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The Kingdom & Last Things

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“The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!”

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“The Kingdom of God includes both His general sovereignty over the universe and His particular kingship over men who willfully acknowledge Him as King. Particularly the Kingdom is the realm of salvation into which men enter by trustful, childlike commitment to Jesus Christ.”

Christians ought to pray and to labor that the Kingdom may come and God's will be done on earth.

The full consummation of the Kingdom awaits the return of Jesus Christ and the end of this age.

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Kingdom of God:

“God’s sovereign rule in the universe and in the hearts of Christians.”

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Isaiah 9:6-7

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.

7 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. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

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Daniel 7:13-14

13 “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence.
never be destroyed.

14 He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

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Matthew 6:33

**But seek first his kingdom
and his righteousness, and
all these things will be
given to you as well.**

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Luke 11:20

**But if I drive out demons
by the finger of God, then
the kingdom of God has
come to you.**

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Hebrews 12:28-29

28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, **29** for our “God is a consuming fire.”

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“The Kingdom of God is not like the kingdoms of this world. Earthly kingdoms are temporary; the Kingdom of God is eternal. Earthly kings rule over finite kingdoms, but God’s rule knows no limitations. The power of an earthly monarch is limited by his partial sovereignty, but God’s rule is established in His unconditional and supreme sovereignty.”

Last Things

“God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. According to His promise, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to the earth; the dead will be raised; and Christ will judge all men in righteousness.

The unrighteous will be consigned to Hell, the place of everlasting punishment. The righteous in their resurrected and glorified bodies will receive their reward and will dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord.”

Last Things

Isaiah 65:17

“Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.

Last Things

Revelation 21:1

**Then I saw a new heaven and
a new earth, for the first
heaven and the first earth had
passed away, and there was no
longer any sea.**

Last Things

Matthew 24:30-31

30 “At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the peoples of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. **31** And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

Last Things

1 Thessalonians 4:16

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

Last Things

1 Corinthians 15:21-22

21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. **22** For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

Last Things

The Final Judgment

Matthew 25:31-33

31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. **32** All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. **33** He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Last Things

Revelation 20:11-15

11 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. **12** And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.

13 The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done. **14** Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. **15** Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

Last Things

“...Heaven is God’s gift only to those who are redeemed in Christ. Heaven is the eternal dwelling place of believers in the presence of God and in the company of the saints.”

Last Things

Revelation 5:11-14

11 Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. **12** In a loud voice they sang: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”

13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!” **14** The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Last Things

Revelation 21:3-7

3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. **4** ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

5 He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!”

Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

6 He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. **7** He who

overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

Last Things

“In contrast to heaven, hell is the place of eternal judgment, punishment, and torment. The Bible presentation of hell is straightforward and honest. Indeed, more verses speak directly of hell than of heaven...”

It is a place where God's judgment is manifested in the conscious torment and suffering of those who have refused God's grace, broken God's law, and received God's just punishment for their sins."

“Those in hell will realize that they have sentenced themselves to be there because they have loved darkness rather than light, refusing to have their Creator as their Lord.

They prefer the self-indulgence of sin to self-denying righteousness, rejecting the God that made them... Those who are in hell will know, not only that for their doings they deserve it, but that in their hearts they chose it.”

Last Things

Revelation 21:8

But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars — their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”

Applications

- **Understand that God is sovereign**
- **There is a heaven for those that believe in Christ**
- **There is a hell for those that don't**
- **Tell everybody the Good News!**

Final Thoughts

Philippians 2:10-11

10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Final Thoughts

John 14:6

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.