

The Kingdom and the Church

Monday 5/5

Dan. 2:35

35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed all at once, and they became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

John 3:29-30

29 He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices with joy because of the bridegroom's voice. This joy of mine therefore is made full.

30 He must increase, but I must decrease.

Dan. 2:44

44 And in the days of those kings the God of the heavens will raise up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and its reign will not be left to another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms; and it will stand forever.

1 Cor. 12:12

12 For even as the body is one and has many members, yet all the members of the body, being many, are one body, so also is the Christ.

Luke 17:21

21 Nor will they say, Behold, here it is! or, There! For behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.

John 3:3, 5

3 Jesus answered and said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

5 Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Further Reading: *HWMR Living in the Reality of the Kingdom of God – Week 3, Day 1*

Tuesday 5/6

Matt. 4:23

23 And Jesus went about in all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Matt. 16:18-19

18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

19 I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of the heavens, and whatever you bind on the earth shall have been bound in the heavens, and whatever you loose on the earth shall have been loosed in the heavens.

Matt. 7:14, 21

14 Because narrow is the gate and constricted is the way that leads to life, and few are those who find it.

21 Not every one who says to Me, Lord, Lord, will enter into the kingdom of the heavens, but he who does the will of My Father who is in the heavens.

Matt. 19:17, 29

17 And He said to him, Why do you ask Me concerning what is good? There is only One who is good. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.

29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields for My name's sake shall receive a hundred times as much and shall inherit eternal life.

Matt. 25:46

46 And these shall go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

2 Tim. 1:10

10 But now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who nullified death and brought life and incorruption to light through the gospel,

Acts 8:12

12 But when they believed Philip, who announced the gospel of the kingdom of God and of the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

Further Reading: *HWMR Living in the Reality of the Kingdom of God – Week 3, Day 2*

Wednesday 5/7

Matt. 16:18-19

See Tuesday

Matt. 5:3

3 Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of the heavens.

Rev. 1:4-6, 9

4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is coming, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,

5 And from Jesus Christ, the faithful Witness, the Firstborn of the dead, and the Ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and has released us from our sins by His blood

6 And made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be the glory and the might forever and ever. Amen.

9 I John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and endurance in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

Eph. 2:22

22 In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.

Col. 2:19

19 And not holding the Head, out from whom all the Body, being richly supplied and knit together by means of the joints and sinews, grows with the growth of God.

Further Reading: *HWMR Living in the Reality of the Kingdom of God – Week 3, Day 3*

Thursday 5/8

Rom. 14:17

17 For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Eph. 2:19

19 So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

Matt. 18:17-18

17 And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to hear the church also, let him be to you just like the Gentile and the tax collector.

18 Truly I say to you, Whatever you bind on the earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on the earth shall have been loosed in heaven.

Matt. 13:44-46

44 The kingdom of the heavens is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid, and in his joy goes and sells all that he has, and buys that field.

45 Again, the kingdom of the heavens is like a merchant seeking fine pearls;

46 And finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

1 Cor. 4:20

20 For the kingdom of God is not in speech but in power.

Further Reading: *HWMR Living in the Reality of the Kingdom of God – Week 3, Day 4*

Friday 5/9

Mark 4:26-29

26 And He said, So is the kingdom of God: as if a man cast seed on the earth,

27 And sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and lengthens-how, he does not know.

28 The earth bears fruit by itself: first a blade, then an ear, then full grain in the ear.

29 But when the fruit is ripe, immediately he sends forth the sickle, because the harvest has come.

2 Cor. 13:14

14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2 Pet. 1:5-7

5 And for this very reason also, adding all diligence, supply bountifully in your faith virtue; and in virtue, knowledge;

6 And in knowledge, self-control; and in self-control, endurance; and in endurance, godliness;

7 And in godliness, brotherly love; and in brotherly love, love.

Matt 6:10

See Saturday

Rev. 11:15

15 And the seventh angel trumpeted; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.

Rev. 12:10

10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven saying, Now has come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ, for the accuser of our brothers has been cast down, who accuses them before our God day and night.

Further Reading: *HWMR Living in the Reality of the Kingdom of God – Week 3, Day 5*

Saturday 5/10

2 Cor. 10:4

4 For the weapons of our warfare are not fleshly but powerful before God for the overthrowing of strongholds,

Eph. 6:12

12 For our wrestling is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenlies.

Matt. 6:10, 33

10 Your kingdom come; Your will be done, as in heaven, so also on earth.

33 But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Matt. 25:21, 23

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Col. 4:11

11 And Jesus, who is called Justus; these alone of the circumcision are my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, ones who have become a consolation to me.

Further Reading: *HWMR Living in the Reality of the Kingdom of God – Week 3, Day 6*

Lord's Day 5/11

Titus 2:1-8, 11-14

1 But you, speak the things which are fitting to the healthy teaching.

2 Exhort older men to be temperate, grave, of a sober mind, healthy in faith, in love, in endurance;

3 Older women likewise to be in demeanor as befits those who engage in sacred things, not slanderers, nor enslaved by much wine, teachers of what is good,

4 That they may train the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,

5 To be of a sober mind, pure, workers at home, good, subject to their own husbands, that the word of God would not be blasphemed.

6 The younger men likewise exhort to be of a sober mind,

7 Concerning all things presenting yourself as a pattern of good works: in your teaching showing incorruption, gravity,

8 Healthy speech that cannot be condemned, that he who opposes may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.

11 For the grace of God, bringing salvation to all men, has appeared,

12 Training us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly and righteously and godly in the present age,

13 Awaiting the blessed hope, even the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,

14 Who gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from all lawlessness and purify to Himself a particular people as His unique possession, zealous of good works.

Hymn: #947

Further Reading:

The Kingdom and the Church, ch. 4

Churchwide Truth Pursuit of Genesis

Level 1—Sequential Life-study Reading

Scripture Reading and Copying: *Gen. 12*

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Genesis, msg(s). 25-26*

Level 2—Topical Study

Crucial Point: *Satan's Temptation and Man's Being Deceived*

Scripture: *Gen. 3:1-13*

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Genesis, msg. 18*

Supplemental Reading: *God's Eternal Intention and Satan's Counterplot, ch. 1; The History of God in His Union with Man, ch. 4; Authority and Submission, ch. 2; Truth Lessons, Level One, Vol. 1, ch. 5; The Collected Works of Watchman Nee, Vol. 46, Conferences, Messages, and Fellowship (6), msg. 165; Revelation in Genesis: Seeing God's Desire and Purpose in Creation, ch. 8; Revelations in Genesis: Seeing God's Way of Salvation in Man's Fall, ch. 2*

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