

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How shall the Master's Kingdom grow?
2. What influence shall it have on the earth?
3. Of what value is the Kingdom?
4. How shall the Kingdom be cleansed?

SUMMARY:

The gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven shall be preached abroad to every nation and kindred and people. The influence of this gospel is drawing souls to Christ's Kingdom everywhere. Many shall be able to see the priceless value of His Kingdom and shall strive to enter in. There shall be those that are victorious through Christ as they are called to His right hand. There are also those that have been taken in by the snares of the temptations of the devil in this world and shall be divided to the left hand for judgment. [\[SoF:10\]](#)

The Kingdom of God shall be cleansed, *"As there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie; but they that are written in the Lamb's book of life."*
(Revelation 21:27)

NOTES:

[\[SoF:10\]](#) We believe that both the saved and the lost will be resurrected; the saved unto life eternal and the lost unto eternal damnation.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #7

February 13, 2022

First Quarter

THE MASTER'S KINGDOM

LESSON TEXT: Matthew 13:31-35; 44-50

LESSON SETTING: Jesus preaching from a boat to listeners on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.

TIME: About 28 - 31 A.D.

I. GROWTH OF THE KINGDOM. Matthew 13:31-32

A. Of the Church. Acts 2:41, 47; 4:4; 5:14; 6:7; 11:21

II. INFLUENCE OF THE KINGDOM. Matthew 13:33-35

A. Of the Gospel (vs. 33) Matthew 24:14; 28:19; Luke 24:47
B. Conversions (vs. 33) Psalm 86:9; Isaiah 60:3; Daniel 7:14;
Ephesians 3:6

III. VALUE OF THE KINGDOM. Matthew 13:44-46

A. Secured Treasures. Matthew 6:20; 19:21; Luke 12:33;
Philippians 3:8; 1 Timothy 6:19; Revelation 3:18

IV. CLEANSING OF THE KINGDOM. Matthew 13:47-50

A. Call to All People (vs. 47) Isaiah 55:1; Matthew 22:9;
1 Timothy 2:4; Revelation 22:17
B. Final Separation [\[SoF:10\]](#) (vs. 49-50) Matthew 25:32; Luke 16:26;
Luke 17:34

GOLDEN TEXT: *EXCEPT A MAN BE BORN AGAIN, HE CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD.*

John 3:3

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Mark 6:30-44

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Psalm 23:1-6; 27:1-14

QUARTERLY THEME: Christ - King and Savior

TOPIC: THE MASTER'S PROVISION

INTRODUCTION:

Consistently the Word of God promises to provide for us. The Psalms are full of these promises, as are also the books of the New Testament.

While Christ lived on this earth He proved to the multitudes and to His disciples how He was able to provide all things necessary. In His miracles He illustrated His miraculous power and we have these incidents recorded for us so that we too can depend upon this provision. Even as He fed five thousand with a few loaves of bread and a few fish, He can likewise do the same today.

He made one condition, however, as we read in His Holy Word, *“But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness: and all these things shall be added unto you.”* (Matthew 6:33) The previous verse reads, *“Your Heavenly Father **knoweth** that ye have need of all these things.”*

Our faith must be such that He can provide all. He is almighty, all is in His power, but He does expect us to ask and believe. Knowing that He provides all for us, we should be happy to share with others that which we possess. As we give so will He give. In like manner He provides our spiritual needs. Without these we can do nothing.

CENTRAL TRUTH: The Kingdom of God is at hand.

GOLDEN TEXT: ***I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE; HE THAT COMETH TO ME SHALL NEVER HUNGER.***

John 6:35

Jesus had made it known to Satan during the temptations in the wilderness that man's fellowship with God was to be restored. He reminded Satan *“That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.”* (Luke 4:4) Because man was not living by the Word of God, he was not really living. The world was so dead in sin, so spiritually asleep that Jesus had to perform His miracles in the physical sense to prepare the people for His real purpose. He healed their bodies, but His divine mission was to redeem their souls. He drove out evil spirits because He was to provide the Holy Spirit. He fed thousands with few loaves because His own body was to be broken as the Bread of Life.

Thus, Christ not only teaches, *“Ye must be born again”* but He provides all the power that we need to enter into the New Covenant, even giving Himself as the Bread of Life to sustain us on life's journey until we reach the Promised Land.

“Bread of Heaven, feed me till I want no more.”

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF February 14 – 20

M. *The Master's Provision. Mark 6:30-44

T. The Feast of Thankfulness. Leviticus 23:33-44

W. Our Spiritual Nourishment. 1 Corinthians 10:1-15

T. Jesus, the Bread of Life. John 6:1-13

F. Jesus, the Satisfier of Hunger. John 6:25-35

S. Jesus, Our Abundant Provider. Philippians 4:14-19

S. Jesus, the Satisfier of Thirst. John 4:7-15

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