

## ***The Kingdom of God***

### **Introduction**

- A. In the Biblical teaching of “What is real – reality” – the “Kingdom of God” holds an important place. The term is often used in Scripture and would include the Holy Trinity, the Lord Jesus – the Christ – ***“The King of kings and the Lord of lords,”*** the holy angels, and the Church (all true believers).
- B. The one great plan of God in His Kingdom, is to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ. To understand the significance of this truth, enables one to bring all the truths of the Bible into a coherent pattern.

### **I. The Biblical Concept of the Kingdom**

***“I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.”*** Psalm 2:6

***For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.*** Isaiah 9:6,7

***From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.” Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.*** Matthew 4:17,23

### **II. Descriptions of the Kingdom of God**

“The Kingdom of God is supernatural. It is the dynamic activity of God’s rule. Only the supernatural act of God can destroy Satan, defeat death, raise the dead in incorruptible bodies to inherit the blessing of the Kingdom and transform the world order.”  
(George Ladd, *The Kingdom of God*, in *The Evangelical Dict. of Theology*.)

“The mystery of the Kingdom is that before the eschatological consummation, before the destruction of Satan, before the age to come, the Kingdom of God has entered this age and invaded the Kingdom of Satan in spiritual power to bring to men in advance, the blessing of forgiveness, life, and righteousness which belong to the age to come.” *Ibid.*

### III. An Explanation of our Father's Plan in His Kingdom

There is only one all-inclusive plan for life. Our Father has made the decree that He will exalt His son, the Lord Jesus Christ. All creation, every angel, every person, and all events, both in time and eternity, are included in that plan. To misunderstand or neglect this clear statement of God's will for our life – has serious consequences.

***"I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill" ... "Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession."*** Psalm 2:6,8

***For by him (the Lord Jesus) all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him... so that in everything he might have the supremacy.*** Colossians. 1:16-18

### IV. Some Characteristics of the Kingdom of God

The Kingdom of God is primarily spiritual.

***For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.*** Romans 14:17

The Kingdom of God is a radical-redemptive activity of God

***When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.*** Luke 9:1,2

***For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.*** 1 Corinthians 4:20

The Kingdom of God is a divine-human cooperative.

***I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."***  
Matthew 16:19

The Kingdom of God demands a radical and honest response.

***If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell.*** Mark 9:43-47|

