

## THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS

(In the Gospel of Matthew)

- I. **The First coming of the King (Matthew chapter 1; Zech. 9:9; Matt. 21:4)**
  - A. As the Son of David – the rightful heir to the throne
  - B. Building His church as His kingdom (Matt. 16:15-19; Heb. 12:22-23, 28; Ps. 48:1-6; 99:1-5; 102:13-16; 110:1-3; 125:1; 129:5-6; 132:13; 147:12-20; 149:2, 5-9)
  
- II. **The spiritual reality of the kingdom (Matthew Chapters 5 – 7; Luke 17:20-21; Rom. 14:17; 1 Cor. 4:20)**
  - A. The nature of the sons of the kingdom (5:3-16)
  - B. The heavenly standard of the kingdom (5:17-48)
    1. Surpassing that of the Scribes and Pharisees (5:20)
      - a. Regarding anger and hatred (5:21-26; Gal. 5:22-23)
      - b. Regarding lust of the flesh (5:27-32; Gal. 5:16)
      - c. Regarding swearing (5:33-37; Matt. 12:36; James 3:2-10)
      - d. Regarding vengeance (5:38-42; Heb. 10:30-36; Rom. 12:19)
      - e. Regarding our attitude toward our enemies (5:43-47; Lk. 6:27-36)
    2. Perfect as the heavenly Father (5:48)
  - C. The righteous acts and living of the sons of the kingdom (Chapters 6 & 7:1-12)
    1. The heavenly way of service (6:1-18)
      - a. Doing all things unto God (Eph. 6:5-8; Col. 3:22-24)
      - b. The principle of doing all things “in secret”
      - c. Not being hypocritical
    2. Not serving two masters (6:19-34; 1 John 2:15-17 )
      - a. Heavenly treasures vs. earthly treasures
      - b. Having singleness of heart (Ps. 119:113; James 1:8; 4:8; 2 Cor. 11:3)
      - c. Not being anxious, but having faith (Phil. 4:6-7; 1 Pet. 5:7)
      - d. Seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness
    3. In dealing with others (7:1-12)
      - a. Not passing judgment (Rom. 14:10-14)
      - b. Dealing first with our own problem
      - c. Having spiritual discernment & wisdom (1 Cor. 2:14-16)
      - d. Asking, seeking and knocking (Matt. 15:22-28; Lk. 11:5-8)
      - e. Doing to others as you would have others do to you
  - D. Conclusion (7:13-29)
    1. The narrow gate and the constricted way (vv. 13-14)
    2. Warning concerning the false prophets (vv. 15-20)
    3. Warning to the believers (vv. 21-23)
    4. Being not only hearers but doers of the word (vv. 24-27)
  
- III. **The conflicts between the kingdom of the heavens and the power of darkness – the mysteries of the kingdom of the heavens (Matt. chapter 13; 13:9-17; 11:25-27)**

- A. The parable of the sower (vv.3-8; 18-23)
  - 1. The seed – the word of the kingdom
  - 2. The different types of ground – the hearts of man
  - 3. The birds – the evil one with his evil spirits
- B. The parable of the tares (vv. 24-30; 36-43)
  - 1. The sower of good seed – Christ, the Son of Man
  - 2. The good seeds – the sons of the kingdom
  - 3. The sower of tares – the enemy, the Devil
  - 4. The tares – the sons of the evil one
  - 5. The field is the world
- C. The parable of the mustard seed and the big tree  
(Luke 12:32; Matt. 20:16; Rev. 18:2)
- D. The parable of the fine flour and the woman with the leaven (Exod. 12:17,19; Lev. 2:11; Matt. 16:6-12; Mk. 8:15; Lk.12:1; 1 Cor. 5:6-8; Gal. 5:9)
- E. Two positive parables (vv. 44-46)
  - 1. The treasure hidden in the field
  - 2. The pearl of great price
- F. The parable of the dragnet (vv. 47-50)
- G. Concluding word (vv. 51-52)

#### **IV. The manifestation of the kingdom (Matt. Chapters 24-25)**

- A. The second coming of the King (24:29-39; Luke 21:25-27; Rev. 6:12-17 )
  - 1. The parable of the fig tree
  - 2. The fulfillment of the times of the Nations (Luke 21:24; Dan. 2:32-35; 41-45)
  - 3. The signing of the treaty in the Middle East (Dan. 9:27)
  - 4. As the days of Noah and of Lot (Matt. 24:37-39; Luke 17:26-32)
- B. The rapture the living believers – the two working in the field (24:40-51)
- C. The resurrection of the dead believers (25:1-30)
  - 1. The parable of the ten virgins (25:1-13; Rev. 12:1-6; Phil. 3:11)
  - 2. The parable of the talents distributed to the servants (25:14-30)
- D. The judgment of the living unbelievers among the nations (25:31-46)
  - 1. The living unbelievers will be judged at the second coming of the King
    - a. According to the eternal gospel preached by the angels (Rev. 14:6-11)
    - b. The separation of the sheep from the goats
  - 2. All the dead unbelievers will be judged at the end of the millennial kingdom (Rev. 20:5, 11-15)