

Five Characteristics of the Kingdom of God

(Introductory Biblical Outline; still in development: incomplete Scripture content and format)

• *Universally Extensive*

- [Exodus 9:29](#) “So Moses said to him, “As soon as I have gone out of the city, I will spread out my hands to the Lord; the thunder will cease, and there will be no more hail, that you may know that the earth is the Lord’s.”
- [Exodus 19:5](#) “Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.”
- [Deut. 10:14](#) “Indeed heaven and the highest heavens belong to the Lord your God, also the earth with all that is in it.”
- [1 Chronicles 29:11-12](#) “Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, The power and the glory, The victory and the majesty; For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, And You are exalted as head over all. [12] Both riches and honor come from You, And You reign over all. In Your hand is power and might; In Your hand it is to make great And to give strength to all.”
- [Psalm 22:28](#) “For the kingdom is the LORD’s, And He rules over the nations.”
- [Psalm 24:1](#) “A Psalm of David. The earth is the Lord’s, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein.”
- [Psalm 47:8](#) “God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.”
- [Psalm 50:12](#) “If I were hungry, I would not tell you; For the world is Mine, and all its fullness.”
- [Psalm 89:11](#) “The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours; The world and all its fullness, You have founded them.”
- [Psalm 93:1](#) “The Lord reigns, He is clothed with majesty; The Lord is clothed, He has girded Himself with strength. Surely the world is established, so that it cannot be moved.”
- [Psalm 96:10](#) “Say among the nations, ‘The Lord reigns; The world also is firmly established, It shall not be moved; He shall judge the peoples righteously.’”
- [Psalm 97:1](#) “The Lord reigns; Let the earth rejoice; Let the multitude of isles be glad!”
- [Psalm 99:1](#) “The Lord reigns; Let the peoples tremble! He dwells between the cherubim; Let the earth be moved!”
- [Psalm 103:19](#) “The LORD has established His throne in heaven, And His kingdom rules over all.”

• *Spiritually Entered*

- [John 3:3-8](#) “Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.’ [4] Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” [5] Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. [6] That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. [7] Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ [8] The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”
- [Luke 16:16](#) “The law and the prophets were until John. Since that time the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it.”
- [John 18:36-37](#) “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.’” [37] Pilate therefore said to Him, ‘Are You a king then?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.’”

• *Personally Experienced*

- [John 3:3-8](#) (See above)
- [Matthew 13:18-23](#) “Therefore hear the parable of the sower: [19] When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. [20] But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; [21] yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. [22] Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world

and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. [23] But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”

- Matthew 13:44-46 “‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. [45] “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, [46] who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.”

• **Tangibly Exhibited**

- Matthew 4:23-24 “And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. [24] Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them.”
- Matthew 10:7-8 “‘And as you go, preach, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is at hand.” [8] Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.”
- Matthew 12:28 “‘But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.”
- Luke 10:9 “‘And heal the sick there, and say to them, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.”

• **Ultimately Eschatological**

- Isaiah 9:6-7 “For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name 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,
Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,
To order it and establish it with judgment and justice
From that time forward, even forever.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.”
- Luke 1:33 “‘And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”
- Luke 13:28-29 “‘There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out. [29] They will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and sit down in the kingdom of God.”
- Luke 21:31 “So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near.”
- Luke 22:16,18 “‘for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” [18] for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”
- 1 Corinthians 15:50 “Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.”
- 2 Timothy 4:1 “I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom”
- Revelation 11:15 “Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!’”
- Revelation 19:6 “And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, ‘Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!’”