

Crown Her a King™

Restoring God's Glory to the Bride of Christ

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SESSION 2: *Gospel of the Kingdom*

CLASS NOTES

From last week, dream: "She has *Chaldee!*" = traditions and doctrines of men that have poisoned Christ's Bride

1 Cor 14:34-36, **PAUL WAS NOT SILENCING THE WOMEN**, he was silencing those who held to the view women could not speak in church.

For millennia we have believed it was God's will for women to have limitations placed on them due to their gender. But it was never His will (as this series will continue to prove). So how could God let that happen and still be God? How could He let that happen and still be good? – **"The hearts of men are now ready to receive the truth."**

However, I did not understand how **GOD'S KINGDOM** worked because it was very different from my idea of what a KINGDOM was supposed to look like, plus I had no clue it was **GOOD NEWS (gospel) for the here and now**, not just the by and by.

JOHN 18:33-38 -- For this Purpose Jesus was born: To establish His Kingdom, His dominion, His rule, in Truth and in Freedom... but it's NOT OF THIS WORLD SYSTEM, NOT OF THIS REALM. IT'S A VERY DIFFERENT KINGDOM. We have copied the world system and pasted into the church, leaving her sick and weak.

Genesis 1:27-28: **Created for intimacy with God & each other – and to take dominion**

Genesis Chapter 3: the fall... now God's creation is influenced by evil

Genesis 3:16 "Yet your desire will be for your husband, And he will rule over you" – That's part of the curse! – "desire" same as in Gen 4:7 with Cain, "And if you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it." **That "desire" is to master and control.**

No longer side by side taking dominion over the earth and over the enemy, now we turn and start taking dominion over each other. Will learn more in week 7, "Taking Dominion", but we must understand there is a clash of two kingdoms and they are both empowered with our agreement

“A Towel and a Basin in Two Kingdoms” (full story available on www.CrownHerAKing.com)

Slavery demands you yield your will to another. It is the antithesis of freedom; it is the antithesis of love... for love never demands its own way. Love never controls or manipulates, and it does not dominate or force. Freedom is the epitome of love; you cannot have one without the other.

1) **It's a KINGDOM of LOVE, a KINGDOM of FREEDOM**

- Mark 12:28-34, **'love God and love others'**... Jesus said this scribe was 'not far from the Kingdom of God' -- Matt 22:40, on these 2 commands hang all the Law & Prophets
- Love always offers a choice – your freedom and your free will matter
 - It was for freedom that Christ set us free (Galatians 5:1)
- Love must offer a choice – it cannot be forced (or it's rape)
 - There had to be two trees in the Garden of Eden or there was no choice
 - Jesus did not have His life taken, He freely laid it down (John 10:18)
 - Love does not demand its own way (1 Corinthians 13:5)
- Truth sets you free or it's not truth (John 8:32)
 - Has the traditional position regarding women been one that sets her free or restrains her? To be TRUTH, it must bring freedom ... or it's not truth.
 - John 18:36, Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world... but as it is, **My kingdom is not of this realm.**" –His Kingdom isn't like the worldly system
 - John 18:37, Therefore Pilate said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say *correctly* that I am a king. **For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth.** Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." (Week #5 is dedicated to learning to hear God's voice)
 - Jesus is a King in a very different Kingdom!!
- It's an upside down Kingdom (or truly, it's right side up)
 - **PYRAMID vs TEMPLE** example (servant leadership – from strength)
 - Not designed for the benefit of the one on top, rather leaders are foundation
 - Not like kingdoms of the world with hierarchy and dominance
 - Mutual, reciprocal submission and honor
 - Headship, not hierarchy – more on Week 8, "Nobility's Rule"
 - First shall be last, greatest is servant, enter like a child, etc.

2) **GOD'S KINGDOM REALITY in the HERE AND NOW! ... not in the by and by**

- Sometimes it's hard to grasp the reality of Spiritual realm (1 Corinthians 2:14)
- 2 Kings 6:16-17 ... **Elisha prayed and his servant saw the greater spiritual reality**
- Matthew 4:23, 9:35 - **Jesus came preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom**
 - Luke 4:43, "but He said to them, **'I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent.'**"
 - Good News included healing the sick (Luke 9:11)

- Good News included casting out demons (Matt 4:23-24)
 - God's will being done on earth... accessing the greater reality
 - King-dom = King's domain
- Matt 6:31-34 – don't worry about natural needs, seek first His Kingdom
 - Went from fear of lack to Kingdom first - why? It is about an internal reality.
 - **WHY DOES OUR REASONING START WITH OUR LACK?** (Matt 16:5-12)
 - Calmed the storm , Mark 4:39, "Peace be still"
 - You release what's inside you. Jesus was asleep in the storm (at peace), so he could release peace. Do you release peace? Or anxiety, anger, etc
 - **Israel wandered externally because they were slaves internally** (Heb. 3 & 4)
 - It's not theology, confessions, or concepts... you can only release what you carry
 - Battlefield is in your mind, but the territory being fought for is your heart
 - Issues of life flow from your heart (Prov. 4:23)

3) **THE KINGDOM IS ACCESSIBLE NOW**

- Christ's Kingdom did not originate from the world's system – but it is designed to take them over! ☺ -- love, truth, and freedom – we win
- The Kingdom may seem hidden, hard to reach... but it is hidden FOR you not from you! – Matt 13:44 and 45, treasure and pearl of great price
 - **It is so valuable, it's worth everything**
 - Why hidden?... it's not for those won't appreciate it
- The Kingdom is at hand; we are to bring the reality of the Kingdom to the earth
 - Matthew 10:7-8, "And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'⁸ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give."
 - Sent the 12, then the 70... then all of us
 - Matthew 6:8-14, Lord's prayer... God's will done ON EARTH as in Heaven ... but He is not forcing it on us!
- **The Kingdom is within you**
 - Luke 17:20-21, "Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you."
 - "within" (*entos*), means *inside* not just 'in your midst' or near you
 - Matt 23:26, "inside" of the cup vs. outside
 - Jesus lives in your heart. **You are the temple of the Holy Spirit...**
 - Holy Spirit flows like a river of living water out of your innermost being, out of your heart (John 7:38-39)
 - Luke 7:28, "For I say to you, among those born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

- Why? Because those born into this Kingdom are born-again, they have a brand new nature, most importantly they have Holy Spirit living inside!
 - The God of the universe is closer than your skin!

4) **THE KING'S DOMAIN**

- A kingdom, by definition, is the King's domain
 - It's about His rule – His will being done
 - But it's a voluntary kingdom where freedom reigns
 - **God's will is that all men be saved. Are men all saved?** (1 Timothy 2:4)
 - However, He won't force His will on us!! – Even on something that big!
- He is love and the Kingdom is about His very presence
 - **IT'S ABOUT HIS VERY PRESENCE!!**
 - **WHEN THE HEALER IS PRESENT, HEALING HAPPENS**
 - **He is worthy of it being honored... and even pursued**
 - **But He won't force His presence on you**
- God's Kingdom is at enmity with the kingdom of the world (*chaldees*)
 - Enemy forces – like with addictions, they drive you (want to master you)
- God invites you into a personal relationship with Him
 - 1 John 4:8, God is love (Love created the world)
 - John 3:16, God so loved the world sent Jesus to die for us
 - 1 John 4:7-9, "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ He who does not love does not know God, for **God is love**. ⁹ In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, **that we might live through Him.**"
 - **Salvation is the entrance to this Kingdom! It's not about being churchied.**
 - You can sit in a garage every day but that will never make you a car.
 - It's not about knowing the Bible; **it's about knowing the Author.**
 - Charles Wesley got saved on his 2nd Missionary voyage to America
 - God wants you to know Him personally. He is big enough to know and love everyone as if they are the only one. We can all be apple of His eye!
 - I believed, but so did the demons... and they tremble (James 2:19)
 - I had not voluntarily asked Him to be Lord of my life
 - You can heal in His name, speak in tongues but "**I never knew you**" (Matt 7:20-27) – How do we know? Hear and act accordingly
 - **Yield yourself VOLUNTARILY to His Will... MAKE HIM LORD**
 - God's not trying to keep people out of Heaven. HE DIED TO GET YOU IN

The Gospel of the Kingdom is good news! God's not mad at you! He is asking for you to partner with Him to change the world. Let Him flow through you, and collectively through us! God's Kingdom is good ... it's right here, right now... IT'S TRUTH AND TRUTH SETS YOU FREE (John 8:32).