

King's Dominion

Welcome to Harvest Community Church

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Series: The Kingdom of God

Text: Psalm 145:13

The Kingdom of God is a government. **Isaiah 9:6-7** This is simply the way a nation functions. **Exodus 19:6, 1 Peter 2:9**

All kingdoms have certain characteristics. In America we have a hard time grasping kingdom mentality because we are a democratic republic. We are governed by the will of the people.

The problem is two-fold:

1. Most people don't know what they want or need
2. Popular opinion is always changing

There are two crucial things to understand about a kingdom:

1. What the King says goes
2. God never changes. **James 1:17, Malachi 3:6a, Proverbs 24:21, Hebrews 13:8**
He makes all things new but God has no need to be any different than He is, He is I AM.
Isaiah 44:6, Revelation 1:17-18, Exodus 3:14

Jesus is the King because "HE AM EVERYTHING" The world is looking for a government that can be everything they need. No worldly set up will accomplish this. Because He is I AM, He is All That; He is the Provider, the Healer, merciful etc. We need a fresh revelation of who I AM is.

All kingdoms function similarly – only God's Kingdom functions purely.

To Understand the Kingdom of God we must understand some Kingdom Concepts:

- The king is the central component of a kingdom and embodies the essence of the kingdom. A king has absolute and supreme authority. A king is never voted into power and cannot be voted out of power. His authority is by birthright. **Matthew 16:16-18, John 6:68**
This truth is the cornerstone of how the Kingdom of God is built. Because Jesus is the Son of God, He is the King of all kings. **1 Timothy 1:17, Revelation 17:14, John 18:36-37**
- All kingdoms have territory and kings are the ruler or lord over it. Kings command everything that is in their domain. A king's wealth is measured by the wealth of their property. They have absolute authority over their property. **Psalm 24:1-3, Psalm 47:2, Daniel 4:34-35, Romans 10:9-10** He is the sovereign Lord. The area that a king rules over is his domain. Anything he influences is his kingdom.

- The king can **delegate** authority to others. **Luke 10:19, Luke 9:1, Luke 7:8-9**
 In the Kingdom of God, authority is used as a point of **service**. Those who are great in God's Kingdom are the servant of all. **Luke 22:25-29, Mark 9:35**
 All kingdoms have delegates to serve as **ambassadors** of the kingdom. An ambassador speaks for the kingdom and does not represent themselves. They embody the will, desires and purposes of the king.
John 17:18-19, John 20:21-22, 2 Corinthians 5:19-20, Titus 2:15, 1 Corinthians 9:18
 Jesus sets for us the ultimate example of what it means to be an ambassador. **Everything** He did was as a representative of the Father. **John 5:19, John 5:30, John 8:26, John 8:28-29, John 12:49-50** Just as Jesus represents the Father we represent Jesus. We are to represent His mind, will, purposes and intent to the world. We are charged only to speak what Jesus speaks, not our **own opinion** or views.

- Every kingdom has **citizens**. The citizens of God's Kingdom are those who live under His reign. Citizenship is a **privilege** and not a right. The **benefits** of the kingdom and privileges of the kingdom are only accessible to the citizens.
Matthew 6:33-34, Philippians 4:19 The king is **obligated** to care for and protect all of his citizens, and their welfare is a reflection on the king himself. **Philippians 3:20-21, John 18:36, John 8:23** As Christians we are in the world but not of the world. God's Kingdom is the Kingdom of kingdoms and the Generation of all generations. **Daniel 4:2-3, Psalm 112:2, Psalm 24:6, 1 Peter 2:9**

- This Kingdom is the only kingdom where all the citizens are **family** and have the same **Father**. Family only happens one of three ways **blood / birth**, **marriage**, or **adoption**. **John 3:3-6, 1 John 3:8-9, Romans 8:15**
 Satan's purpose was to destroy God's **seed** (Jesus). That is what happened at the time of Noah, he was the only pure line. That is why the lineage of Jesus is so important.
1 Peter 1:22-23, Hebrews 2:14-17, 2 Timothy 2:8, Galatians 3:16,29
 Jesus came to establish a family of spiritual sons and daughters not **servants**; a Kingdom of family not **subjects**. There are no peasants in the Kingdom of God only kings and priests.
John 15:13-15, John 1:12-13
 Servants are not members of the family but merely hired hands. Slaves obey out of **obligation** and on a superficial level because there is no sense of family. Sons have intimacy with the father and each other. Sons and daughters function with the expectation of family.
Romans 8:15-17, Galatians 3:29

We must be delivered from our **religious** mindset. Jesus came to establish a relationship not a religion. Religious people have no rights, **legal** people do. God has always desired sons and daughters who are citizens of His Kingdom, possessing the legal right to be part of His family.

The Seven I Am's of Jesus

- 1) I Am the Bread of Life John 6:35
- 2) I Am the Light of the World John 8:12
- 3) I Am the Gate into the Kingdom John 10:9
- 4) I AM the Good Shepherd John 10:11
- 5) I Am the Resurrection and the Life John 11:25
- 6) I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life John 14:6
- 7) I Am the Vine John 15:1