

## What is the Kingdom of Heaven

Many parables \_\_\_\_\_ with "The kingdom of heaven is like..." - **Mt 13:24,31,33,44,45,47**

Theme of Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ - **Mt 4:17,23**

Theme of the \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ - **Mt 5:3,10,19-20; 6:10,33; 7:21**

### I. THE KINGDOM OF \_\_\_\_\_ vs. THE KINGDOM OF \_\_\_\_\_

#### A. IS THERE A DIFFERENCE?

- Matthew used Kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_ almost exclusively
- Other Gospels writers used Kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_
- Matthew wrote to the \_\_\_\_\_
  - Jewish reluctance to use the name of God
  - Jewish \_\_\_\_\_ of the coming Kingdom

### II. IT INVOLVES FOUR INTER-RELATED CONCEPTS

- \_\_\_\_\_ of God
- \_\_\_\_\_ of the Kingdom
- Visible \_\_\_\_\_ of the Kingdom
- \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

#### A. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD...

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Idea of Reign or \_\_\_\_\_
2. Where \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ is manifested
3. Kingdom \_\_\_\_\_ existed - **Psalm 47:2**

#### B. \_\_\_\_\_ IN NATURE...

1. Not a \_\_\_\_\_ kingdom- **John 18:36, Ro 14:17**

#### C. \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE \_\_\_\_\_

1. What is the Lord's church?

- a. Community of \_\_\_\_\_ ...
- b. Who \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to His Sovereign Reign.
- c. The \_\_\_\_\_ Church
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ spoke of the church- **Matthew 16:18**
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ used of the church - **Colossians 1:13; 1Thessalonians 2:12, Re 1:4, 6,9**

**D. \_\_\_\_\_ / Not Yet**

1. Future spoken of by ... \_\_\_\_\_ - **Matthew 25:34**
2. Future spoken of by ... \_\_\_\_\_ | **1 Corinthians 15:50, 2Timothy 4:18**
3. Future spoken of by ... \_\_\_\_\_ **2 Peter 1:10-11, 3:10-13**

## **RECAP**

### **IN THE "PRESENT" SENSE...**

- Where the \_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD is accepted in the hearts of men
- It is \_\_\_\_\_ in nature
- Visible in the \_\_\_\_\_

### **IN THE "FUTURE" SENSE...**

1. Culminates in the Lord's final return - **1 Corinthians 15:24, Matthew 13:43**
2. New Heavens and a New Earth - **2 Peter 3:12-13, Revelation 21:3**
3. Experienced by those submitted to God - **Matthew 7:21-23, 2 Peter 3:13-15**

One principle concerning entering kingdom that was a mystery to Nicodemus at first was the need to be born again (**Jn 3:3-4**). But then Jesus explained that the new birth was one of water and the Spirit (**Jn 3:5**).

Is that still a mystery to you? Then consider **Acts 2:38** and **Titus 3:5**...