

Does Anyone Really Believe the King?

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I. Jesus taught that the at hand kingdom of heaven is worth more than all the world

Mat 13:44 ...the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

Mat 13:45 ...the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls:

Mat 13:46 Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

A. Jesus said that the *kingdom at hand* is the key to happiness, purpose and stability

Mat 5:3 Blessed (*happy*) are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Mat 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Mat 7:24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

Mat 7:25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

B. There are only a few who experience the kingdom of heaven that is at hand

Mat 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

Mat 7:14 Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Mat 13:18 Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower.

Mat 13:19 ...the wicked *one*...catcheth away that which was sown in his heart...

Mat 13:21 ...tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word...he is offended.

Mat 13:22 ...the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word...

II. The kingdom of heaven at hand is for those who are willing to suffer for it

Mat 11:12 ...the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

Mar 9:47 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire:

Mat 5:10 Blessed *are* they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Act 14:22 ...that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

Luk 9:62 ...No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

III. The kingdom of heaven at hand is for those who think and live like Jesus

A. The kingdom of heaven at hand is for those who change their thinking

Mat 4:17 ...Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Luk 17:21 ...the kingdom of God is within you.

Mat 5:6 Blessed *are* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness

B. Living in the kingdom of heaven requires a righteous kind of thinking

Mat 5:20 ...except your righteousness shall exceed *the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Mat 5:21 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill...

Mat 5:22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother...

Mat 5:28 ...whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery...

C. Living in the kingdom of heaven requires a righteous kind of doing

Rom 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness...

Mat 5:39 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

Mat 5:44 ...Love your enemies...do good to them that hate you...

1Co 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

1Co 6:10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

Gal 5:19 ...Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness (*unbridled lust*),

Gal 5:20 Idolatry, witchcraft (*sorcery*), hatred, variance (*angry dispute*), emulations (*jealousy*), wrath, strife, seditions (*schisms*), heresies (*following your own ideas*),
Gal 5:21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings (*drunken rioting*), and such like...they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

IV. The kingdom is for the meek and humble

Mat 18:3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Mat 18:4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Mat 20:20 Then came to him the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping *him*, and desiring a certain thing of him.

Mat 20:21 And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom...

Mat 20:24 And when the ten heard *it*, they were moved with indignation...

Mat 20:25 But Jesus called them...and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them.

Mat 20:26 But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister;

Mat 20:27 And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:

Mat 20:28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

V. The kingdom is for those who know forgiveness—And do forgiveness

Mat 18:23 Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants...

Mat 18:24 ...one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.

Mat 18:27 ...the lord of that servant was moved with compassion...forgave him the debt.

Mat 18:28 ...the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence...and took *him* by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.

Mat 18:29 And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

Mat 18:30 ...he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.

Mat 18:31 So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry...

Mat 18:32 Then his lord...said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all...

Mat 18:33 Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?

Mat 18:34 And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors...

Mat 18:35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

VI. The kingdom is for those who are not in love with money—Or things of the world

Mar 10:25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

Mat 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Mat 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Mat 22:2 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,

Mat 22:3 And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come...

Mat 22:5 But they made light of *it*, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise:

Luk 14:18 And they all with one *consent* began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.

Luk 14:19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.

Luk 14:20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.

VII. The kingdom is for those—Who prepare and watch—Who work and watch

Mat 25:1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

Mat 25:2 And five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish.

Mat 25:3 They that *were* foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

Mat 25:4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

Mat 25:14 For *the kingdom of heaven is* as a man travelling into a far country, *who* called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

Mat 25:15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

VIII. With man it is impossible—With God—The impossible is doable

Mat 19:23 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Mat 19:24 And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

Mat 19:25 When his disciples heard *it*, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved?

Mat 19:26 But Jesus beheld *them*, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

Mat 19:27 Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?

Mat 19:28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Mat 19:29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

Mat 19:30 But many *that are* first shall be last; and the last *shall be* first.