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A Series through the life of Christ

THE PROPERTIES OF THE KINGDOM

The Now-But-Not-Yet Kingdom



1 Corinthians 2:7...we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. 8 None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

Matthew 13:10 Then the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Why do You speak to the people in parables?” 11 He replied, “The knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them.

Matthew 13:34 Jesus spoke all these things to the crowds in parables. He did not tell them anything without using a parable. 35 So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet:

“I will open My mouth in parables;
I will utter things hidden since the foundation of the world.” [Psalms 78:2]

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1 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea. 2 Such large crowds gathered around Him that He got into a boat and sat down, while all the people stood on the shore.

3 And He told them many things in parables, saying, “A farmer went out to sow his seed. 4 As he was sowing, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them.

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5 Some fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil. They sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow.

6 But when the sun rose, the seedlings were scorched, and they withered because they had no root.

7 Other seeds fell among the thorns, which grew up and choked the seedlings.

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8 Still other seeds fell on good soil and produced a crop—a hundredfold, sixtyfold, or thirtyfold.

9 He who has ears, let him hear.”

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18 Consider, then, the parable of the sower:

19 When anyone hears the message of the kingdom but does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path.

20 The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and promptly receives it with joy.

21 But since he has no root, he remains for only a season. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away.

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22 The seed sown among the thorns is the one who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

23 But the seed sown on good soil is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and produces a crop—a hundredfold, sixtyfold, or thirtyfold.”

THE PARABLE OF THE SEED AND THE SOILS

The Entrance into the Kingdom

- 1. The Territory of the Kingdom is the human heart**
- 2. Entering the Kingdom is determined by the heart's response to God's Word**
- 3. People CAN and WILL reject the Kingdom**
- 4. The true sign of a person of the Kingdom is fruit**

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24 Jesus presented another parable to them: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field.

25 But while everyone was asleep, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and slipped away.

26 When the wheat sprouted and bore grain, then the weeds also appeared.

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27 The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'

28 'An enemy did this,' he replied.

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So the servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

29 ‘No,’ he said, ‘if you pull the weeds now, you might uproot the wheat with them.

30 Let both grow together until the harvest. At the proper time I will tell the harvesters, “First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat into my barn.””

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36 Then Jesus dismissed the crowds and went into the house. His disciples came to Him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”

37 He replied, “The One who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.

38 The field is the world, and the good seed represents the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one,

39 and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

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40 As the weeds are collected and burned in the fire, so will it be at the end of the age.

41 The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will weed out of His kingdom every cause of sin and all who practice lawlessness. 42 And they will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

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THE PARABLE OF WHEAT AND THE WEEDS

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- 2. The world is made up of two groups of people**

1 John 3: 7 Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. 8 The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.

9 No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God.

10 This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister.

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John 17

6 “I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word.

9 I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.

John 17

11 I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

12 While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

John 17

13 “I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them.

14 I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world.

15 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.

16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.

17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

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Ephesians 2: 1 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

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