

The Book Of Luke
Lesson -11 The Kingdom Of God

Memory Verse **Hand Out Scriptures to read**

Luke 13:29 (NKJV) *They will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and sit down in the kingdom of God.*

What Is A Kingdom? (kîng¹dem)

1. a. A political or territorial unit ruled by a sovereign. b. The realm of this sovereignty. c. A realm or sphere in which one thing is dominant:

Central Message

Matthew 3:1, 2 *In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, And saying, **Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.***

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

The OT tells how God turned a nation of slaves into a Kingdom.

Matthew 5:3 (NKJV) ***"Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.***

Characteristics Of The Kingdom of God: Part 1 - [Sunday]

John 13:34 *"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.*

Luke 4:42–44 (NKJV) *Now when it was day, He departed and went into a deserted place. And the crowd sought Him and came to Him, and tried to keep Him from leaving them; ⁴³ but He said to them, **"I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent."** ⁴⁴ And He was preaching in the synagogues of Galilee.*

Luke 11:2** (NKJV) ² *So He said to them, **"When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:13 (NKJV) ***For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.***

Ephesians 5:5 (NKJV) *For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.*

Matthew 9:35 (NKJV) ³⁵ *Then Jesus went about all **the cities and villages, teaching** in their **synagogues, preaching the gospel** of the **kingdom**, and **healing** every sickness and every disease among the people.*

Matthew 4:23–25 (NKJV) ²³ *And Jesus went about all Galilee, **teaching** in their **synagogues, preaching** the **gospel of the kingdom**, and **healing** all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.*

Luke 1:32–33 (NKJV) *He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. ³³ And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." **Kingdom mentioned about 40 times in Luke***
What does Luke 1:32-33 teach about who inaugurated the kingdom of God and what its final result will be?

Revelation 11:15 (NKJV) *Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, **"The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"***

Characteristics Of The Kingdom of God: Part 2 [Monday]

Christ Blesses the Children

Luke 18:15–17 (NKJV) *Then they also brought infants to Him that He might touch them; but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. ¹⁶ But Jesus called them to Him and said, **"Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God."** ¹⁷ Assuredly, I say to you, **whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it."***

Matthew 18:4** ***"Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

2 Kings 5:14 (NKJV) *So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.*

Luke 18:24–27 (NKJV) ²⁴ *And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, **"How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!"** ²⁵ For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶ And those who heard it said, **"Who then can be saved?"** ²⁷ But He said, **"The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."***

Jeremiah 9:23–24 (NKJV) ²³ *Thus says the Lord: **"Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches;"** ²⁴ But let him who glories glory in this, **That he understands and knows Me, That I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight,***" says the Lord.

Luke 12:31–34 (NKJV) ³¹ But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you. ³² “Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Luke 9:59–62 (NKJV) ⁵⁹ Then He said to another, “Follow Me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰ Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹ And another also said, “Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house.” ⁶² But Jesus said to him, “No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.” Elisha did this 1 Kings 19:19–21

Do We Obey The King?

Matthew 7:21 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

- “Greatness in the kingdom of God is measured in terms of obedience.” -- John Stott

Ephesians 1:4 (NKJV) just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,

Titus 2:13 (NKJV) looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

The Kingdom of God: Already, Not Yet [Tuesday]

God gave King Nebuchadnezzar a dream of Kingdoms in Conflict

Mark 4:11 (NKJV) And He said to them, “To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables,

***Luke 17:20–21** (NKJV) Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, “The kingdom of God does not come with observation; ²¹ nor will they say, ‘See here!’ or ‘See there!’ For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.”

Some people are influenced by the weather, others make their weather. Wherever God rules over the human heart as King, there is the kingdom of God established.

Philippians 3:20 (NKJV) For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

The Kingdom and the Second Coming of Christ [Wednesday]

Daniel 2:44 (NKJV) And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

***Revelation 11:15** “The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!”

Revelation 21:1–3 (NKJV) Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. ² Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.

Witnesses [Thursday]

Acts 1:1–8 (NKJV) The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, ² until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, ³ to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. ⁴ And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; ⁵ for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” ⁶ Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. ⁸ But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Naturalized By Birth

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

It is not enough that you were born in the church.

John 1:12, 13 But as many as received him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Obeying The King

- All heaven is waiting to help those who will discover the will of God and do it. - J. Robert Ashcroft

The king will never require obedience without providing strength to do.

Matthew 5:20 *"For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven."*

Col 1:27 *To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory.*

Rom 6:12 *Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body,....*

Rom 6:14 *For sin shall not have dominion over you,*

Radically Different

Mat 23:12 *And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.* Meekness Instead of Pride,

Loving and forgiving our enemies instead of revenge,

Overcoming evil with good.

Thanking God for all things even your trials.

Telling the truth even if it kills you.

Praising the poor for their sacrifice.

Servants are regarded as the highest position.

Having peace regardless of circumstances.

Believing in and living for something you cannot see.

Language Of God's Kingdom

Mat 5:37 *"But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.*

Col 4:6 *Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.*

I loathe Gossip unless it's a subject I enjoy.

Kingdom Priorities

Mat 6:33 *"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*

- Everyone wants the kingdom of God, but few want it first.

Luke 9:62 *But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."*

Percentage who said "sympathy, empathy, and concern for others": 5%.

Fuel Gage on a plane is a major priority.

The Constitution Of The Kingdom

Luke 4:4 *But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'"*

Divided Kingdoms

John 12:31 *"Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.*

Luke 11:23 *"He who is not with Me is against Me,...*

Luke 11:17 *But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided against a house falleth.*

During the Civil War one soldier who live near the border tried to wear gray and blue... the North shot him in the shirt and the South in the pants. King Saul was still on the throne when David was anointed.

Pray For His Kingdom

- An English visitor commented about U.S. churches, "You Americans are so concerned about being happy," as if our kingdoms were the focal point of God's designs rather than God's kingdom the focal point of ours. -- Evelyn Bence

Keys Of The Kingdom

Mat 16:19 *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.*

Isa 22:22 *The key of the house of David I will lay on his shoulder; So he shall open, and no one shall shut; And he shall shut, and no one shall open.*

The Main Law Of The King Is Love

At the end of his life. Napoleon said,; "Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne, and I myself have founded great empires But Jesus alone founded His empire upon love, and to this very day, millions would die for Him. Jesus Christ was more than a man."

Everyone Is Invited

He who fought by David in his adversity reigned with him in his Glory.

1 Sam 22:2 *And everyone who was in distress, everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was discontented gathered to him. So he became captain over them. And there were about four hundred men with him.*