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THE KINGDOM AND THE SOUL-LIFE

In the last chapter we pointed out that our mind is the battlefield between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan. The mind is the leading part of the soul. The second and third parts comprising the soul are the emotion, the loving organ, and the will, the organ of intention and decision. Besides the mind, emotion, and will, there is another thing, very hidden and very strong in our soul—the self. We must realize that our soul has been thoroughly saturated with Satan. In our soul we are one with Satan and permeated with Satan. Whether you have a good intention or a bad intention, whether you love people or hate people, and whether you are a gentleman or a criminal, you are saturated with Satan... What could be better than a noble concern for the Lord? Peter had such a concern for the Lord Jesus, yet the Lord rebuked him because he was occupied by Satan. If you set your mind on the things of God, that is excellent. But if you set your mind on the things of men, you are in the kingdom of Satan. This portion of Matthew 16 reveals that our soul in its fallen condition is one with Satan. Because this is the condition of our soul, we must apply the cross to it.

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Scripture Readings:

- Mat 10:37-39 He who loves father or mother above Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter above Me is not worthy of Me; And he who does not **take his cross and follow after Me** is not worthy of Me. He who finds his soul-life shall lose it, and he who loses his soul-life for My sake shall find it.
- Luk 14:26-27 If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, and moreover, even his own soul-life, he cannot be My disciple. Whoever does not **carry his own cross** and come after Me cannot be My disciple.
- Luk 17:31-33 In that day, he who will be on the housetop and his goods in the house, let him not come down to take them away; and he who is in the field, likewise, let him not turn back to the things behind. Remember Lot's wife. Whoever seeks to **preserve his soul-life will lose it, and whoever loses it will preserve it alive.**
- Mat 16:23-26 But He turned and said to Peter, Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me, for you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of men. Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone wants to come after Me, **let him deny himself and take up his cross** and follow Me. For whoever wants to save his soul-life shall lose it; but whoever loses his soul-life for My sake shall find it. For what shall a man be profited if he gains the whole world, but forfeits his soul-life? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul-life?
- Mar 8:34-38 And He called the crowd to Him with His disciples and said to them, If anyone wants to follow after Me, **let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.** For whoever wants to save his soul-life shall lose it; but whoever will lose his soul-life for My sake and the gospel's shall save it. **For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul-life?** For what could a man give in exchange for his soul-life? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man also will be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.
- Luk 9:23-25 And He said to them all, If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me.

For whoever wants to save his soul-life shall lose it; but whoever loses his soul-life for My sake, this one shall save it. For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world but loses or forfeits himself?

- Joh 12:24-25 Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but **if it dies, it bears much fruit.** He who loves his soul-life loses it; and **he who hates his soul-life in this world shall keep it unto eternal life.**

Hymn (#1301)

1 Jesus the kingdom has come into us,
Reigning and shining He's all glorious,
Christ as the seed is the King who has come,
Into our spirit His kingdom He's sown.

O let Him grow, O let Him grow;
His kingdom life be all we know.
Jesus, the kingdom is sown into us;
Jesus, the kingdom, O how glorious!

2 We must repent for the kingdom's at hand;
All that we do, think, or feel, or have planned
Must be abandoned and changed in our mind;
Leave all the world and self-seeking behind.

3 All of religion has missed it again,
Teaching for doctrines the concepts of men;
They vainly wait for the kingdom to be.
A dispensation they're hoping to see.

4 But now the kingdom to us has been shown,
It is no less than our Jesus alone.
It is the Person of Christ in us all,
And it begins as a seed when we call.