

# UNDERSTANDING KINGDOM CONCEPTS

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Luke 12:31-34

A kingdom has been given to us to participate and operate in.

In order for us to function within a kingdom, it's imperative for us to understand kingdom concepts.

Jesus speaks of a spiritual form of government.

Government is absolutely essential for order among people.

Terms defined;

## ***Kingdom:***

1. A political or territorial unit ruled by a sovereign. (King)
2. The eternal spiritual sovereignty of God or Christ. b. The realm of this sovereignty.
3. A realm or sphere in which one thing is dominant.

## ***King:***

1. A male sovereign.
  - a. A queen would be the female counterpart.
2. One that is supreme or preeminent in a particular group, category, or sphere.

## ***Sovereign:***

1. One that exercises supreme, permanent authority, especially in a nation or other governmental unit, as: a. A king, queen, or other noble person who serves as chief of state; a ruler or monarch.

## ***Royalty:***

1. A person of royal rank or lineage.
  - a. Monarchs and their families considered as a group.
2. The lineage or rank of a monarch.
3. The power, status, or authority of a monarch.

## ***Monarch:***

1. One who reigns over a state or territory, usually for life and by hereditary right, especially:
  - a. A sole and absolute ruler.
  - b. A sovereign, such as a king, queen or an empress.
2. One that commands or rules.
3. One that surpasses others in power or preeminence.  
Has a hierarchy of command.  
Principality. Principalities.

## **I. Other Existing Forms Of Government.**

- A. Dictatorship. 1.a. An absolute ruler. b. A tyrant;
  1. Evil absolute control.
    - a. Does not have to be royal.
    - b. Generally seizes power by force.

### **B. Communism.**

A system of government in which the state plans and controls the economy and a single, often authoritarian party holds power, claiming to make progress toward a higher social order in which all goods are equally shared by the people.

1. Practices socialism and/or fascism. (Define.)

2. Attempted by the early church with disastrous results. Acts 2:44-45
  - a. Can only work through total human cooperation.
- C. Democracy.
 

Government by the people, exercised either directly or through elected representatives. Majority rule. Derived from Western thought. Originated by the ancient Greeks and adopted by the Romans who practiced it exclusively for its citizens.

  1. Usually practices capitalism.
    - a. Parliamentary, social democracy, etc..
  2. United States is actually a republic.
    - a. A representative form of government.
  3. Doesn't work well in the church. We are in the Kingdom of God, not the Republic of God.
- D. Anarchy.
  1. Absence of any form of political authority.
  2. Political disorder and confusion.

## II. People Desire A King And Kingdom.

- A. Is innate.
 

1Sam. 8:5 *And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.*

  1. Oliver Cromwell.
 

English Civil War general who orchestrated the overthrow and beheading of King Charles I in the 17th century, became ruler of England as Lord Protector for five years after the king's death until his own death. Shortly afterward King Charles II was placed on the throne with limited power.
  2. We were created to be part of a kingdom.
- B. Israelites attempted to make Jesus, king.
 

John 6:15 *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.*

  1. Premature.

## III. Understanding Kingdom Concepts.

- A. Three types of kingdoms.
  1. Kingdoms of this world. Will be eventually united with God's.
 

Rev. 11:15 *And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.*

    - a. Of men.
      - [1.] Nations.
      - [2.] Personal.
      - [a.] Whatever we permit to rule and reign.
  2. Kingdom of Satan. Matt. 12:26
    - a. A spiritual kingdom (Kingdom of heaven) transcending into the kingdoms of this world.
    - b. Operates in the power of fear.
  3. Kingdom of God.
    - a. Also a spiritual kingdom (Kingdom of heaven) transcending into the kingdoms of this world.

- b. Consists of; righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. Rom. 14:17
  - c. Has come to us. Matt. 12:28
  - d. Is easily accessed. At hand.
  - e. Operates in the power of faith.
- B. Develop a kingdom mentality. Think of yourself as royalty.
 

God's thoughts and ways are higher than ours. He thinks royally. Isa. 55:8

  - 1. Renew the mind. Rom. 12:2
    - a. You are in the Kingdom of God, not the Republic of God.
  - 2. You have a royal birthright.
    - a. You're born into the royal family with royal rights.
    - b. Is given freely by the Father. Lk. 12:31
      - [1.] A principle of grace. Eph. 2:8
- C. Take steps to appropriate your inheritance.
 

Matt. 11:12 *And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.*

  - 1. Satan desires to overthrow God's Kingdom in your personal life.
    - a. He attempted to do this to God Himself.
 

Isa. 14:13 *For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:*
  - 2. Stay in faith and relationship.
 

Rom. 14:17 *For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.*

Conclusion;

Jesus will be King of Kings.

Rev. 19:16 *And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.*