

KINGDOM REVELATION

*“And he said unto them, **The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors. 26 But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve. 27 For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth. 28 Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations. 29 And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; 30 That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.**” (Lk. 22:25-30)*

In this powerful account of the “last supper” we would do well to pay attention to the entire context; it’s more than just breaking bread and drinking wine. Jesus was striking covenant with His own blood and delivering His “last will and testament” to His benefactors—the disciples (and whosoever believes). He as a King was handing them “a kingdom” as the Father gave Him. Jesus, right now, is reigning as our King in His Kingdom. His reign began 2000 years ago and he gave the disciples opportunity to participate with Him.

The Gospel of John says:

*“Jesus answered, **My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. 37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.**” (John 18:36-37)*

Further evidence of the Kingdom NOW is found in Acts 10:39-42. First we need to look again at the prediction in Luke 22:30 that the disciples will “eat and drink” at the King’s table in His Kingdom. Are we waiting for some distant fulfillment? No! It already happened.

“And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: 40 Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly; 41 Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead. 42 And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.” (Acts 10:39-42)

The kingdoms of this world perverted by their father, the devil, govern by “lording over” their subjects and making themselves the “benefactors” of slavery. Sound familiar? Jesus said, **“But ye shall not be so.”** Jesus explained how His Kingdom operates, through the power of serving—the power of the towel! It’s a Kingdom of love because the King is love. *“Beloved let us love one another... for God is love.” (1 John 4:7-8)*

Christ fulfilled His mission! Yes, we are still waiting for the PHYSICAL appearing of Christ to finally judge the wicked and the righteous. But we need to keep in mind that He, as the final Adam, “broke down the middle wall of partition,” (Eph. 2:14) the wall that separated us from the Father. He purchased us with His blood so we can *“come boldly unto the throne of grace”* at any time. (Heb. 4:16) **The full “potential” for our lives in the Kingdom is already established NOW! We need to believe and walk**

in it NOW! Until the Messiah's physical appearing we are to operate with the mindset of our **Father's ORIGINAL INTENT FOR MAN**—*“Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and **subdue it: and have dominion.**”* (Gen. 1:28)

We need to “subdue” and take “dominion” over the “flesh” and the “world” every day to be victorious in the battles of life.

Here's the mystery, as I perceive it, the Kingdom has come, IS NOW, and IS coming. Read Lk. 19:12-27.

*“He said therefore, A certain nobleman **went into a far country** to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. **13** And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, **Occupy till I come...** **16** Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. **17** And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities... **20** And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin... **24** And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds... **27** But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me.*

The King has already given us the Kingdom and we are to “occupy till HE comes.”

1. He ascended, (“went to a far country”)
2. Gave us charge to advance the Kingdom, (“...every man had **gained**”)
3. He will come again to **examine** His “servants” for what they “gained”
4. “Slay” His “enemies” that “hated him” and
5. **PHYSICALLY** reign!

I believe He is **SPIRITUALLY** reigning now through the **PHYSICAL** “acts” of His Holy Spirit lead Ambassadors. Ambassadors carry the full weight and power of the King they represent – as if it were the King Himself! His government ruled by His laws, is enacted now. **Our mission is to “Go” and boldly influence this world with love and bring people into citizenship (being born again).** There are opposing forces that “hate” our King; so to be over-comers it is imperative that to walk in “the power of His might.” We are going after the “spoils of war”—the souls of men. We are faced with the spiritual and the physical struggle of these opposing kingdoms daily. We can understand it better by comparing love versus lust: **“love will sacrifice self for another, lust will sacrifice another for self.”** Is it “all about you?” or is it “all about Christ and serving others?” This is the “bench mark” or “gauge” to determine what kingdom we are influenced by and are operating in.

Let us honor our King by totally surrendering our lives to His will daily. By His grace let us operate the way He operates. “I only do what my Father does and I only say what my Father says.” From this standing as holy Ambassadors we will prevail in the battle between the kingdom of darkness with its minions and the Kingdom of Light. *“There be more with us than with them!”* (2 Chron. 32:7) We need to be alert! We have to walk in love (the founding law of our Kingdom), humility, faith and be full of the Holy Ghost.

*“...Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: **2** Whom resist steadfast in the faith...* (1 Pet. 5:8-9)

“If God be for ME, who can be against ME?” (Rom. 8:31)

“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” (Phil. 4:13)