

SESSION 20

THE APOCALYPTIC CONSTITUTION OF THE KINGDOM

I. AN APOCALYPTIC CONSTITUTION

- A. The decision to “seek first the kingdom of God” in the secret place pushes you to apocalyptic hope and expectation
- B. There is an ultimate comfort coming
- C. Live a life now that doesn’t have to be made right by Jesus when He returns
- D. The Sermon on the Mount ([Matthew 5-7](#))
 - 1. Jesus commands us to obey in the hidden places
 - 2. The Beatitudes ([Matthew 5:2-12](#))
 - 3. Aggressions, affections, allegiances, managing emotions, thoughts, integrity, meekness, stewardship, a healthy interior life ([Matthew 5:21-48](#))
- E. The Sermon on the Mount as a New Testament mirror of [Psalm 37](#)
 - 1. There is an appointed end of evil and evil-doers
 - a) This knowledge should move us in mercy to share the Gospel
 - 2. The triumph of the righteous
 - 3. The vindication of a righteous lifestyle
 - 4. The reward of obedience ([Ephesians 2:4-10](#))

II. THE REWARD OF OBEDIENCE

- A. The message of obedience is not given in a manipulative way
- B. “I am coming quickly; and my reward is with me...” ([Revelation 22:12](#))
- C. In the ages to come, Jesus will reward you for things that you don’t even remember ([Matthew 19:27-30](#))
- D. There will be reward for enduring the difficulty of this age ([1 Corinthians 3:11-15](#))
- E. The Lord will reveal the things that are now hidden and we will receive our reward from God ([1 Corinthians 4:1-5](#))
- F. Your Father is in the secret place and He sees all