

In the Kingdom in the End

FROM “IN” & “OUT” AT BEST
TO ENDING “IN” FOR SURE

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I. A kingdom called paradise—A kingdom at hand

[Luk 23:42](#) ...he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy **kingdom**.

[Luk 23:43](#) And Jesus said unto him...To day shalt thou be with me in **paradise**.

[Mat 4:17](#) ...Jesus began to preach...Repent: for **the kingdom of heaven is at hand**.

A. Living in the kingdom of heaven that is at hand is the greatest way to live life

[Mat 13:44](#) ...the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he...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.

[Mat 11:11](#) Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

B. The kingdom of heaven at hand is the key to happiness, purpose and stability

[Mat 5:3](#) Blessed *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:

II. If I am honest—I am at best in & out—But probably never really in the kingdom

A. The kingdom is for those with righteousness—(*the state of living, acceptable to God*)

Rom 14:17 ...the kingdom of God is...righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

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.

1. The kingdom of heaven requires a righteous kind of thinking

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...

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

Gal 5:21 ...they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

B. The kingdom is for those who are willing to suffer for it

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

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

1. The kingdom is for the meek and humble

Mat 18:3 ...Except ye be converted...ye shall not enter into the **kingdom** of heaven.

Mat 18:4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child...

2. The kingdom is for those beyond humble—Even those willing to be humiliated

Mat 5:39 ...whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

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

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

C. The kingdom is for those who want it more than anything

Mat 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness...

1. The kingdom is for those who are not in love with money

Mat 19:23 ...a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.

2. The kingdom is for those who are not in love with the world

Mat 22:5 But they made light of *it*, and went their ways...

Luk 14:33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

D. The kingdom is for those with unfaltering faith and focus

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

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 25:14 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.

E. The kingdom is for those who can resist temptations from Satan and the world

Mat 4:8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

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...

F. If I am honest—I must say—I am with the many—And not the few

Mat 22:14 For many are called, but few *are* chosen.

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.

III. Is there a similar lesson in trying to live in the kingdom & trying to keep the law?

Rom 3:19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

Rom 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

Gal 3:24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster *to bring us* unto Christ...

Mat 19:25 ...Who then can be saved?

Mat 19:26 ...With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

IV. From 'in' and 'out' at best—To ending 'IN' for sure

A. Access to the kingdom at hand and the kingdom called paradise are different

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

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

B. The kingdom called paradise is all by grace—And grace alone

Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world...

Eph 1:5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

Eph 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

Eph 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Eph 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

C. Jesus is the “Successful Savior”

Mat 1:21 ...thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

2Ti 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling...

Joh 5:25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

Rom 5:9 ...being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

Joh 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand.

Joh 6:39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

V. It is good to know that paradise is all by grace—But how can I know if I am going?

A. Part of *knowing if you're going* is knowing that going is not by your works or faith

2Ti 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, not according to our works...

Rom 9:16 So then *it is* not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.

Rom 3:3-4 For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid...

2Ti 2:13 If we believe not, *yet* he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

B. The unborn again person is dead to & nonfunctional in the spiritual realm of things

1Co 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*...

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him...

Eph 2:1 And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

C. The born again person has the fruit of the Spirit

1Jn 4:7 ...love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God...

1Jn 3:14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren...

1Jn 2:29 ...every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.

1Jn 5:1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God...

Joh 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life...