

# Understanding The Kingdom

Part II

*Matthew 6:33*

*Key Verse:*

*Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)*

*33 But seek **first** THE KINGDOM OF GOD and His righteousness,  
and all these **things shall be added to you.***

*Why Study This Series....*

*It Is Difficult To Seek Something That You Don't **Know** What It Is  
You Don't Know What It Looks Like  
You Don't Know What It Consists Of*

*The Proper Perspective Enhances My Pursuit*

# *Last Week's Key Points*

*Man was given **Dominion** over all things*

*Man forfeited his **Dominion** because of **Disobedience** to God's Word*

*From the Beginning there has been a **System** of Violence, Crime, and Division*

*We Must Not Choose Our **Preference** over God's **Principles** and God's **Plans***

*God's desire was to **Re-establish His Kingdom** On Earth Through Jesus Christ*

*Religion Looks Toward **Heaven**, The Kingdom Agenda Brings **Heaven to Earth***

*This Agenda can be seen in My **Prayer Life**, My **Priorities**, and My **Peace***

## *Introduction*

*Let's Define The Kingdom of God*

*The Kingdom of God is GOD'S SOVEREIGN RULE AND REIGN*

*The Kingdom of God is where God Is King and His Will Is Obeyed*

*The KINGDOM AGENDA is God's Redemptive Plan to establish His rule,  
reflect His righteousness, and advance His reign in the earth—  
through people who live under His authority.*

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*Compare This To The Church or Religious System*

*A Pastor/Bishop ~ Local Assembly ~ Bylaws ~ Members*

# The King Of The Kingdom

*Psalms 103:19 (NKJV)*

19 The Lord has established *HIS THRONE IN HEAVEN*, And *His kingdom RULES OVER ALL*.

*Psalms 47:6-8 (NKJV)*

6 Sing praises to God, sing praises! *SING PRAISES TO OUR KING*, sing praises!  
7 *FOR GOD IS THE KING OF ALL THE EARTH*; Sing praises with understanding.  
8 God reigns over the nations; *God sits on His holy throne*.

A Kingdom *Begins With THE KING....not the people...*  
This is the most *foundational truth* about the Kingdom of God

*ONE KING, ONE AUTHORITY*

Authority *flows* from the king

*Matthew 28:18 (NLT)*

18 Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.  
His Authority is Final, Absolute, and Non-Negotiable

*Your Authority Is Based On Your Relationship With The King*  
Many people desire *Kingdom Benefits* without *Kingdom Submission*

# *The King Of The Kingdom*

## *Biblical Illustrations*

*This Is Why There Was Always Showdowns Between Earthly Kings and The King of Kings*

*Pharoah Tried To Fight With The King of Kings*

*God Gave Moses Power To Carry Out Kingdom Assignment*

*Every Plague was a reminder: "There is Only One King"*

*Nebuchadnezzar Tried To Fight With The King of Kings*

*Daniel 3:1-3 (NLT)*

*1 King Nebuchadnezzar made a gold statue ninety feet tall and nine feet wide and set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. 2 Then he sent messages to the high officers, officials, governors, advisers, treasurers, judges, magistrates, and all the provincial officials to come to the dedication of the statue he had set up.*

*3 So all these officials came and stood before the statue King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.*

*Daniel 4:33-34 (NLT)*

*33 "That same hour the judgment was fulfilled, and Nebuchadnezzar was driven from human society.*

*He ate grass like a cow, and he was drenched with the dew of heaven. He lived this way until his hair was as long as eagles' feathers and his nails were like birds' claws. 34 "After this time had passed, I, Nebuchadnezzar, looked up to heaven. My sanity returned, and I praised and worshiped the Most High and honored the one who lives forever.*

*HIS RULE IS EVERLASTING, AND HIS KINGDOM IS ETERNAL.*

*So, As Kingdom Citizens, We Are Not Fearful Of A Dictator Who Wants To Be King*

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## Biblical Illustrations

### When Jesus Comes On The Scene

Matthew 2:1-2 (NIV)

- 1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod,  
Magi from the east came to Jerusalem  
2 and asked, "*Where is the one who has been BORN KING of the Jews?*"  
We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

Matthew 2:3 (NIV)

- 3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem *with him*.

## WHEN YOU ENTER THE KINGDOM ~ YOUR AUTHORITY THREATENS SYSTEMS

### The King Gives Access To Those On Assignment

Nehemiah 2:4-5, 8-9 (NLT)

- 4 The king asked Nehemiah, "*Well, how can I help you?*" With A PRAYER TO THE GOD OF HEAVEN,  
5 I replied, "If it please *the king*, and if you are pleased with me, your servant, send me to Judah to rebuild the city  
where my ancestors are buried."  
8 .....And *the king granted these requests*, because *the gracious hand of God was on me*.  
9 When I came to the governors of the province west of the Euphrates River, I delivered *the king's letters* to them.  
*The king, I should add, had sent along army officers and horsemen to protect me.*

# The Territory Of The Kingdom

*Matthew 6:10 (ESV)*

*10 Your kingdom come, **YOUR WILL BE DONE**, on earth **as it is** in heaven.*

***TERRITORY** is where the King's Will is **enforced**  
It is a Realm of **Influence and Impact***

***TERRITORY** is not primarily about land or geographical residency....  
**It Is About Influence and Authority***

***Heaven is the headquarters.... Earth is the assignment***

*The King Made Us Ambassadors To Influence The Earth ~ Earth Was Meant To Reflect Heaven's Culture  
**"Be The Light of the World"..... "Be The Salt Of The Earth"***

*Luke 14:34-35 (ESV)*

*34 "Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored?  
35 It is of no use either **for the soil** or **for the manure pile**. It is thrown away."*

*Every Place Jesus Ruled/Visited Became Kingdom Territory  
Your Home, Your Job, Your Community*

# *The Territory Of The Kingdom*

## *Mark 5:13-20 (ESV)*

*13 So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out, and entered the pigs, and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and were drowned in the sea.*

*14 The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country.*

*And people came to see what it was that had happened.*

*15 And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid.*

*16 And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs.*

*17 AND THEY BEGAN TO BEG JESUS TO DEPART FROM THEIR REGION.*

*18 As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. 19 And he did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." 20 And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.*

## *The Church Has Territorial Wars*

*When Others Have Been Assigned To Impact Neighborhood*

*The Biggest Opposition May Come From The Church*

# The Principles Of The Kingdom

*Isaiah 33:22 (NLT)*

22 For the Lord is our judge, *our lawgiver*, and *OUR KING*...

*KINGDOM PRINCIPLES* are not merely rules...they are principles that *GOVERN OUTCOMES*

Many believers *pray for outcomes* while *IGNORING KINGDOM PRINCIPLES*

*When Jesus Came To Establish Kingdom Reign*

*He Introduced The King's Constitution {Matthew 5-7; Sermon On The Mount}*

## *These Principles Govern The Walk Of Kingdom Citizens*

*5:1-12 ~ The Beatitudes ~ Teaches How To Become Rather Than Pretend*

*5:13-16 ~ Salt and Light ~ How To Make An Impact In A Dark World*

*5:17-48 ~ Internal Alignment That Prevents External Hypocrisy*

*6:1-34 ~ The Priority Of The Kingdom ~ Citizens Don't Chase The Provision, We Trust The Provider*

*7:1-12 ~ Kingdom Citizens Correct With Compassion not Condemnation*

*7:13-20 ~ The Kingdom Path That Is Narrow But Productive*

*7:24-27 ~ Kingdom Principles Still Produce Despite The Storms*

*PRINCIPLES WORK WHETHER YOU BELIEVE THEM OR NOT*

# The Citizens Of The Kingdom

2 Corinthians 5:20 (NLT)

20 **SO WE ARE CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS**; God is making his appeal **THROUGH US**.  
We speak for Christ when we appeal...."

*A Kingdom Citizen lives under the King's Authority*  
We Are Not **Owners**... Just **Managers**

We Cannot Claim **Kingdom Citizenship** While Advancing **Personal Agendas**  
A Kingdom Citizen advances the King's Agenda

Acts 9:1-6 (NKJV)

1 Then Saul, still **breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord**, went to the high priest  
2 and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way,  
whether men or women, he might **bring them bound to Jerusalem**.

3 As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven.

4 Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "**Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?**"

5 And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.

6 So he, trembling and astonished, said, "**LORD, WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?**"

Then the Lord said to him, "Arise and go into the city, and **you will be told what you must do.**"

YOU WILL NEVER **ASK THE KING FOR INSTRUCTIONS UNTIL YOU RECOGNIZE HIM AS KING**

*In Conclusion*

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