

Components of the Kingdom

Welcome to Harvest Community Church

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Series: The Kingdom of God

Text: Psalm 19:7-8

Every kingdom has some kind of Constitution or **covenant** with the citizens. This is the king's written document of his intent, will, desires and purposes for his citizens and his kingdom. The **Bible** is the written will of our King for us. It contains all we need to live and be for Christ. It contains His part and our part; His obligations, our obligations and the promises He makes to us for our loyalty and allegiance.

2 Peter 1:2-4 Ecclesiastes 8:4-5, Psalm 119:16, 89-93, Matthew 4:4

The king's word is his **bond**, he is obligated to do it.

2 Samuel 22:31, Psalm 33:4, 2 Timothy 2:11-13

His word is never to be altered by men. **Revelation 22:18**

Every kingdom has **laws**, they are a necessity. The law constitutes the standards and principles by which the kingdom will function and be administered. The laws are to be **obeyed** by all and ignorance of the law is no excuse. The laws keep us safe. God's Laws are not only fair but **just**. Our obedience is the guarantee of receiving the benefits of the Kingdom. Violation of the law puts one at odds with the King. The **Word** of the King is law. Rebellion against the law is rebellion against the King. **Psalm 138:2-3**

Unlike human laws, the law of the Lord is **perfect**. The laws cannot be changed by the citizens nor are they subject to debate. **Psalm 19:7-8, Psalm 119:72, Matthew 5:17-19**

Knowing the laws of the Kingdom and obeying them guarantees **success**. **Joshua 1:8**

The overriding Law of the Kingdom is the Law of **Love**.

Matthew 22:36-40, Mark 12:29-31, 2 John 1:6, 1 John 5:3

This law is the heart of the **Golden Rule**

Matthew 7:12, 1 John 4:7-8, 1 John 4:20-21, 1 Peter 4:8, 1 Peter 3:8-9

The Kingdom that God is building has its foundation on love because God is love. Jesus is the chief cornerstone of love.

As a government, the Kingdom of God is a **commonwealth**, having all the components needed to help the citizens function effectively. The common-wealth is the king's commitment to see that all the citizens have access to the wealth and **resources** of the kingdom. This is important because the quality of the life of the citizens reflects the glory of the king. True kingdoms provide for **all** the **needs** of the citizens.

Matthew 6:31-33, Psalm 84:11, Philippians 4:19, Luke 12:22-24, Psalm 37:25-26

Part of the Kingdom's responsibility is health and human services. God's health program involves personal responsibility and divine healing.

Isaiah 53:5, 1 Corinthians 6:19

All kingdoms establish a system of education so that each citizen has the tools and skills to become mature, productive and useful.

There are three ways this happens in God's Kingdom:

- 1) Family Proverbs 22:6
- 2) The Church Ephesians 4:11-16, Matthew 28:19-20
- 3) The Holy Spirit John 14:25-26, John 14:15-17

Every kingdom has a monetary system called an economy. God is no different. In the end times, Satan will try to control the world's economy with a mark of allegiance to him. **Revelation 13:15-18.**

God understands where our loyalties lie by where and what we do with our money. **Matthew 6:19-21** In God's economy there is no corruption. He cannot be bought or sold. He owns it all.

Kingdom citizens are expected to pay both into the kingdom and give to the poor. All kingdoms have a taxation system. In God's economy every citizen pays a flat tax of 10% or a tithe of their increase. Our participation in this system is the King's guarantee of our never being in want or need.

Proverbs 3:9, Luke 6:38, Malachi 3:8-11, Matthew 22:17-22 Luke 18:22

The welfare system is not the job of earthly government, it is the job of the church. **Psalm 9:18, Psalm 12:5, Mark 14:7, Luke 6:20, Luke 14:13-14, James 2:2-5**

The Kingdom of God has a standing Army to protect, secure and defend their citizens. **Psalm 91:11-12, Matthew 25:31, Matthew 26:53**

Every kingdom has a judicial system to ensure that there is justice.

Jesus is the righteous Judge.

2 Timothy 4:8, 1 Corinthians 4:5, Matthew 7:1-2, Romans 14:10, 2 Corinthians 5:10

Our King is not only fair but just. **Revelation 15:3**