

The Sermon: What's A Kingdom? Kingdom Concepts & Components

- The ultimate goal of God the Creator is to colonize earth with heaven and establish it as a visible territory of an invisible world.
- God's desire was to manifest His character, wisdom, righteous judgments and purposes in the visible realm through the royal leadership of mankind on earth.
- *Mankind was created to be God's royal sons and daughters with the gifts and divine nature (image and likeness) to execute God's will on the earth.*
- *God's Spirit was originally placed in man so that God and man would continually be in communion (communication), allowing man to know God's will and execute it throughout the earth.*
- Man was created to extend the Government of Heaven throughout the earth.

Isaiah 9:6-7a

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end.

All Kingdoms have:

- **A King and Lord** – a sovereign;
- **A Territory** – a domain;
- **A Constitution** – a royal covenant;
- **A Citizenry** – a community of subjects;
- **Law** – common principles;
- **Privileges** – rights and benefits;
- **A Code of Ethics** – acceptable lifestyle and conduct;
- **An Army** – security;
- **A Commonwealth** – economic security;
- **A Social Culture** – protocol and procedures.

■ **The King** is the embodiment of the Kingdom. Authority flows from the King and the word of the King is supreme.

■ **The Territory** is the domain which is the exclusive possession of the king and over which the king exercises total authority.

Psalms 24:1

“The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein...”

■ **The Constitution** is the covenant of a king with his citizens

■ **The Citizenry** is the people that live under the rule of the king.

The number one priority of a citizen in a kingdom is to remain in right standing with the King.
This is called righteousness.

Matthew 6:33

“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

■ **The Law** constitutes the standards and principles established by the king, by which his kingdom will function and be administered.

■ **The Privileges** are the benefits the king lavishes on his faithful citizens.

A Code of Ethics is the acceptable conduct of the citizens in the kingdom and in their representation of the kingdom to others.

■ **The Army** is the kingdom’s system of securing territory and protecting its citizens.

Matthew 26:52-54

Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I

cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?

■ **A Commonwealth** is the economic system of a kingdom which guarantees each citizen equal access to financial security.

Luke 12:22

And he said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on.

Luke 12:31-32

Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

■ **The Social Culture** expresses the nature of the king, through the lifestyle of his citizens.

Matthew 5:21-22

“You have heard that it was said....But I say to you...”

Matthew 20:26

“It shall not be so among you.”

All Kingdoms have:

- **A Health Program** – *Healing;*
- **An Education Program** – *Teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit;*
- **A Defined System of monetary tribute to the King** – *Tithing;*
- **A Central Communication System** – *Gifts of the Spirit;*
- **A Diplomatic Corps** – *Ambassadors of Christ;*
- **A System of Administration** – *The Church ministering the Spirit through mankind;*
- **An Economic System** – *a system of Investing in the Kingdom (Giving and Receiving, Sowing and Reaping).*

The most outstanding element of the Kingdom of God that distinguishes it from every earthly kingdom is the concept that all of its citizens are members of His royal family.

Hebrews 2:11

For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers...

When Jesus is your brother, God the Father is your Papa.

1 Peter 2:9-10

"...you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."

Isaiah 60:1-2

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

The Kingdom of God on earth is built on the foundation of the assurance of God's Love for his sons and daughters.

Stop trying to earn something that can only be given, and begin to celebrate the gift.