

Thy Kingdom Come

Daniel 7:13-14

13 "I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him. 14 Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed.

Am I a citizen of the USA. Of course I am and I am mighty glad that I am. I am will into to say that I am proud to be an American. For even though we have made plenty of mistakes in our history, compared to other nations we have done amazingly well.

But I am also a citizen of another kingdom. A kingdom that is more than a nation. A kingdom that is as yet only a promise as far as this world is concerned.

That kingdom is the kingdom of Jesus Christ. And that is what I want to speak to you about this morning. This being Palm Sunday, the day on which Jesus was heralded as the king of the Jews, the day He rode on the donkey into Jerusalem.

John 12: 12 ¶ The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, 13 took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' The King of Israel!"

Ultimately the Jews rejected Jesus as king and turned Him over to the gentiles to be crucified.

But Jesus is still king in the truest sense.

Not just of a spiritual kingdom as it is now. But as Daniel saw in the vision long ago the Son of Man will come on the clouds and He will remove all the kingdoms of this world and will reign as total sovereign forever.

The kingdoms of this world are at best corrupted by the sin of men who long for power. We cannot help but be a part of this world. But the kingdoms of this world are not the hope of the Christian. Our hope lies in a coming King and His Kingdom.

Let us look at what Christians have before them.

- I. The kingdoms of this world will continue for a limited time.
 - A. In the book of Daniel the times of the gentiles are specifically laid out.
 1. There were to be four major world wide kingdoms.
 2. The last kingdom will be a conglomerate of ten nations that will control the world.
 3. But at the end of that time Jesus will return and bring an end to the ruinous reign of evil men on this world.

4. Lu 21:24 "And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.
- B. And one day that will come to an end.
 - C. Re 11:15 Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"
- II. There is a special place for the saints in this new kingdom.
- A. Dan 7:18, 27; 18 'But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.'
27 Then the kingdom and dominion, And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And all dominions shall serve and obey Him.'
 - B. 2Ti 2:12 If we endure, We shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us.
 - C. Re 20:6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.
 - D. Jesus hinted at this in some of the parables.
 1. Luke 19:11-27 (NKJV) 11 Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately. 12 Therefore He said: "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return. 13 So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, 'Do business till I come.' 14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We will not have this man to reign over us.' 15 And so it was that when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. 16 Then came the first, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned ten minas.' 17 And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.' 18 And the second came, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned five minas.' 19 Likewise he said to him, 'You also be over five cities.' 20 Then another came, saying, 'Master, here is your mina, which I have kept put away in a handkerchief. 21 For I feared you, because you are an austere man. You collect what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.' 22 And he said to him, 'Out of your own mouth I will judge you, you wicked servant. You knew that I was an austere man, collecting what I did not

deposit and reaping what I did not sow. 23 Why then did you not put my money in the bank, that at my coming I might have collected it with interest?' 24 And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give it to him who has ten minas.' 25 (But they said to him, 'Master, he has ten minas.')

26 For I say to you, that to everyone who has will be given; and from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. 27 But bring here those enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, and slay them before me.' "

2. 27 And as for these enemies of mine who didn't want me to be their king—bring them in and execute them right here in front of me.' NLT

E. So then it seems our rewards are based on faithfulness in this life.

III. What will this kingdom be like?

A. A place of perfect peace and holiness.

1. 2 Peter 3:13 (NKJV) 13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

B. A place without sorrow and pain.

1. Revelation 7:17 (NKJV) 17 for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”
2. Revelation 21:4 (NKJV) 4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”

C. We will have a perfect body like Jesus.

1. 1 John 3:2 (NKJV) 2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

D. A place with God and Jesus and the Holy Spirit

1. Re 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.
2. People go through this life with a longing that only God can fill but there we will be filled every day.
3. There will be no regrets of unfulfilled promises for God will be a Father to us and will meet our every need.

That is the kingdom I am looking for. That is the place that my soul longs for.