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## The Kingdom of God And Its Priesthood

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**Jesus Proclaimed a Priest** <sup>5</sup>...Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee.

<sup>6</sup>...saith also...Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. Hebrews 5:5, 6

<sup>29</sup>...John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.... <sup>32</sup>I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. <sup>33</sup>And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. <sup>34</sup>And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God. John 1:29, 32, 34

**Melchisedek of Abraham's Time** <sup>18</sup>And Melchizedek king of Salem [meaning: king of righteousness, peaceable, friendly, perfect, complete] brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. <sup>20</sup>...And he [Abraham] gave him tithes of all. Genesis 14:18, 20

### Jesus "After the Order of Melchizedek"

<sup>2</sup>...rule thou in the midst of thine enemies. <sup>3</sup>Thy people shall be willing (volunteers) in the day of thy power... <sup>4</sup>The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek. Psalm 110:2-4

<sup>11</sup>...he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them

brethren... <sup>16</sup>For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. Hebrews 2:11, 16, 17

<sup>1</sup>Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

<sup>2</sup>Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in all his house. <sup>3</sup>For this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honor than the house. <sup>4</sup>For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God. <sup>6</sup>But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end. Hebrews 3:1-4, 6

<sup>14</sup>Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. <sup>15</sup>For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:14-16

<sup>1</sup>For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins: <sup>2</sup>Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity. <sup>4</sup>And no man taketh this honor unto

himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron. Hebrews 5:1, 2, 4

**Jesus Teaches the Teachers** <sup>25</sup>But Jesus called them unto him, and said, **Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. <sup>26</sup>But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; <sup>27</sup>And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: <sup>28</sup>Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.** Matthew 20:25-28

<sup>9</sup>And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; <sup>10</sup>Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec. <sup>11</sup>Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing. <sup>12</sup>For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. <sup>13</sup>For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. <sup>14</sup>But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. Hebrews 5:9-14

<sup>1</sup>...let us go on unto perfection... Hebrews 6:1

<sup>13</sup>...God...because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself...[Men often quote someone greater. God could quote no one greater than himself.] <sup>18</sup>That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for

refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: <sup>19</sup>Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; <sup>20</sup>Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. Hebrews 6:13, 18-20

**Majesty on High** <sup>3</sup>[Jesus, God's son, the creator] ... when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high: <sup>1</sup>For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; <sup>8</sup>...unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. Hebrews 1:3, 8

<sup>1</sup>For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; <sup>2</sup>To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; <sup>3</sup>Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.

### **Melchisedec a Superior Priesthood**

<sup>4</sup>Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils. <sup>5</sup>And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham: <sup>6</sup>But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises. Hebrews 7:1-6

**Weaknesses of Aaronic Priesthood** <sup>11</sup>If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron? <sup>12</sup>For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law. <sup>13</sup>For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar. <sup>14</sup>For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood. <sup>15</sup>And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest, <sup>16</sup>Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life. <sup>17</sup>For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. <sup>18</sup>For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof. <sup>19</sup>For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God. <sup>20</sup>And inasmuch as not without an oath he was made priest: <sup>21</sup>(For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:) <sup>22</sup>By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament. <sup>23</sup>And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death: <sup>24</sup>But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. <sup>25</sup>Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. <sup>26</sup>For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; <sup>27</sup>Who needeth

not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself. <sup>28</sup>For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore. Hebrews 7:11-28

**A Conclusion** <sup>1</sup>Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; <sup>2</sup>A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.

<sup>4</sup>For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law: <sup>5</sup>Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount. <sup>6</sup>But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. <sup>7</sup>For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. <sup>8</sup>For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: <sup>9</sup>Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

<sup>10</sup>For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days,

saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: <sup>11</sup>And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. <sup>12</sup>For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. <sup>13</sup>In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away. Hebrews 8:1, 2, 4-13

**The Way Into the Holiest** <sup>8</sup>The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: <sup>9</sup>Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; <sup>11</sup>But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; <sup>14</sup>How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? <sup>22</sup>And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. Hebrews 9:8, 9, 11, 14, 22

**Abraham and Moses Chose** <sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. <sup>9</sup>By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: <sup>10</sup>For he

looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. <sup>15</sup>And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. <sup>16</sup>But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city. <sup>24</sup>By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; <sup>25</sup>Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; <sup>26</sup>Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward. <sup>27</sup>By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. Hebrews 11:8-10, 15-16, 24-27

**Look Unto Jesus, Mount Sion, and God the Judge** <sup>1</sup>Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

<sup>14</sup>Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

<sup>18</sup>For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest, <sup>22</sup>But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, <sup>23</sup>To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and

to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, <sup>24</sup>And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel. <sup>25</sup>See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven: <sup>27</sup>And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup>Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: Hebrews 12:1, 2, 14, 18, 22-25, 27-28

<sup>7</sup>Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation. <sup>9</sup>Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.

<sup>10</sup>We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle.

<sup>20</sup>Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, <sup>21</sup>Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. Hebrews 13:7, 9, 10, 20, 21

**The Kingdom is at Hand—Enter** <sup>1</sup>In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,

<sup>2</sup>And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Matthew 3:1, 2

<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, **Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.** Matthew 4:17

<sup>33</sup>**But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.** Matthew 6:33

<sup>12</sup>**Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.** <sup>21</sup>**Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.** Matthew 7:12, 21

**Receive Power and Preach** <sup>1</sup>Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. <sup>2</sup>And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick. Luke 9:1, 2

<sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.** <sup>19</sup>**Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:** <sup>20</sup>**Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.** Matthew 28:18-20

<sup>5</sup>**These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not:** <sup>7</sup>**And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.** Matthew 10:5, 7

<sup>50</sup>For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother. Matthew 12:50

<sup>40</sup>He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. <sup>41</sup>He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. <sup>42</sup>And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward. Matthew 10:40-42

<sup>17</sup>These things I command you, that ye love one another. John 15:17

<sup>28</sup>But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. Matthew 12:28

**Parables of the Kingdom** <sup>1</sup>The same day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side. <sup>2</sup>And great multitudes were gathered together unto him, so that he went into a ship, and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore.

**Sowing and the Ground** ...<sup>3</sup> Behold, a sower went forth to sow; <sup>4</sup>And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up: <sup>5</sup>Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: <sup>6</sup>And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: <sup>8</sup>But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some

thirtyfold. <sup>9</sup>Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. Matthew 13:1-9

<sup>18</sup>Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side. <sup>20</sup>But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; <sup>21</sup>Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended. <sup>22</sup>He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. <sup>23</sup>But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

**Sowing and an Enemy** <sup>24</sup>Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: <sup>25</sup>But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. <sup>26</sup>But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. <sup>27</sup>So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? <sup>28</sup>He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? <sup>29</sup>But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind

them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

**Growth From a Small Seed** <sup>31</sup>Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: <sup>32</sup>Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.

**Leaven Hid in Meal** <sup>33</sup>Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened. Matthew 13:18-33

**Jesus Explains** <sup>37</sup>...he that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; <sup>38</sup>The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; <sup>39</sup>The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. <sup>40</sup>As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. <sup>41</sup>The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; <sup>42</sup>And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. Matthew 13:37-43

**Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is Like Unto Treasure—Pearls—A Net**

<sup>44</sup>Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy

thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

<sup>45</sup>Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: <sup>46</sup>Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

<sup>47</sup>Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: <sup>48</sup>Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. <sup>49</sup>So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, <sup>50</sup>And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup>Jesus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, Lord. <sup>52</sup>Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old. Matthew 13:44-52

<sup>15</sup>He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? <sup>16</sup>And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Matthew 16:15-19



**“Behold he is Here”, “Behold he is there”** <sup>23</sup>...if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. <sup>24</sup>For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. <sup>25</sup>Behold, I have told you before. <sup>26</sup>Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. Matthew 24:23-26

### **Parable of Lamps and Lack of Oil**

<sup>1</sup>Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. <sup>3</sup>They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: <sup>4</sup>But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. <sup>6</sup>And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. <sup>12</sup>But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. <sup>13</sup>Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

### **Work and Gain, or Fear and Loose**

<sup>14</sup>For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his

own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. <sup>15</sup>And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

<sup>16</sup>Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. <sup>17</sup>And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two. <sup>18</sup>But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. <sup>20</sup>And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. <sup>21</sup>His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. <sup>22</sup>He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. <sup>23</sup>His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. <sup>24</sup>Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: <sup>25</sup>And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. <sup>26</sup>His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: <sup>27</sup>Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. <sup>28</sup>Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For unto every

one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. <sup>30</sup>And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

### **Come, Inherit the Kingdom or Depart**

<sup>31</sup>When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

<sup>32</sup>And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: <sup>33</sup>And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup>Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

<sup>35</sup>For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

<sup>36</sup>Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. <sup>37</sup>Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? <sup>38</sup>When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? <sup>39</sup>Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? <sup>40</sup>And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. <sup>41</sup>Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: <sup>42</sup>For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited

me not. <sup>44</sup>Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? <sup>45</sup>Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. <sup>46</sup>And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal. Matthew 25:1-46

### **Jesus Came Preaching the Kingdom**

<sup>14</sup>Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, <sup>15</sup>And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel. Mark 1:14, 15

<sup>20</sup>But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you. Luke 11:20

<sup>32</sup>He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: <sup>33</sup>And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Luke 1:32, 33

**Jesus Rejects a Kingdom** <sup>14</sup>Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.

<sup>15</sup>When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone. John 6:14-15

### **Darkness or Light, Earthly or Spiritual**

<sup>3</sup>Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is

old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

<sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. <sup>8</sup>The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup>Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?

<sup>11</sup>Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?

<sup>13</sup>And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: <sup>15</sup>That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

<sup>17</sup>For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. <sup>18</sup>He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name

of the only begotten Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd. <sup>21</sup>But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God. John 3:3-21

<sup>10</sup>Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: <sup>11</sup>For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 1:10, 11

#### **In the World but Not of the World**

<sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

<sup>37</sup>Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. John 18:36-37

<sup>17</sup>For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. Romans 14:17

<sup>22</sup>If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha. [Accursed, banned, excommunicated: different from those who say, Our Lord has come.]1 Corinthians 16:22

<sup>18</sup>But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. <sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these;

Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, <sup>20</sup>Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, <sup>21</sup>Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith <sup>23</sup>Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. Galatians 5:18-23

<sup>9</sup>Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, <sup>10</sup>Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>11</sup>And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

<sup>18</sup>For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Matthew 5:18

<sup>12</sup>Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: <sup>13</sup>Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: Colossians 1:12, 13

<sup>5</sup>Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him? James 2:5

**Worship God** <sup>17</sup>Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Timothy 1:17

**Pray to God** <sup>9</sup>After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. <sup>10</sup>Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup>Give us this day our daily bread. <sup>12</sup>And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. <sup>13</sup>And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. Matthew 6:9-13

*Some Old Testament writers revealed knowledge of the supreme everlasting kingdom. (What others thought was that kingdom, did not qualify.)*

**Psalm 103:19** <sup>19</sup>The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

**Psalm 145:10-13** <sup>10</sup>All thy works shall praise thee, O LORD; and thy saints shall bless thee. <sup>11</sup>They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power; <sup>12</sup>To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom. <sup>13</sup>Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

**Psalm 45:6** <sup>6</sup>Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

**Psalm 22:28** <sup>28</sup>For the kingdom is the LORD's: and he is the governor among the nations.

**1 Chronicles 29:10-12** <sup>10</sup>Wherefore David blessed the LORD before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, LORD God of Israel our father, for ever and ever. <sup>11</sup>Thine, O LORD is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all. <sup>12</sup>Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.

**Daniel 4:3** <sup>3</sup>How great are his signs! and how mighty are his wonders! his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation. King Nebuchadnezzar

**Daniel 6:26, 27** <sup>26</sup>I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he is the living God, and stedfast for ever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall be even unto the end. <sup>27</sup>He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lions. King Darius