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but in power.”

1 CORINTHIANS 4:20

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“Christ in you, the hope of glory.” - Colossians 1:27

DEDICATION

To every citizen of Heaven who
is learning to
live faithfully on earth; to every
ambassador
who longs to represent Jesus
Christ with
truth, humility, compassion, and
power; and
to every servant waiting for the
words, "Well
done, thou good and faithful
servant."

May this volume strengthen your
allegiance to the King,
deepen your love for His Kingdom,
and renew your courage to
serve until He comes.

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CHAPTER 1

The Kingdom Is at Hand

The message that echoed throughout the

ministry of Jesus Christ was the Kingdom of God.

The King had arrived, and where the King is

present, His Kingdom is near.

The First Message of Jesus

Matthew 4:17

“From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent:

for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

Jesus did not begin by establishing earthly institutions or

defending religious traditions. He announced the arrival of

God’s Kingdom.

Repentance was necessary because the King had come.

Where the King reigns, hearts must change.

The Kingdom is

entered not merely by changing outward behavior, but by

surrendering to the rightful authority of Jesus Christ.

The Kingdom Was Promised

Daniel 2:44

“And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed and it shall stand for ever.”

Centuries before Christ was born, the prophets foretold a Kingdom unlike any earthly empire. Egypt, Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome all rose and fell, but God's Kingdom endures forever. Its King never dies. Its throne is never shaken. Its government never fails.

The Kingdom Is Within

Luke 17:20-21

“The kingdom of God cometh not with observation for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.” Many expected Jesus to overthrow Rome and establish an earthly government immediately. Instead, Jesus revealed that the Kingdom first begins in surrendered hearts.

Before Christ transforms nations, He transforms people.

The King's first throne is not made of gold; it is the yielded heart of His people.

Born Into the Kingdom

John 3:3, 5

“Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God

Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.”

No one enters God’s Kingdom by natural birth, family lineage, or religious heritage. The Kingdom is entered through the new birth.

The Holy Spirit brings believers into the Kingdom by giving them new life in Christ.

The King’s Authority

Matthew 28:18

“All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.”

Jesus possesses all authority: over Heaven and earth, angels and nations, death and the grave, sin and Satan.

No election can remove Him. No army can overthrow

Him. No enemy can defeat Him. His throne is eternal.

The Kingdom Requires Allegiance

Luke 9:23

“If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.”

Jesus never invited people merely to admire Him. He called them to follow Him, obey His commands, and live under His loving authority. The Kingdom citizen no longer asks only, "What do I want?" He asks, "What pleases my King?"

A Kingdom Without End

Isaiah 9:6-7

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end."

The Kingdom is not shrinking. The gospel continues advancing, the Holy Spirit continues drawing people to Christ, and the King continues building His Church. One day His reign will be fully manifested, and every knee shall bow before Jesus Christ.

Chapter Summary

The central message of Jesus' ministry was the Kingdom of God. God's Kingdom is His righteous rule exercised through His Son and established in those who are born again. Unlike the kingdoms of this world, it is eternal, unshakable, and ever increasing. Every believer is called to live under the authority of the King until Christ returns and His reign is revealed in fullness.

CHAPTER 2

Seek First the Kingdom

Every person lives for something, but Jesus

declared that there is one pursuit above all

others: the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.

The First Priority

Matthew 6:33

“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

To seek is more than casual interest. It is the pursuit of

one's highest desire. Jesus teaches that God's Kingdom

must become the believer's governing priority. When the Kingdom is first, families find order, work

becomes worship, money becomes stewardship, leadership

becomes servanthood, and success becomes faithfulness.

The Prayer of Every Kingdom Citizen

Matthew 6:9-10

“Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.”

Before asking for daily bread, forgiveness, or protection,

Jesus teaches His disciples to pray for the Father’s Kingdom

and will.

The first desire of a Kingdom citizen is that God’s reign

would be established and His will accomplished.

Heaven Is the Pattern

Jesus did not pray that Heaven would become like earth.

He taught us to pray that earth would become like Heaven.

In Heaven, God’s will is obeyed without rebellion, His

holiness is honored, His authority is never questioned, and

His worship is continual. Every act of obedience, every life

transformed, and every church walking in truth becomes

evidence of His Kingdom at work.

Not My Will, but Thine

Luke 22:42

“Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.”

Jesus did not merely teach Kingdom prayer; He lived it.

The greatest prayer is not that God would endorse our

desires, but that our hearts would align with His perfect will.

To seek first the Kingdom is to desire above all else that

God's will be accomplished on earth as it is obeyed in

Heaven.

The King's Righteousness

The Kingdom cannot be separated from the character of

its King. Many desire the blessings of God's Kingdom, but

the King calls His people to reflect His righteousness.

The Holy Spirit conforms believers to the image of Christ

because Kingdom citizens are called to resemble their King.

A Kingdom That Cannot Be Shaken

Hebrews 12:28

"Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God

acceptably with reverence and godly fear."

Economies rise and fall. Governments change.

Cultures

shift. Empires collapse. But the believer has received an

everlasting Kingdom.

The storms of history cannot overthrow what God Himself has established.

Where Your Treasure Is

Matthew 6:19-21

“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth
But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven
For where your treasure is, there will your heart
be also.”

Every investment reveals the direction of the heart.

Earthly possessions are temporary, but every act of obedience and love done in Christ has eternal value.

The Kingdom teaches us to invest in what death cannot take away.

The Kingdom Is Worth Everything

Matthew 13:44-46

“The kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man,
seeking goodly pearls
who

sold all that he had, and bought it.”

Jesus is not teaching that salvation can be purchased. He

is revealing the incomparable value of God’s Kingdom.

When a person truly sees the glory of Christ, every

earthly gain becomes secondary. The Kingdom is worth everything.

Chapter Summary

Jesus commands His followers to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. This means making God's reign the highest priority in every area of life. Kingdom citizens pray for His will, invest in eternal treasure, trust their Father, and live under Christ's authority. Because His Kingdom cannot be shaken, they may live with peace and wholehearted devotion.

Citizens of Heaven

The Christian lives upon the earth, yet his highest citizenship and allegiance belong to the Kingdom of God.

Our Citizenship Is in Heaven

Philippians 3:20-21

“For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body.”

The word translated “conversation” speaks of citizenship or commonwealth. Though the Philippian believers lived under Rome, their true King was Christ. Kingdom citizens may live in many nations, but they all belong to one eternal Kingdom.

Strangers and Pilgrims

1 Peter 2:11-12

“Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims,
abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;
Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles.”

This present world is not our permanent home. Like

Abraham, believers journey toward a city whose Builder and Maker is God.

They refuse to become so attached to this age that they forget the eternal Kingdom awaiting them.

Seeking a Better Country

Hebrews 11:13-16

“These all died in faith
and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth

But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly.”

The heroes of faith looked beyond earthly possessions

and temporary success. Their eyes were fixed upon God’s everlasting Kingdom.

Every believer is called to carry that same perspective.

In the World, but Not of the World

John 17:14-18

“They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world

As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also

sent them into the world.”

Jesus did not ask the Father to remove His disciples from

the world. He sent them into it.

Kingdom citizens are not called to escape society or

imitate its darkness. They are called to represent Christ

within it.

Honor Earthly Authorities

Romans 13:1

“Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers.

For there is no power but of God.”

Belonging to God’s Kingdom does not excuse dishonesty,

disorder, or disrespect. Kingdom citizens pray for leaders,

obey lawful authority, and seek the good of their

communities.

Yet when human authority commands what God forbids,

the apostles give the guiding principle: “We ought to obey

God rather than men.”

Ambassadors Never Forget Their Homeland

An ambassador learns the language and respects the people of the nation where he serves, but he never forgets

which king he represents.

Christians love their neighbors and serve faithfully, yet

their message is not rewritten by changing opinions.

Their

highest allegiance remains with King Jesus.

The Kingdom Is Already and Not Yet

Revelation 11:15

“The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of

our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and

ever.”

The Kingdom has already come in Christ, yet its fullness

awaits His return. Today Christ reigns in the hearts of His

people; one day He shall reign openly over all creation.

The King is returning, and His victory is certain.

Chapter Summary

Believers are citizens of Heaven who live as strangers and pilgrims in this present world. Though they serve faithfully within earthly nations, their highest allegiance

belongs to Jesus Christ. They honor lawful authority, pursue holiness, love their neighbors, and proclaim the

gospel while eagerly awaiting the return of their King.

CHAPTER 4

Ambassadors for Christ

A citizen belongs to the Kingdom. An ambassador represents the Kingdom. Every believer has been commissioned to make the King known.

The Ministry of Reconciliation

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature

God

hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation

Now then we are ambassadors for Christ

be ye reconciled to God.”

The God who reconciled us now entrusts us with His

message of reconciliation. We were once enemies; now we

are His representatives.

The gospel is Heaven’s invitation to a lost world.

Representing the Character of the King

1 Peter 1:15-16

“But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.”

An ambassador is known not only by his words but by his conduct. The world often reads our patience, honesty, compassion, and forgiveness before it hears our sermons.

The King's reputation is reflected in His ambassadors.

Speaking the King's Message **Ephesians 4:15**

“Speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.”

An ambassador has no authority to rewrite the King's

message. The Church does not improve, modernize, soften,

add to, or subtract from the gospel.

Truth without love becomes harshness.

Love without

truth becomes compromise. Christ's

ambassadors speak the

truth in love.

The Authority of the King

Matthew 28:18-20

“All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations and, lo, I am with you alway.”

The Church does not create its own authority. It serves under the authority already possessed by the risen King.

This gives believers confidence because Christ reigns, and humility because the authority belongs to Him.

The Works of the King Continue

John 14:12

“He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.”

These words do not magnify man. They magnify the risen Christ continuing His work through Spirit-filled believers.

The “greater works” include the worldwide expansion of the gospel after Christ returned to the Father. The glory never belonged to the disciples; it always belonged to Jesus.

Peter and John: The Lame Man Walks

Acts 3:6-8

“Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.”

Peter did not speak in his own name. The miracle pointed beyond the servant to the Savior. The Kingdom was demonstrated through the authority of Jesus Christ.

The Apostles: Many Were Healed

Acts 5:14-16

“They brought forth the sick into the streets that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them and they were healed every one.”

Luke records extraordinary healing in connection with the apostles’ ministry. The focus remains upon what God was doing through them, not upon Peter himself.

Paul: God Wrought Special Miracles

Acts 19:11-12

“And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:
So that from his body were brought unto the sick
handkerchiefs or aprons
and the diseases departed from them.”
The wording is decisive: God wrought the miracles; Paul
was the servant. God is the source, and the ambassador is the vessel.

Paul: The Crippled Man Leaps

Acts 14:8-10

“Paul
said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet.
And he leaped and walked.”
Again the Kingdom was displayed through Christ’s
authority and the Holy Spirit’s power.

James: The Prayer of Faith

James 5:14-15

“Is any sick among you?
let him call for the elders of the church
And the prayer of faith shall save the sick,
and the Lord
shall raise him up.”

The Church prays, but the Lord raises up.
Every answer
and every work belong to Him.

The Kingdom Preached and Demonstrated

Luke 10:8-9

“Heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.”
Jesus connected acts of mercy and healing with the proclamation of the Kingdom. Miracles do not replace the gospel; they bear witness that the King has come.

The Lord Working with Them

Mark 16:20

“And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.”

The key is not the apostles working independently, but the Lord working with them. Signs served the greater purpose of confirming the gospel and pointing people to Christ.

Demonstration of the Spirit and Power

1 Corinthians 2:4-5

“My speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.”

Paul refused to build faith upon personality or eloquence. He desired that faith rest in God.

The Kingdom Is Not in Word Only

1 Corinthians 4:20

“For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.”

The same Jesus who healed, forgave, delivered, sanctified, and raised the dead still reigns. His throne has not been abandoned, His gospel has not lost its power, and His Spirit continues to bear witness to Christ.

Faithful Until the King Returns

Matthew 25:21

“Well done, thou good and faithful servant enter thou into the joy of thy lord.”

The highest commendation of Heaven is not popularity or applause, but faithfulness.

One day every ambassador will give an account to the King who sent him.

Chapter Summary

Every believer is an ambassador of Jesus Christ, entrusted with the ministry of reconciliation and commissioned to represent the King in character, message, compassion, and power. The apostles' miracles were never displays of independent human greatness; they were works of God through yielded servants. Every true work of the Kingdom glorifies Christ, confirms His gospel, and calls people to reconciliation with God.

CHAPTER 5

Salt and Light

The world does not need the Church to become more like the world. It needs the Church to become more like Christ.

You Are the Salt of the Earth

Matthew 5:13

“Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his

savour, wherewith shall it be salted?”

Salt preserves what would otherwise decay, purifies, and

adds flavor. Kingdom citizens preserve righteousness

through lives that reflect the holiness of God.

One faithful believer can influence a family. One faithful

family can influence a neighborhood.

One faithful church can influence a city.

You Are the Light of the World

Matthew 5:14-16

“Ye are the light of the world.

A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your

good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

Jesus first said, “I am the light of the world,” and then

told His disciples, “Ye are the light of the world.”

The

believer does not produce independent light; the Church

reflects Christ.

The world is not meant to admire the lamp. It is meant to

see the Light that fills it.

Good Works Glorify the Father

Every act of kindness, every meal given to the hungry,

every child taught the Scriptures, every business conducted

with integrity, and every enemy loved becomes another ray

of Christ’s light.

The Kingdom advances not only through great sermons,

but through faithful lives.

Light Does Not Become Darkness

2 Corinthians 6:14

“What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness?

and what communion hath light with darkness?”

Light does not become darkness in order to reach darkness. It remains light.

The ambassador loves without compromise, serves without compromise, and speaks graciously without abandoning truth.

Walking as Children of Light

Ephesians 5:8-10

“For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth.”

The fruit of the Spirit becomes the visible light of the Kingdom. The believer’s identity has changed, and the Holy Spirit now produces the character of Christ.

A City Set on a Hill

The Church should be a refuge for the broken, a hospital for sinners, a school for disciples, a family for the lonely, and a lighthouse pointing every soul toward Jesus Christ.

The brighter Christ shines through His people, the clearer the way home becomes.

Bearing Much Fruit

John 15:8

“Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.”

Salt preserves, light shines, and trees bear fruit. All

three pictures describe the same Kingdom life: the life of

Jesus becoming visible through His people.

Thirtyfold, Sixtyfold, and a Hundredfold

Matthew 13:23

“He that received seed into the good ground beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold,

some sixty, some thirty.”

The Kingdom is not measured merely by crowds, but by

Christ being formed within His people. Some bear

thirtyfold, some sixtyfold, and some a hundredfold, but all

true branches continue growing as they abide in Christ.

Let the King Be Seen

John 3:30

“He must increase, but I must decrease.”

The heartbeat of every ambassador is not

“Look at me,”

but “Look at Christ.” When the King is seen, the

ambassador has fulfilled his assignment.

Chapter Summary

Jesus calls His followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Kingdom citizens preserve righteousness, reveal truth, and reflect Christ wherever they are sent. Their good works are not performed for personal recognition, but so others may glorify the Father. As believers abide in Christ and bear abundant fruit, they make the King visible in a dark world.

CHAPTER 6

Making Disciples of All Nations

Jesus did not command His followers merely to gather crowds or make decisions. He commanded them to make disciples.

The Great Commission

Matthew 28:18-20

“All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations
Teaching them to observe all things
whatsoever I have
commanded you.”

Everything begins with Christ’s authority.

The mission

belongs to Him, and the Church obeys.

A disciple is more than a convert. A

disciple learns,

follows, grows, obeys, and becomes like
the Master.

Follow Me

Matthew 4:19

“Follow me, and I will make you fishers of
men.”

Transformation precedes multiplication. Before the disciples were sent, they walked with Jesus, listened, watched, failed, repented, and grew. The most faithful disciple-makers are those who continue being discipled by Christ.

Teaching the Whole Counsel of God

Acts 20:27

“For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.”

Kingdom disciples are nourished by the whole Word of God, not isolated verses, favorite topics, or popular opinions.

From Genesis to Revelation, Scripture reveals Christ and equips His people for faithful service.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:8

“Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

Jesus knew the commission could never be fulfilled by natural strength. Their lives, words, compassion, endurance, and faith would all testify that Jesus is alive.

The Early Church Obeyed

Acts 2:42

“And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.”

Ordinary believers were empowered by an extraordinary

Savior. Disciples made disciples, churches planted churches, the poor were cared for, and the gospel spread.

Jesus continued His ministry through the Holy Spirit.

Every Believer Has a Mission

The Great Commission is not reserved for pastors and

missionaries. Every Christian has someone to encourage,

teach, pray for, serve, and point toward Christ.

Parents disciple children. Older believers disciple younger believers. Friends strengthen friends.

Churches

strengthen communities.

The Harvest Is Ready

Matthew 9:37-38

“The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;

Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send

forth labourers into his harvest.”

The problem has never been the harvest. The need is for

laborers who love the King enough to go wherever He sends them.

Some cross oceans; others cross streets. Every faithful disciple participates in the King's harvest.

Until Every Nation Hears

Revelation 7:9-10

"A great multitude, which no man could number, of all

nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood

before the throne

Salvation to our God."

History is moving toward a redeemed multitude from

every nation standing before the throne of King Jesus.

Every disciple made, every prayer prayed, every Bible

taught, and every sacrifice offered moves the mission

toward that glorious day.

Chapter Summary

Jesus commissioned His followers to make disciples of

all nations under His authority and through the power

of the Holy Spirit. Discipleship is more than gaining

converts; it is helping others grow in obedience to

Christ and knowledge of His Word. Every believer shares in this mission through teaching, serving, praying, and bearing witness until people from every

nation stand before the throne.

The Weapons of Our Warfare

The Christian is not fighting for victory. He is fighting from Christ's victory. The cross settled the outcome, the resurrection declared the triumph, and the ascension established the King's authority.

Our Battle Is Not Against Flesh and Blood

Ephesians 6:12

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

Our greatest enemy is not another person, nation, political party, or denomination. Behind the brokenness of the fallen world stands a spiritual conflict. Satan seeks to deceive, divide, accuse, and destroy, but Christ has already overcome him.

The Weapons Are Mighty Through God

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.”

The battlefield is often the mind. The enemy wages war through lies, fear, pride, bitterness, false doctrine, and temptation.

The Holy Spirit wages war through truth, faith, love, holiness, and the Word of God.

Put On the Whole Armor of God

Ephesians 6:13

“Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”

Paul repeatedly commands believers to stand. Christ has already won the decisive victory. Our task is to remain faithful in what He has accomplished.

The Belt of Truth

John 14:6

“I am the way, the truth, and the life.”

Truth holds everything together. The lies of the enemy lose their power when confronted by the truth revealed in Jesus Christ.

The Breastplate of Righteousness

2 Corinthians 5:21

“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”

Our confidence does not rest in self-produced righteousness. The enemy accuses, but Jesus justifies. His righteousness guards the heart.

Feet Shod with the Gospel of Peace

Isaiah 52:7

“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace.” The Church does not march to conquer people by force.

She goes to proclaim peace with God through Jesus Christ.

The Shield of Faith

Ephesians 6:16

“Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.”

Faith does not deny reality. It trusts God's promises above present circumstances. Every accusation, fear, temptation, and doubt meets the shield of faith.

The Helmet of Salvation

1 Thessalonians 5:8

“Putting on for an helmet, the hope of salvation.”
The enemy attacks assurance, but the helmet reminds believers that salvation belongs to the Lord. Christ redeemed us, intercedes for us, and keeps His own.

The Sword of the Spirit

Ephesians 6:17

“Take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”
Jesus answered temptation with “It is written.” The Word of God remains the believer's weapon against deception.

Prayer Is the Breath of the Kingdom

Ephesians 6:18

“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit.”

Prayer is not an afterthought. It is the atmosphere in which every piece of armor functions. Prayer keeps the believer dependent upon the King.

The Victory Already Belongs to Christ

Colossians 2:14-15

“Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was

against us

And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a

shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.”

The cross was not defeat. It was victory. Death was

conquered, sin was forgiven, the grave was overcome, and

the King arose.

Every battle is now fought under the banner of a victorious Savior.

No Weapon Shall Prosper

Isaiah 54:17

“No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and

every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou

shalt condemn.

This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD.”

The promise is not that no weapon will ever be formed.

The promise is that no weapon formed against God’s

servants will ultimately prosper.

The cross appeared to be Satan's greatest victory, yet it became his greatest defeat. The enemy may strike, accuse, persecute, and afflict, but he cannot overturn the eternal purpose of God.

Walking Through the Valley

Psalms 23:4

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

The valley is not the destination; it is the pathway.

Kingdom citizens are not promised a life without valleys.

They are promised a Shepherd who never abandons them.

The valley may be dark, but the King has already walked through death itself and emerged victorious.

More Than Conquerors

Romans 8:37-39

"In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us neither death, nor life nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Paul does not say “after” these things, but “in” these things. In hardship, persecution, sorrow, and weakness, the believer remains more than a conqueror through Christ. The King has never lost a battle, broken a promise, abandoned His children, or surrendered His throne.

Chapter Summary

The Kingdom of God advances through spiritual rather than worldly weapons. Believers do not battle against flesh and blood, but stand firm in the victory already won by Jesus Christ. Clothed with the armor of God and strengthened by His promises, they overcome deception through truth, temptation through righteousness, fear through faith, and darkness through the Word and prayer.

CHAPTER 8

The King Is Coming

Every ambassador lives with one expectation, and every citizen of Heaven lives with one hope: the King is coming.

The Promise of His Return

Acts 1:9-11

“This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.”

The same Jesus born in Bethlehem, who healed the sick, died upon the cross, rose from the grave, and poured out the Holy Spirit is coming again. Not another Savior. Not another King. This same Jesus.

Every Eye Shall See Him

Revelation 1:7

“Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him.”

The first time He came in humility and was laid in a manger. The second time He comes in glory. The King once crowned with thorns shall be crowned with everlasting honor.

King of Kings and Lord of Lords

Revelation 19:11-16

“I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.” Jesus is not merely a king among kings. Every throne belongs beneath His throne, every crown beneath His crown, and every government beneath His government. His Kingdom has no rival, His authority has no equal, and His reign has no end.

The Kingdom Fully Revealed

Revelation 11:15

“The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.”

Everything Daniel saw, Isaiah prophesied, Jesus preached, and the apostles proclaimed comes together in this promise: the King reigns forever.

Occupy Till I Come

Luke 19:13

“Occupy till I come.”

The King did not tell His servants to hide, retreat, or wait in fear. He commanded them to continue serving, loving, praying, preaching, making disciples, forgiving, and building faithfully until He returns.

Well Done

Matthew 25:21

“Well done, thou good and faithful servant

enter thou into the joy of thy lord.”

Not rich servant, famous servant, or powerful servant,

but faithful servant. Faithfulness is Heaven’s highest commendation.

The King measures success differently than the world.

A New Heaven and a New Earth

Revelation 21:1-4

“I saw a new heaven and a new earth
And God shall wipe away all tears from
their eyes; and
there shall be no more death, neither
sorrow, nor crying,
neither shall there be any more pain.”
Every valley, battle, temptation,
funeral, and tear ends
here. Sin ends. Death ends. The curse
ends. The King dwells
forever with His people.

The Kingdom Without End

Isaiah 9:7

“Of the increase of his government and
peace there shall
be no end.”

There is no closing curtain and no
fading glory. The
Kingdom continues forever and forever.

The Final Invitation

Revelation 22:17

“And the Spirit and the bride say, Come.
And let him that is athirst come.
And whosoever will, let him take the
water of life freely.”

The Holy Spirit still calls. The Church still calls.
Every
sinner, weary soul, and thirsty traveler is invited
to come to
the King and receive everlasting life.

Even So, Come, Lord Jesus

Revelation 22:20

“He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I
come
quickly.

Amen.

Even so, come, Lord Jesus.”

These words are the cry of every faithful
ambassador,

every citizen of Heaven, every disciple, and every
redeemed
heart.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Final Exhortation

Live as citizens of Heaven. Walk as ambassadors
of the

King. Love as Christ loved. Stand in the victory of
the cross.

Wear the whole armor of God. Fear no evil, for the
Shepherd is with you.

Serve joyfully. Endure patiently. Bear fruit
abundantly.

Make disciples faithfully. Fight the good fight.

Finish your

course. Keep the faith.

For soon the trumpet shall sound, the heavens
shall

open, the King shall appear, and every faithful
ambassador

shall hear: “Well done, thou good and faithful servant... enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.”

Chapter Summary

The Kingdom of God: Ambassadors of the King reveals the believer's calling to live under the reign of Jesus Christ while faithfully representing Him in the world.

The Kingdom begins with the new birth, grows through obedience and discipleship, is demonstrated through lives transformed by the Holy Spirit, and advances through the proclamation of the gospel. Strengthened by God's promises, believers await the glorious return of their King, knowing that His Kingdom shall have no end.



EVEN SO, COME, LORD JESUS.

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HOPE OF GLORY MINISTRIES Christ in you, the hope of glory.