

THE KINGDOM OF GOD PART 8
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INTRODUCTION

- Last week we talked about the rule, the reign and the realm of the Kingdom.
- Today we will wrap up our series with the rule of the King.
- Hebrews 4:14-16, "...Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence..."
- Revelation 11:15, "...The kingdom of the world has become *the kingdom* of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever....you have taken your great power and have begun to reign."

I. WHEN WE LOST OUR WAY

- Our ruling authority was lost at the fall when we refused submission.
- Genesis 1:26, Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image...and let them rule...over all the earth..."
- The rule was lost at the fall to hell – "The prince of the power of the air" – Ephesians 2:2
- I John 5:19, "We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one."
- The works of darkness hold power here unless confronted by the rule and reign of God. Which is what Jesus did.

II. LIVING IN THE POWER AND POSSIBILITY OF THE KINGDOM

- Jesus' teaching was kingdom teaching, exercising the rule to heal and release people trapped in sin.
- Matthew 16:13-19, "...Who do they say I am?"
- Rule is the action of authority we have.
- The rule of God happens when we allow and invite God into every part of our lives.

- Jesus said in Matthew 28:19, "All authority" has been given to me...go in my name and make disciples..."
- This authority is given in relationship.
- Intimacy breeds authority!!!

III. RULING OVER ALL

- Luke 12:48 NLT, "...much is required from those to whom much is given..."
- Allowing God to rule over our possessions is one of the most important issues of Kingdom living.
- Matthew 6:24-26, "...You cannot serve both God and money (mammon)..."
- Luke 12:13-21 - Jesus warns against selfishness.
- There are three things you can do with your money: spend it, waste it, invest it.
- When you put your money into Kingdom living you invest in your future.
- What ultimately decides our giving patterns isn't our needs, but our fears.
- Do you believe God cares for you? And will He take care of you?

IV. SEEING LIFE THROUGH GOD'S EYES

- Kingdom living is about seeing life through God's eyes.
- Things will never fulfill the need inside.
- Money makes an awful God! But a great servant.
- Malachi 3:8-12 NLT, "...¹⁰Bring all the tithes into the storehouse..." says the Lord Almighty, "...I will pour out a blessing...Try it! Let me prove it to you!...says the Lord Almighty."
- When you give, you receive, this is the law of God.
- Luke 6:38, "Give, and it will be given to you..."

CLOSE

- Malachi 3:10 - God says, "test me" bring your tithes to the storehouse.