
  - Genesis 1:26-31 - God's monarch
  - Ephesians 1
  - Colossians 1
- **Abraham**
  - Genesis 12:1-3
    - "great nation" - "great kingdom" (Genesis 10:10)
    - "all families of the earth be blessed"

- :14-18 - given the land
- The gospel of the kingdom, therefore, has its' origins in regards to God's plan for the earth; that is, for man share dominion with God.
- This promise was later given to Abraham; that is, that his seed would be the ones whom God uses to vest His kingdom with.
- The gospel of the kingdom describes a kingdom which is a dominion over a territory, a territory that God has Abraham walk through and its influence, through Abraham's offspring, would cover all the earth.

- **David**

- 2 Samuel 7:11ff

- **Prophets**

- Isaiah 2:2-4a
- Isaiah 9:6-7
- Daniel 2:44; 7:13-14

- **Jesus**

- Luke 1:31-33
- Mark 1:15
  - Daniel 9:27ff
  - "at hand"

### Preached Again?

- Hebrews 4

- Heb. 4:1-2
  - "Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into His rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. **For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them:** but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it."
  - Us = the true Israel of God that came from the Lord's earthly ministry
    - Romans 15:8-12
  - Them = God's nation of Israel coming out of Egypt
    - Before they are in the promised land
- Heb. 4:3
  - "although the works were finished from the foundation of the world"
    - Matthew 25:34
- Heb. 4:4
  - "certain place" = Genesis 2:2
  - :5 = :3 - "...if they shall enter into my rest"
- Heb. 7:7
  - Psalm 95:7-11

- One of the other misconceptions about "gospels" is that it only provides the information

in which one believes to be justified unto eternal life; however, such an understanding limits the complete package in which the given gospel contains.

- Therefore, the gospel of the kingdom, not only deals with God's kingdom on this earth, its territory, and earthly influence, but much more.

- Kingdom

- Territory
- King & Authority
- Citizens
- Earthly Influence (Blessing to all families of the earth)
- Duration (Arrival & End)
  - Forever (Eternal Life)
  - Righteousness
- Kingdom Ways

- ***"This is what the program of God was all about when our Lord was here on this earth. Israel's long-awaited and covenanted "kingdom of heaven" was "at hand". And with that being the case, as Matthew, Mark, Luke, John describe, the Lord heralded beatitudes in view of it; taught the issue of entrance into it; declared who would be "least" and "great" in it; informed the 12 of their special positions in it; warned about the purging wrath that He would execute upon the nation and this world preliminary to establishing the kingdom, etc."*** - Keith Blades

- Two Components

1. What to believe to be justified by faith alone unto eternal life, and
2. Kingdom details: timing, restoration, structure, conduct, and influence to name a few.