

# THE KING OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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## The King

In Bible terms, a king is sovereign and reigns.

**Sovereign:** all power belongs to the king. He determines the rules and what happens.

He is sole ruler.

**Reign:** exercising this power.

A good king uses his power to give his subjects a life of righteousness, peace and joy. (*Rom 14:17*)

A bad king uses his power for his own interests. This type of ruler wants to be worshipped and admired by his subjects.

## What does the Bible say about satan?

**1 John 5:19 Luke 4:6**

**Rev 12:9**

These verses tell us that satan has power. This evil power is used to blind people, to deceive, to torment and to bind them. He holds people in the grip of fear, sickness, and nightmares. Let us look at who has true power and how you can be freed from satan's evil power. For satan's power is limited.

**John 14:30**

**John 16:11**

God reveals himself to Abraham as:

**Gen 17:1**

## God is Almighty

Although God is Almighty, satan does have some power over this earth. Mankind has been blinded by satan and lost the authority given to him by God by listening to satan. Satan therefore gained power over mankind. But even before this happened God had a plan ready to do something about this.

## Which promises can be found in the OT about this coming Kingdom?

**Ps 45:6**

**Dan 7:14**

In these two promises we read that God's Kingdom will always exist. It is much stronger than the kingdom of satan.

**Isaiah 9:2,6**

This promise speaks of a coming Kingdom of peace. Light will shine in the darkness and the power of satan will be broken. A King is also talked about who shall come to the earth as a child. Justice and righteousness will be the cornerstone of His Kingdom.

## Who is the King?

**Luke 1:30,33**

**Luke 1:35**

**Matt 1:23**

The result of Jesus coming is that fear will be removed, and we will live in the presence of God. God confirms in a special way that Jesus is the King:

**Luke 2:11**

**Matt 2:2**

**Luke 2:27-32**

We can see in the OT that the Kingdom of peace is foretold. This Kingdom has a King. God has given His power to the King. Christ, or Messiah (meaning the anointed king) is this King. *Matt 28:18*

Jesus continually listens to God the Father. He does not do His own will but the will of the Father. A prince is prepared for kingship for many years. He has to learn much and also fulfill certain conditions. Only then will He be crowned king. Jesus was also prepared and lived in obedience to God. That is why He was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit. Jesus could destroy the work of Satan because He was free from sin and He never sinned. Satan has no authority over Jesus because Jesus lived a holy (pure) life. Jesus showed what it is like to live in complete dependence upon God. We can follow His example and live in complete dependence upon Him. The big question is: “Who is your king and in which kingdom do you want to live?”



### **EXERCISE:**

Do you want Jesus to be King of your life? That means acknowledging that Jesus really exists and is alive today! He wants to be your King. Do you want to follow him?

Is that what you want? Think carefully about this question. It means that many things will change in your life.

Prayer:

If you know that you want to choose Jesus as King of your life, then pray the following prayer. If you are not sure then wait and learn more about Jesus as King and who God is. This will be further explained in the next study ‘Meeting with the King of the Kingdom’.

“Jesus, thank you for coming into my life. I acknowledge You as King of the Kingdom of God. You love me and want to set me free. I want to recognize your authority. I ask you to be King of my life. Help me to discover what it means to live in Your Kingdom.”

Discuss with your mentor what practical steps you can take to apply this lesson to your life.

### **PRINCIPLE 3**

**Jesus has come from heaven to earth to establish the Kingdom. He is a good King. His Kingdom is eternal.**



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## TEXTS PRINCIPLE 3

### **Rom 14:17**

<sup>17</sup> For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

### **1 John 5:19**

<sup>19</sup> We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.

### **Luke 4:6**

<sup>6</sup> And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to.

### **Rev. 12:9**

<sup>9</sup> The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

### **John 14:30**

<sup>30</sup> I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold over me,

### **John 16:11**

<sup>11</sup> and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

### **Gen 17:1**

<sup>1</sup> When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless.

### **Ps 45:6**

<sup>6</sup> Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

### **Dan 7:14**

<sup>14</sup> He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

### **Isaiah 9:2,6**

<sup>2</sup> The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

### **Luke 1:30-33**

<sup>30</sup> But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The

Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

### **Luke 1:35**

<sup>35</sup> The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

### **Matt 1:23**

<sup>23</sup> "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" -which means "God with us."

### **Luke 2:11**

<sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

### **Matt 2:2**

<sup>2</sup> and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him".

### **Luke 2:27-32**

<sup>27</sup> Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: <sup>29</sup> "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

<sup>30</sup> For my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel".

### **Matt 28:18**

<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me"