12-28-2016 Part 4 **MANIFESTATIONS IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

 **(IT’S CHARACTER)**

To understand the kingdom and its effectiveness in the earth we must understand the character of its king.

The King ruling in God’s Kingdom is Jesus Christ, God’s Son and He is a King of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.

**Isaiah 11:1-5**

***“There shall come forth a ROD from the stem of Jesse,***

***And a BRANCH shall grow out of his roots,***

***The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him,***

***The Spirit of wisdom and understanding,***

***The Spirit of counsel and might,***

***The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.***

***His delight is in the fear of the Lord,***

***And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes,***

***Nor decide by the hearing of His ears;***

***But with righteousness He shall judge the poor,***

***And decide with equity for the meek of the earth;***

***He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth,***

***And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.***

***Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist.”***

 **Matthew 6:33**

***“But seek first the KINGDOM OF GOD and HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, and all these things shall be added to you.”***

**St. John 18:36**

***“Jesus answered, “MY KINGDOM IS NOT OF THIS WORLD.***

***If My Kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My Kingdom is not from here.”***

**Romans 14:17**

***“for THE KINGDOM OF GOD is not food and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”***

The Holy Spirit permeates the Kingdom of God filling it with fruits of the Spirit, righteousness, Love, holiness, peace, joy, all a result of God establishing the kingdom through the sacrificial death, burial, and resurrection of His Son. Jesus Christ is going to reign eternally as king.

A kingdom is the reflection of its king. What and who a king is about, is displayed in the nature and character of his subjects. The way in which the subjects behave is the reflection of their king. They possess the very nature of their king. In God’s kingdom, we as His subjects receive the Spirit of the King. The King resides in the hearts of His subjects. The King set up His kingdom in our heart where He resides upon “the throne of our hearts.”

To know Him is to become like Him. His subjects become like their King. Amen!

Part 4 & 5 **MANIFESTATIONS IN SATAN’S KINGDOM**

 **(IT’S CHARACTER)**

Satan’s kingdom is centered in the things of this world.

Satan tempted Jesus Christ with the kingdoms of this world.

In **St. Luke 4:5-8** we read,

5. And the devil taking Him up into a high mountain, shewed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

6. And the devil said unto Him, all this power will give thee, and the glory of them; for that is delivered unto me; and whomsoever I will I give it.

7. If thou therefore will worship me, all shall be thine.

8. And Jesus answered and said unto him, get thee behind me, Satan; for it is written. Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.”

Satan tried to tempt Jesus into receiving the kingdoms of this world and their glory. Worship was all that was necessary. The problem being Jesus knew the past, present, and future of the kingdom of Satan. God only is to be worshipped. God’s word was established and could not be altered or compromised.

**I John 2:15-17; 5:19**

***“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.***

***For all that is in the world; the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, the pride of life; is not of the Father but is of the world.***

***And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.”***

***“We know that we are of God, and THE WHOLE WORLD LIES UNDER THE SWAY OF THE WICKED ONE.”***

Additional Scriptures: **Revelation 2:9,13**