

God is King Pt 3 The King in the kingdom of God

This is our third teaching from the scriptures on the topic – “God is King”. In our first study we established– (1) The Son of God was foretold that he would have a throne– be King, and (2) Jesus was King of the Jews, and (3) The children on Israel rejected Messiah from being their King and crucified him. In this study we establish– (1) there is a spiritual kingdom– the kingdom of God, (2) you must be born again of the Spirit to enter into the kingdom of God, and (3) we are translated into the kingdom of His dear Son

Our three points established from the scriptures –

1. There is a **spiritual kingdom** – the kingdom of God

“And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel” (Mk.1:15), c.f.– Matt.6: 33– “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you”.

2.You must be born again to enter into the kingdom of God.

“Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he can not see the kingdom of God” (Jn.3: 3).

3. We are translated into the kingdom of His dear Son

“Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son” (Col.1: 13).

Illustration

If Israel had accepted God Almighty as their King, He would have reigned over them in heaven, sitting on His throne. The kingdom would have been spiritual and it could have been said that Israel were in the kingdom of God.

Question to think about.

Is Jesus our King today?

Answer from the scriptures

In the context of this, the church age there is **not** one verse that says “Jesus is King”.

However, there are verses that indicate He–

a) will reign on the throne of David, which at a glance suggest after Jesus’ resurrection he would be raised up to sit on the throne. But the context of “his throne” is David’s physical throne– Acts 2:30 & 34

b) is on the right hand of the Father, who is on the throne today–

“Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person...when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high” (Heb 1:3).

After Jesus’ resurrection Stephen just before he was martyred looked up into heaven and saw “the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God” (Acts 7: 55).

Jesus will show in His time who is the King of kings– 1Tim 6:14, 15 That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: [15] Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

And – Speaking through Isaiah the prophet God foretells that “There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust” (Rom.15: 12). Let us live in righteousness, knowing that in the kingdom of God – the sceptre of Christ is the sceptre of righteousness!