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## PRINCIPLES OF THE KINGDOM (1) – (3)

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*Matthew is the New Testament book that deals specifically with the matter of the kingdom. In nearly every chapter the central point is the kingdom. The Gospel of John, on the other hand, emphasizes life. By comparing these two Gospels, we can see that the cases selected and presented in each of them are absolutely different because John stresses life and Matthew stresses the kingdom. Neither Gospel tells us everything that the Lord Jesus did while He was on earth. This would have been impossible (John 21:25). John tells us that the Lord Jesus did many things that are not recorded in his Gospel. The cases he recorded illustrate that Christ is life to people and that He can meet every human need by life (20:30-31). In Matthew, however, the cases do not illustrate life; they illustrate the kingdom. Matthew does not mention Nicodemus, the Samaritan woman, or the resurrection of Lazarus. These are found in John because they are excellent illustrations of how Christ is life to needy people. Matthew includes other cases, such as the cleansing of the leper, which John does not include. Thus, the cases in Matthew illustrate the matter of the kingdom, whereas the cases in John illustrate the matter of life.*

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## Scripture Readings:

**Matt. 8:1-3** And when He came down from the mountain, great crowds followed Him. And behold, **a leper**, coming near, worshipped Him, saying, Lord, if You are willing, You can cleanse me. And stretching out His hand, He touched him, saying, I am willing; be cleansed! And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

**Matt. 8:5-13** And when He entered into Capernaum, **a centurion** came to Him, beseeching Him. And saying, Lord, my servant is lying in the house paralyzed, terribly tormented. And He said to him, I will come and heal him. But the centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not fit for You to enter under my roof; but only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, Go, and he goes; and to another, Come, and he comes; and to my slave, Do this, and he does *it*. Now when Jesus heard *this*, He marveled and said to those who followed, Truly I say to you, With no one in Israel have I found such great faith. But I say to you that many will come from the east and the west and will recline *at table* with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of the heavens, But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into the outer darkness. In that place there will be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth. And Jesus said to the centurion, Go; as you have believed, *so* be it done to you. And his servant was healed in that hour.

**Matt. 9:9** And as Jesus passed on from there, He saw **a man sitting at the tax office**, called Matthew, and He said to him, Follow Me. And he rose and followed Him. And as He was reclining *at table* in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and reclined together with Jesus and His disciples. And when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said to His disciples, Why does your Teacher eat with the tax collectors and sinners? Now when He heard *this*, He said, Those who are strong have no need of a physician, but those who are ill. But go and learn what *this* means, “I desire mercy and not sacrifice,” for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners. Then the disciples of John came to Him, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast much, but Your disciples do not fast? And Jesus said to them, The sons of the bridechamber cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? But days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast. No one puts a patch of unfulled cloth on an old garment, for that which fills it up pulls away from the garment, and a worse tear is made. Neither do they put **new wine** into old wineskins; otherwise, the wineskins burst, and the wine pours out, and the wineskins are ruined; but they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved.

**Matt. 10:16-22** Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves. Be therefore prudent as serpents and guileless as doves. And beware of men, for **they will deliver you up to sanhedrins, and in their synagogues they will scourge you**. And **you will also be brought before governors and kings** for My sake, for a testimony to them

and to the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, do not be anxious about how or what you should speak, for it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; For you are not the ones speaking, but the Spirit of your Father is the One speaking in you. And brother will deliver up brother to death, and father *his* child; and children will rise up against *their* parents and put them to death. And you will be hated by all because of My name. But he who has endured to the end, this one shall be saved.

**Matt. 10:34-39** Do not think that I have come to bring peace on the earth; **I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set *men* at variance: a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; And a man's enemies will be those of his household**. 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**.

**Matt. 11:11-12** Truly I say to you, Among those born of women there has not arisen one greater than John the Baptist, yet he who is least in the kingdom of the heavens is greater than he. But from the days of John the Baptist until now, **the kingdom of the heavens is taken by violence, and violent men seize it**.

**Matt. 11:18-19** For John came neither eating nor drinking; and they say, He has a demon. The Son of Man came eating and drinking; and they say, Behold, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners. **Yet wisdom is justified by her works**.

**Matt. 11:25-30** **At that time** Jesus answered and said, I extol You, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, because You have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants. Yes, Father, for thus it has been well-pleasing in Your sight. All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, **and no one fully knows the Son except the Father**; neither does anyone fully know the Father except the Son and him to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*. **Come to Me all who toil and are burdened, and I will give you rest**. Take My **yoke** upon you and learn from Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you will find **rest** for your souls. For My **yoke** is easy and My **burden** is light.

**Matt. 12:1-8** **At that time** Jesus went on the Sabbath through the grainfields. And **His disciples became hungry** and began to pick ears of grain and eat. But the Pharisees, seeing *this*, said to Him, Behold, Your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath. But He said to them, Have you not read what David did when he became hungry, and those who were with him; How **he entered into the house of God, and they ate the bread of the Presence, which was not lawful for him to eat**, nor for those

who were with him, except for the priests only? Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath and are guiltless? But I say to you that something greater than the temple is here. But if you knew what *this* means, “I desire mercy and not sacrifice,” you would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.

**Matt. 12:15-21** But Jesus, knowing *it*, withdrew from there. And many followed Him, and He healed them all; And He charged them **not to make Him known**, In order that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, “Behold, My Servant whom I have chosen, My Beloved in whom My soul has found delight. **I will put My Spirit** upon Him, and He will announce justice to the Gentiles. **He will not strive nor cry out, nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets. A bruised reed He will not break, and smoking flax He will not quench until He brings forth justice unto victory.** And in His name will the Gentiles hope.”

**Matt. 12:28** But if I, by the Spirit of God, cast out the demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

**Matt. 12:38-41** Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered Him, saying, Teacher, we want to see a sign from You. But He answered and said to them, An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and **a sign shall not be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet.** For just as Jonah was in the belly of the great fish three days and three nights, so will the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights. Ninevite men will stand up in the judgment with this generation and will condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something more than Jonah is here. The queen of the south will rise up in the judgment with this generation and will condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something more than Solomon is here.

**Matt. 16:1,4** And the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and testing *Him* asked Him to show them a sign out of heaven. An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and a sign shall not be given to it, except the sign of Jonah. And He left them and went away.

## Hymn (#947)

1 God’s Kingdom today is a real exercise,  
But when Christ comes to reign it will be a great prize;  
It is wisdom divine that we now may be trained  
That His plan be fulfilled and His justice maintained.

2 God’s children, we’re born to be kings with His Son,  
And we need to be trained that we may overcome  
And to know how to rule in His kingdom as kings,  
That His kingship thru us be expressed o’er all things.

3 Today we must learn to submit to His throne,  
How to have a strict life and His government own;  
His authority then we’ll be able to share,  
o’er the nations to rule with God’s Son as the heir.

4 With a life strict to self we must righteousness hold,  
Kind to others in peace, and with God joyful, bold;  
In the Kingdom’s reality e’er to remain,  
For its manifestation prepared thus to reign.

5 Then Christ when He comes with the kingdom from God  
Will to us grant His kingship to share as reward;  
Thus the Lord will His righteousness thru us maintain  
And His wisdom to heavenly powers make plain.

6 For this the Apostle pressed on at all cost,  
For the Kingdom assured that he would not be lost;  
'Tis for this he charged others, Be true to the Lord.  
That the Kingdom might be unto them a reward.

7 O Lord, give us grace for Thy Kingdom to live,  
To be trained that Thou may the reward to us give;  
Make the Kingdom’s reality our exercise,  
That its manifestation may be our great prize.