

Matt. 6:33 – “*But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*”

Introduction: So, what is the kingdom of God which Jesus so often talked about? Is it here, is it now, is it future?

Who is the King and what is my relationship to Him? What does it look like to be a citizen of His Kingdom?

The Kingdom Defined

What it is not:

What it is: *The rule or reign of God* (Matt. 6:33) *in the hearts of believers* (Lk17:21 “the kingdom of God is within you,) *and finally over all peoples* (Phil. 2 – “every knee will bow/tongue confess that Jesus is Lord.”)

The King Described

The Kingdom: Then & there, Here & Now/future

- **Anticipated** (past prophecy and longing)
 - The prophets foretold it: (Isa. 9:6-7)
 - The Jews sang of it in David’s Psalm: (Ps. 145:13)
 - Wise men inquired of it: (Matt. 2:2)
- **Announced-** (arrival of Jesus, fulfilling O.T. promise of Messiah)
 - Mk. 1:15 Jesus proclaimed it.
 - Jh. 8:37 – Jesus declared it to Pilate.
- **Advancing** – (the church age – present)
 - Matt. 24:24
- **Arriving** –(future consummation – His reign fully established)
 - Rev. 11:15
 - I Cor. 15:24

Seeking the Kingdom (Matt. 6:33)

Pursuit

Priority

Promise

Tony Evans – “*God loves giving from His hand as long as He knows we are really after His heart. As we seek his presence and his character above all else, the desire to know Him will begin to overshadow the desire to receive from Him.*”

Observations:

