



THE GOSPEL OF
MATTHEW



Clash of Kingdoms

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²⁸ “But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²⁹ Or how can someone enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? Then indeed he may plunder his house. ³⁰ Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.”



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1. The dawning king (12:22–23)

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2. A blinding pride (12:25–30)

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Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.



➤ **Pride makes us irrational (12:25–26)**

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Isaiah 49:24–25

Can the prey be taken from the mighty,
or the captives of a tyrant be rescued? ...
“Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken,
and the prey of the tyrant be rescued...”



James 4:7

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil,
and he will flee from you.



➤ **Pride makes us destructive (12:30)**

³⁰ “Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.”



Proverbs 18:9

Whoever is slack in his work
is a brother to him who destroys.



3. The unforgiveable sin (12:31–32)

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Exodus 34:6–7

⁶ The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, ⁷ keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin...



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Acts 3:17

“I know that you acted in ignorance.”



1 Timothy 1:13

I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor,
and an arrogant man. But I received mercy
because I acted out of ignorance in unbelief...



Luke 23:34

“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”



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Mark 3:28–30

²⁸ “Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter,
²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—
³⁰ for they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.”



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