

The Kingdom of God

A Series on the Holiness of God

The phrase "kingdom of God" is not found in the Old Testament, and the earliest example of the title king being used of God is in the 8th century B.C., "... For my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of host" (Isa 6:5). This, in part, contributes to the mystery of the kingdom of God...(Deut 29:29)

1. Before you make any attempt of answering the question, "what does this mean," discuss all the observations you make of these related verses (Ex 19:5-6; Matt 3:1-2; 19:23-25). Is (are) there any divine covenant(s) in effect?

2. Concepts in the Bible are rarely defined in one concise section of the Bible. On a piece of paper, write down all the observations you see (Mark 1:15; 10:15; 12:34; 14:22-25; 15:43; Luke 1:31-33; 10:8-11; 11:14-20; 22:69; John 18:36), organize them, and then observe if an interpretation emerges. Bible study is a lot of work!

3. Did you ever wonder how does a kingdom led by the sovereign God becomes a kingdom led by His Son? Or is this something that should be presumed? What do you observe (Ex 19:5; Deut 7:6; Mal 3:16-18; John 6:37-39)? Write down all of your observations and see what emerges!

4. How does this work for human beings? When observing the biblical text, it's important to understand what divine covenant God is working under (Num 27:15-17; 2 Sam 5:1-3; 24:17; Matt 15:24-28; 25:31-33; John 10:14-16, 24-30).

5. How is the church related to the kingdom of God (Matt 19:29; 25:34; Acts 11:26; Eph 1:20-23; 5:25-27; Col 1:18-20; Rev 19:7-9; 21:2-9)?

6. With a defined beginning and end, there is a certain beauty and elegance in God's words and logic. What do you see (1 Cor 15:24-26; Rev 21:22-27).