

The Kingdom

The King of the Kingdom

Psalm 145:13

“Cradled within the depths that define our humanity lies an unyielding fascination with kingdom.” Tony Evans

The phrases “Kingdom of God” and “Kingdom of Heaven” appear 148 times in the Bible. We start this series to fully understand the fundamental nature of this kingdom and what it means for us.

The Kingdom: God’s comprehensive rule over all creation.

“Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.” Psalm 145:13

Main Idea: The Kingdom is Under the Comprehensive Rule of Its Eternal King

- I. **The Identity of the Eternal King** – *“Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom...” Psalm 145:13a*

“Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle... Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!”

Psalm 24:8, 10

What is God: *“What is God like?” If by that question we mean ‘What is God like in Himself?’ there is no answer. If we mean ‘What has God disclosed about Himself that the reverent reason can comprehend?’ there is, I believe, an answer both full and satisfying.” A.W. Tozer*

“Then Moses said to God, ‘If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?’ God said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM’.”

Exodus 3:13-14a

Many things can HAVE existence, but only one thing can BE existence.

Five Truths About God:

- **God Alone is Self-Existent & the First Cause of Everything Else**

“The Father has life in himself” John 5:26a

“Nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.” Acts 17:25

- **God is a Necessary Being, Not a Contingent Being**

“If he should set his heart to it & gather to himself his spirit & his breath, all flesh would perish together & man would return to dust.” Job 34:14-15

“He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.” Colossians 1:17

- **God is a Personal Being with a Will, Creativity, and Activity**

“For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose.’” Isaiah 46:9b-10

- **God is a Triune Being, Eternally Existent as Father, Son, & Spirit**

One God: *“The LORD our God, the LORD is one.” Deuteronomy 6:4*

Father is God: *“Yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist...” 1 Corinthians 8:6a*

Son is God: *“Waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.” Titus 2:13*

Spirit is God: *“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” 2 Corinthians 3:17*

- **God is a Loving Being, Proven by the Gospel of Jesus**

“God is love.” 1 John 4:8b

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

- II. **The Impact of the Eternal King** – *“...and your dominion endures throughout all generations.” Psalm 145:13b*

“The true King of the Bible gave up his own Son, Jesus Christ, in order that those who believe on him, - his death, burial, and resurrection - would be restored to the place of both fellowship and dominion with their king, something they had lost.” Tony Evans

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:23

“I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness. They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you! They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

(The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.) The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing. The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works. The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them. The LORD preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.” Psalm 145:1-21

That’s the King of the Kingdom – That’s our King, that’s our God!

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