

The True Nature of God Session 7 – God as the Good King

I. Review

A. Session 1 – Knowing God vs Knowing About God

B. Session 2 – God’s Nature of Goodness

C. Session 3 – The Nature of God Revealed in Jesus

D. Session 4 – Old Testament/New Testament Differences

E. Session 5 – The Good Shepherd

F. Session 6 – The Good Father

1. Question on “Abba Father”

a. Quote from last week’s notes:

*Abba Father denotes personal intimacy in a relationship.
We have a personal relationship with God – just as we have a
personal relationship with our earthly father.*

- *It is not “Daddy” in the sense that many think.*
- *It does refer to personal intimacy.*
- *It also refers to obedience because of personal intimacy.*
- *Because of our intimate relationship, I will honor and respect you.*

b. **Romans 8:15 (KJV)** – *For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.*

c. Used by Jesus

Mark 14:36 (KJV) – *“And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless, not what I will, but what thou wilt.”*

- d. **Kenneth Copeland:** *“There are times He is Daddy, there are times He is Father”*
He is Daddy to us in the intimate close fellowship.
He is Father when He is giving a command to obey.
- e. **Pastor’s Note:** *Enjoy and cultivate the relationship with God as “Daddy” but honor and respect him in obedience as father.*
 - *Sometimes I am Daddy to my children.*
 - *Sometimes I must be the father who gives a command to be obeyed (instruction, correction, discipline).*

II. The Good King

A. The Comparison of God King

- 1. **The message that Jesus emphasized everywhere He went was about a kingdom.**

- a. **John the Baptist preached about a Kingdom.**

Matthew 3:1-2 (NKJV) – *¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”*

- b. **Jesus preached about a Kingdom.**

Matthew 4:17 (NKJV) – *From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”*

- c. **“At Hand”** – Many translations say, “Is Near”
Near or Close. Actually, here now. Arrived
- d. **Jesus is announcing that there is a new kingdom coming.**
The Kingdom of God – headquarters – the rulership of God
The Kingdom of Heaven – Heaven’s impact on earth
- e. **The Bible is about Two Kingdoms**
The Kingdom of Light and the Kingdom of Darkness.
These two kingdoms are always in contrast to each other.

*They are never on the same side.
They never do things in the same manner.*

- f. **Jesus is introducing the way to salvation**
Salvation is the entrance into God's Kingdom.

Colossians 1:12-13 (KJV) – ¹²*Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: ¹³Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:*

NOTE: *I am translated into the Kingdom!*

- g. **The majority of Jesus' messages were about the Kingdom.**

Matthew 13:11 – It has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.

Matthew 13:19 – The Sower sows the “Word of the Kingdom.”

Matthew 13:24 – The Kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field.

Matthew 13:31 – The Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed.

Matthew 13:33 – The Kingdom of heaven is like leaven.

Matthew 13:44 – The Kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hid in a field.

Matthew 13:45 – The Kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls.

Matthew 13:47 – The Kingdom of heaven is like a net.

- h. **Jesus last message prior to His ascension**

Acts 1:1-3 (KJV) – ¹*The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus,*

of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, ²Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: ³To whom also he shewed 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:

i. **Paul preached the Kingdom.**

Acts 28:30-31 (KJV) – ³⁰*And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him, ³¹Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.*

B. **Characteristics of a Kingdom.**

Because we live in a democracy/Republic it is difficult for us to comprehend Kingdom life.

1. **A Kingdom must have a King.**
2. **A Kingdom must have Land/Territory.**
3. **A Kingdom must have Subjects.**
4. **A kingdom must have principles/laws.**

C. **Jesus is the King!**

1. **To understand the true nature of God we must recognize him as King.**
2. **His nature is like a shepherd and a Father but is also like a King.**
3. **If we only embrace him as shepherd and father, we fail to partake of the fullness of what He wants to do for us as King.**

4. He is the King – I am a citizen in His Kingdom.

Ephesians 2:19 (NKJV) – *Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.*

- a. **Citizen = Legally recognized subject**
- b. **Subject = One that is placed under authority or control**
- c. **The Kingdom of Heaven is uniquely different than earthly kingdoms.**
- d. **The Kingdom of Heaven isn't made up of subjects but sons and daughters.**
- e. **Sons and daughters are family to the King.**
We are sons and daughters of the Highest.
Jesus our brother sits on the throne as King.
We are joint heirs with Him.
- f. **The Kingdom of God is the only kingdom where the King is a servant.**

Matthew 23:11 – The greatest among you will be your servant.

Matthew 20:27-28 (NKJV) – ²⁷*And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave –* ²⁸*just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”*

5. The King has All authority in the Kingdom.

- a. **As a Shepherd He is the provided of all things for the sheep**
The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want – Ps 23
- b. **As my Father – He is my nurturer and instructor.**
- c. **As my King – He is the rule of authority over my life.**
- d. **As king – he is not voted in or out.**
- e. **As King – His word is law – it is not up for negotiation or debate.**
- f. **As His Citizen and Son – it is my responsibility to obey his command.**

- g. As a good and perfect King, His commands are always for my good and beneficial to my life.

6. Daniel's Vision of the Kingdom

Daniel 7:13-14 NKJV – ¹³*I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. ¹⁴Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.*

Daniel 7:21-22 NKJV – ²¹*I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them, ²²until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.*

Daniel 7:26-28 (NKJV) – ²⁶*But the court shall be seated, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and destroy it forever. ²⁷Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him.' ²⁸*"This is the end of the account. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts greatly troubled me, and my countenance changed; but I kept the matter in my heart."**