The Kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 7:21)

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INTRODUCTION

- I thought about citizenship as it relates to the most important realm and kingdom that exists.
- All of these talking points have an even greater implication and application to what Jesus referred to as the kingdom of heaven.
- The indwelling of the Holy Spirit means that he is our conduit for God connection.

1 Inclusion Fundamentally Changes Who You Are

Matthew 5:3; Matthew 5:10

- Inclusion in the kingdom of heaven fundamentally changes who you are.
- Blessed are the poor in spirit. For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Not every one who says unto me, Lord, will enter into the kingdom of heaven. But he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.
- It's not just about some familiarity with Jesus or religious works. It must involve the submission of our hearts.

2 Because It Is of Heavenly Origin

Revelation 21

- Why call it the kingdom of heaven? Because it is of heavenly origin.
- That is its origin, this city, this relationship with God, comes down out of heaven.
- Why did it start that way? Because this kingdom issues from heaven. That's where it has to start.

3 A Kingdom of Spiritual Dimensions

Luke 17:20–21; John 18:36–37

- It is a kingdom of spiritual dimensions, and because it is so, it is very difficult with human eyes, to always perceive not just who its citizens are, but its glory.
- The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed.
- If it were of this world, then my servants would fight.
- It is embraced in the spiritual realm in the hearts and minds of men. Our King, whom we do not see, lives and rules this kingdom.

4 Its Eternal Duration

Daniel 2:44; Daniel 7; 2 Peter 1:11

- The fact that it is the kingdom of heaven points us to its eternal duration.
- It will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms of men, but it will itself endure forever.

- In 2 Peter chapter 1 and verse 11, it is actually called the eternal kingdom.

5 The Kingdom of Heaven Is Like

Matthew 13; Matthew 18; Romans 14:17

- When Jesus was saying in these parables, the kingdom of heaven is like, he is giving us one major or several major great features of this kingdom.
- The word sown in the hearts of people and producing the fruit of this kingdom. That's where the kingdom of heaven begins.
- Finding this costly pearl of great price tells us of the immense value of the kingdom of heaven.
- What an amazing kingdom that brings all kinds of diversity from every corner of the globe into it.
- For the kingdom is not eating and drinking, but it is righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

6 Our Citizenship Is in Heaven

Philippians 3:20–21

- Citizenship in this kingdom is infinitely better, is infinitely more important than any nationalistic concern.
- Our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior. He is returning again.
- Who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of his glory?
- Christ, the King reigns. And kingdom of heaven, citizens have a glorious future awakening.

THE CHALLENGE

Have you embraced the great provisions of the kingdom of heaven?

MY NOTES