

Matthew 6:31–33 (NLT) — "So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' 32 These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. 33 Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need."

Luke 11:1-2 (NKJV) — "Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.' 2 So He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven."

Mark 1:14–15 (NLT) — "Later on, after John was arrested, Jesus went into Galilee, where he preached God's Good News. 15 'The time promised by God has come at last!' he announced. 'The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!""

Matthew 24:14 (NLT) — "And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come."



Jesus Came to Proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom of God

**Luke 4:43 (NLT)** — "But he replied, 'I must preach the Good News of the Kingdom of God in other towns, too, because that is why I was sent.'"



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Luke 8:1 (NLT) — "Soon afterward Jesus began a tour of the nearby towns and villages, preaching and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom of God. He took his twelve disciples with him"

#### CITIZENS OF THE KINGDOM



## The Message of the Kingdom Was Good News:

- God was speaking again
- Not a message of wrath/judgement
- A message of HOPE and HELP
- A message of REDEMPTION
- God had come to live WITH His people

# CITIZENS OF THE KINGDOM

### Mark 1:15... "the time was fulfilled"

- Jesus was announcing a monumental move of God was coming
- "The Kingdom of God is here!"

Luke 10:9 (NLT) — "Heal the sick, and tell them, 'The Kingdom of God is near you now.'"



Jesus was deliberate to His disciples and all who would follow Him

#### We are to pray...



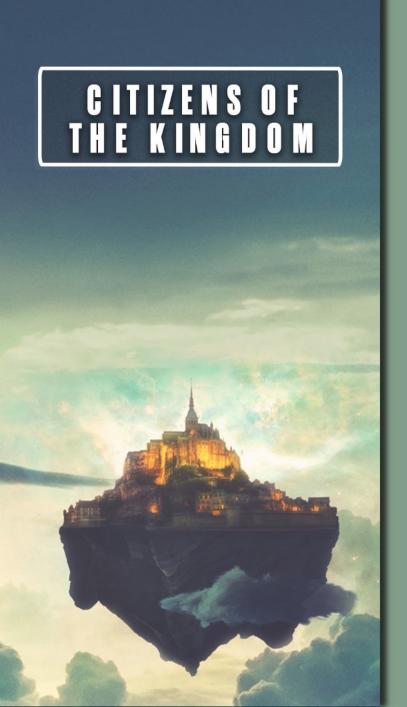


#### A KINGDOM HEART

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#### **A Kingdom Heart**

- Passion for the King and His kingdom purposes
- Person whose life ambitions are set on knowing God and seeing His kingdom established in every arena of life



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- 1. A Call to Surrender and Submit
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#### In Scripture Satan is Called:

- Ruler of this world... John 12:31
- Beelzebub, the ruler of demons... Matt.12:24
- God of this age... 2 Cor. 4:4
- Prince of the power of the air... Eph. 2:2



# In the Message of the Kingdom Jesus Announced:

- 1. A Call to Surrender and Submit
- 2. An Invasion by Heaven's Kingdom
- 3. His Right to Rule Over All Creation

**Matthew 28:18 (NLT)** — "Jesus came and told his disciples, 'I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.'"

1 Timothy 6:15–16 (NLT) — "For at just the right time Christ will be revealed from heaven by the blessed and only almighty God, the King of all kings and Lord of all lords. 16 He alone can never die, and he lives in light so brilliant that no human can approach him. No human eye has ever seen him, nor ever will. All honor and power to him forever! Amen."



**2 Corinthians 4:18 (NLT)** — "So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever."

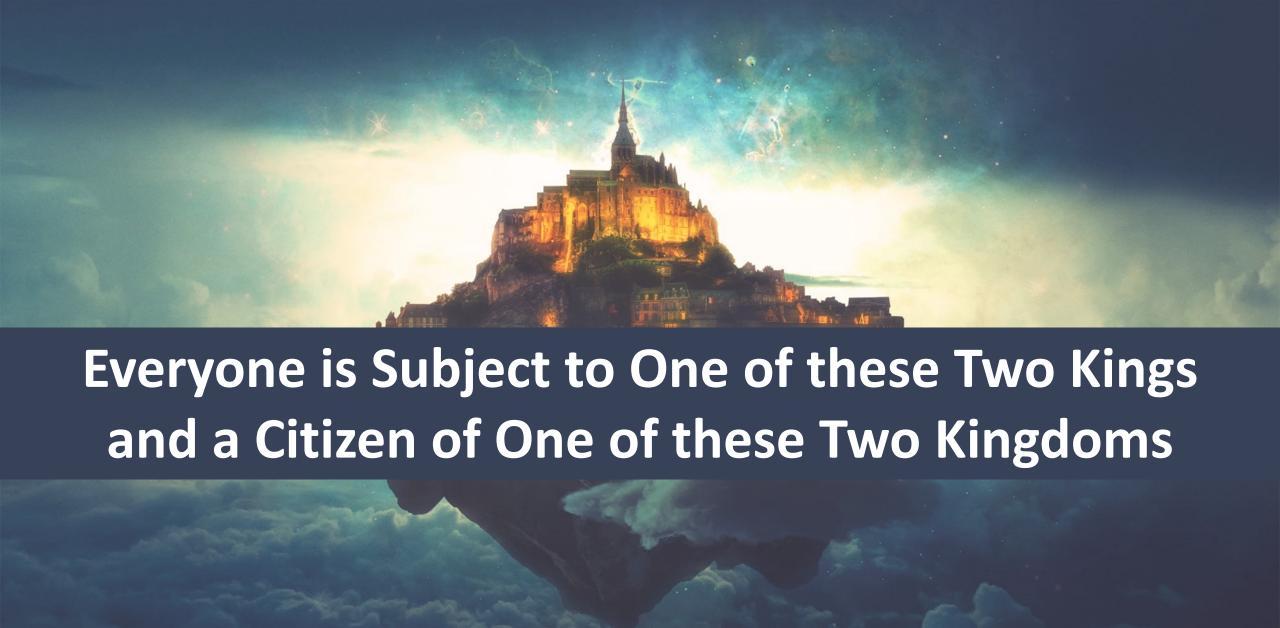


**Colossians 1:13 (NLT)** — "For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son"

**Ephesians 5:8 (NKJV)** — "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light"

**Ephesians 5:11 (NKJV)** — "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them."

2 Corinthians 6:14–15 (NKJV) — "Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? 15 And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?"







# The Nature and Character of the King Emanates Throughout His Kingdom





#### Ruled by Satan

- Satan (54 x's)
- Wicked one
- Father of lies/Murderer
- Adversary
- Accuser of God and the Brethren
- Cunning/Crafty

- Sows discord among the brethren
- Scheming
- Thief
- Tempter
- Proud
- Destroyer

Galatians 5:19-21 (NLT) — "When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, 21 envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God."

John 8:44 (NLT) — "For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies."

**John 10:10 (NLT)** — "The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life."

Luke 8:12 (NLT) — "The seeds that fell on the footpath represent those who hear the message, only to have the devil come and take it away from their hearts and prevent them from believing and being saved."

Acts 13:8-10 (NLT) — "But Elymas, the sorcerer (as his name means in Greek), interfered and urged the governor to pay no attention to what Barnabas and Saul said. He was trying to keep the governor from believing. 9 Saul, also known as Paul, was filled with the Holy Spirit, and he looked the sorcerer in the eye. 10 Then he said, 'You son of the devil, full of every sort of deceit and fraud, and enemy of all that is good! Will you never stop perverting the true ways of the Lord?"



**Ephesians 5:8 (NLT)** — "For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light!"

# There is No Escaping Satan's Kingdom, Without First Going to the Cross of Christ



John 3:3 (NLT) — "Jesus replied, 'I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God."



God is HOLY

Psalm 99:9 (NLT) — "Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain in Jerusalem, for the LORD our God is holy"

God is HOLY

• God is RIGHTEOUS

**Daniel 9:14 (NKJV)** — "Therefore the LORD has kept the disaster in mind, and brought it upon us; for the LORD our God is righteous in all the works which He does, though we have not obeyed His voice."

- God is HOLY
- God is RIGHTEOUS
- God is FAITHFUL

1 Corinthians 1:9 (NLT) — "God will do this, for he is faithful to do what he says, and he has invited you into partnership with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

**Numbers 23:19 (NLT)** — "God is not a man, so he does not lie. He is not human, so he does not change his mind. Has he ever spoken and failed to act? Has he ever promised and not carried it through?"

**2 Corinthians 1:20 (NLT)** — "For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding 'Yes!' And through Christ, our 'Amen' (which means 'Yes') ascends to God for his glory."

1 Thessalonians 5:24 (NLT) — "God will make this happen, for he who calls you is faithful."

2 Timothy 2:13 (NLT) — "If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny who he is."

- God is HOLY
- God is RIGHTEOUS
- God is FAITHFUL
- God is MERCIFUL

Psalm 116:5 (NLT) — "How kind the LORD is! How good he is! So merciful, this God of ours!"

**Psalm 103:8 (NLT)** — "The Lord is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love."

- God is HOLY
- God is RIGHTEOUS
- God is FAITHFUL
- God is MERCIFUL
- God is LOVING

John 3:16 (NLT) — "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

1 John 4:9–10 (NLT) — "God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. 10 This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins."

- God is HOLY
- God is RIGHTEOUS
- God is FAITHFUL
- God is MERCIFUL
- God is LOVING
- God is GOOD

Psalm 145:9 (NLT) — "The Lord is good to everyone. He showers compassion on all his creation."

Psalm 34:8 (NLT) — "Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!"

1 Timothy 2:1–4 (NLT) — "I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. 2 Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. 3 This is good and pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth."

**Isaiah 6:8 (NLT)** — "Then I heard the Lord asking, 'Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?' I said, 'Here I am. Send me.'"





John 3:3 (NLT) — "Jesus replied, 'I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God."

**Mark 10:15 (NLT)** — "I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn't receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it."

# Once the Kingdom is IN You It Acts Like Leaven to CHANGE You



# You Begin to Take On the NATURE and CHARACTER of Your King







#### Having a Kingdom Heart Means:

- Submitting to God's rule in your life
- No longer, "My will be done"
- It changes every relationship you have



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