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SERMON TOPIC: "KING OF THE ETERNAL KINGDOM"

It may already be obvious to some of us that the word "Kingdom" is a compound word made up of the word: "king" and "domain." Everyone knows that a king is a ruler or leader over a certain nation, province, or region. BUT THERE IS A KING WHO IS RULER OVER ALL KINGS AND RULERS IN THE EARTH. This King is not like other kings of the earth who must die. This King rules for all eternity. His scepter is a scepter of righteousness, justice, mercy, love, and peace. In order to enter and to abide in the Eternal Heavenly Kingdom there is a process and there is a way. It is my prayer and my hope that when we leave here today, we will be convinced enough to want to tell somebody what they are missing by being outside of the Kingdom of God. It is my prayer and my hope that we will be more appreciative and aware of the One to whom we belong and what He has done to bring us to the Father's Heavenly Kingdom by providing Salvation for us. TO REJECT HIM AND ALL HE HAS DONE IS GROSS INGRATITUDE.

As we listen to the Gospel from John Chap. 18, we hear Pilate questioning Christ about the charges brought against Him by the Jews—the synagogue officials. Pilate asked Jesus the following: (1) "ARE YOU THE KING OF THE JEWS?" (2) "WHAT IS TRUTH?" (3) SO, YOU ARE KING?"

Jesus answered him indirectly in the affirmative: "YES. I am, but my kingdom is not of this world. ...I come to testify of the TRUTH. Everyone who belongs to the Truth listens to my voice." Then Pilate went out and said to the Jews: "I FIND NO FAULT IN THIS MAN." Many are asking the same questions Pilate asked Jesus, and many are FINDING FAULT WITH JESUS THE CHRIST. Pilate was the enemy, per se, for he was not a Jew. Yet **He** found no fault in Him. So why are so many who have lived AFTER THE RESURRECTION still finding fault with Him? Let me ask: "DO YOU FIND FAULT IN JESUS?" "DO YOU KNOW PEOPLE WHO FIND FAULT WITH HIM?"

With regard to the eternal covenant Jehovah God made with David regarding an eternal Son who would occupy his Throne forever, --we hear David speaking/ writing prophetically about what KINGDOM RULERS SHOULD BE LIKE: 1: Rulers must rule justly in the fear of the LORD. 2. They must be as pure light on the shining sun. 3. As a morning without clouds and as clear shining after rain. In other words, such a one should be flawless. (There is no one on earth who would qualify. Only One who is God-self.) Later David, in Psalm 132, acknowledged that his house was not as it should be, but he clung to the steadfast love and faithfulness of the Almighty to keep the covenant made to him to have an eternal Son to reign upon his Throne forever. David knew his flaws and imperfections throughout his life's journey, yet he kept faith in the mercy of His God and the assurance of God's love and faithfulness. He continued to entreat the presence of God in the sanctuary and in his worship where the Ark resided.

Then we come to Revelation 1: 4b-8, where we hear John again saying that Jehovah God in Christ Jesus is the One who was, who is and who is to come. He is the First Born from the Dead—Ruler of the kings of the earth--- The one who loved us and freed us from sin by the shedding of His Blood. He makes us a Kingdom of Priests serving the heavenly Father. TO HIM BE ALL THE GLORY, HONOR, AND PRAISE! HE WILL RETURN VISIBLY IN THE CLOUDS. EVEN THOSE WHO PIERCED HIM WILL BEHOLD HIM. He declares Himself to John as ALPHA & OMEGA... WHO WAS, WHO IS, AND WHO IS TO COME. He is all encompassing for all time and throughout eternity —THE ALMIGHTY WITH THE FATHER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT!

He is not an earthly king with political aspirations. But He rules from heaven over all rulers of the earth. He rules with authority over all creation that He created together with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Therefore, David wrote: **“Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! (Psalm 150:6)** He went on to write: “Praise Him in the sanctuary. Praise Him in His mighty firmament. Praise Him for His excellent greatness. Praise Him with instruments: harps, lyre, clashing cymbals, stringed instruments, tamborines, and pipes. In our time, we can add: organs, pianos, drums, trumpets, etc. WHY? For He is King of kings. He is Lord of lords. He is Jesus Christ, the First and the Last... Yeshua Ha-Messiah. He is the One revealed to David as the Son out of His own lineage who would eternally rule from the heavenly eternal sanctuary over all the universe forever. He arose from the dead and ascended into heaven where He is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will be coming back to receive us unto Himself. He is coming back to judge the living and the dead.

All who see Him at His coming will melt and wail if they rejected him and continue to find fault in Him. Those who question His authority, distrust Him, ignore Him, and are unthankful for the price He paid for the redemption of their soul, those who do not appreciate the shedding of His precious Blood and the scourging of His Body to fulfill the Law and to satisfy their debt of sin; they will wail and gnash their teeth. Their eternal destination will not be pleasant. THE EVIDENCE IS CLEAR. IF EVEN HIS ENEMIES LIKE PILATE, AND ONE OF THE ROMAN SOLDIERS WHO HELPED TO KILL HIM COULD SAY---**I find no fault in this Man; and Truly, this was the Son of God**- when the sun turned dark at noon and the earth shook violently at His death---surely there is enough evidence that this was no ordinary teacher, Rabbi, Prophet, sorcerer, or anything else many call Him. BUT HE IS THE LION OF JUDAH, THE LION-KING, THE LAMB OF GOD UPON THE THRONE; THE RISEN CHRIST, THE KING OF kings, the LORD OF lords. At the mention of His name every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that He is Lord and Savior to the glory and honor of the Father. His Kingdom is the eternal heavenly Kingdom. His domain is spiritual. He is the First Born from the Dead, the Resurrected Christ, ascended, crowned, mediating and interceding for us—the church.

If today someone is still doubting, still seeking proof and evidence, and wondering if Jesus is who the Father says He is at His baptism at the River Jordan—“THIS IS MY BELOVED SON IN WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED.” OR WHAT THE FATHER SPOKE FROM HEAVEN AT THE MT. OF TRANSFIGURATION: “This is my Beloved Son, HEAR YE HIM!” -- who David says He is—THE ETERNAL SON WHO WOULD OCCUPY HIS THRONE ETERNALLY, and who John says He is, --THE ALPHA AND OMEGA, FIRST BORN FROM THE DEAD, THE LAMB UPON THE THRONE; then **I hope today you have heard His voice and will not harden your heart.** If anyone is believing the lie that there are many ways into the Kingdom of Heaven... I ask which one of those have shed their own blood to atone for your sin and mine? ONLY YESHUA HA-MESSIAH... JESUS THE MESSIAH. HE IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE? Pilate asked: What is TRUTH? HE SHOULD HAVE ASKED: “WHO” IS TRUTH? FOR JESUS DECLARED HIMSELF THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE. NO ONE COMES TO THE HEAVENLY FATHER BUT THROUGH HIM. Through Him the Father has appropriated to all humanity -Salvation unto eternal and abundant life. SO, I ask us once more: WHO IS KING OF kings? _____ WHO IS Lord of lords? _____ WHO IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE? _____ WHO IS OUR GOOD SHEPHERD? _____ WHO RULES ETERNALLY? _____ WHO IS THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF THE MOST- HIGH GOD? _____ IS HE TO BE HONORED, WORSHIPPED AND ADORED? IS HE WORTHY TO BE TRUSTED? _____? WHO IS THE WATER OF LIFE? _____ WHO IS THE BREAD OF HEAVEN? _____ WHO IS OUR DELIVERER? _____ WHO IS THE PRINCE OF PEACE?

_____ WHO IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD? _____ WHO IS THE LIVING
WORD? _____ WHO IS THE WORD INCARNATE? _____ WHO IS
THE CHIEF CORNERSTONE? _____ WHO IS THE ROCK OF OUR
SALVATION? _____ THERE IS NO ONE LIKE HIM. HE IS UNIQUE. HE HAS NO COMPETITOR.
NO ONE EVER PRE-ANNOUNCED HIS OWN DEATH AND RESURRECTION AND HAVE IT ACTUALLY HAPPEN
JUST AS HE SAID. NO ONE EVER CALLED A MAN WHO WAS DEAD AND BURIED FOR FOUR DAYS OUT OF
THE GRAVE AND HE GOT UP AND CAME OUT. (Lazarus) NO ONE EVER WALKED ON WATER OR HAVE THE
WINDS AND THE WAVES OBEY HIM AND BE STILL. HE BROUGHT THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN NEAR: The
Kingdom of love, the Kingdom of peace, the Kingdom of justice, the Kingdom of righteousness... He
brought us Salvation unto abundant and eternal life. He came to undo what the First Adam did and to
set us free from hell, death, and destruction. WITHOUT ACCEPTANCE OF HIS GOSPEL AND FAITH IN HIM
AS SON OF GOD AND MESSIAH, THERE CAN BE NO HOPE FOR REDEMPTION AND ETERNAL LIFE IN THE
HEAVENLY KINGDOM WITH OUR CREATOR.

Let us pray- PLEASE REPEAT AFTER ME: Come into my heart Lord Jesus. Come into me in a deeper way,
a more enlightening and profound way, I pray. Change my heart today, O God... Come and abide in my
heart, mind, body, soul, and spirit. Come and give me the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit to guide my
life from this day forward. Teach me Your ways, O LORD and let me never depart from Your presence, I
ask. Come and show me how to have eternal life and abundant life with God in the heavenly Kingdom
now, always, and forever, I pray through faith in Christ Jesus and His finished work on the Cross, His
resurrection life, His ascension glory, and the eternal hope of His coming again. NOW I DECLARE THAT I
AM A CHILD OF THE KING! HALLELUJAH! I begin to walk up the King's Highway! --NO turning back. No
looking back. I AM A CHILD OF THE ETERNAL KING FOREVER BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH.

AMEN.

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