



Kingdom of Heaven

(Spiritual Condition in the Mind)

Mat. 8:11,12 states “...many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness...” At the same time people would see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob sit down in the **kingdom of heaven**, they would also see others being cast out of the kingdom. The “children of the kingdom” being cast out were the Jews of the first century. That is when the **kingdom of heaven** was in existence on earth. **Where** was this **kingdom of heaven**? It existed in the minds of the people! It was made up of words which Jesus spoke to them! Thus the kingdom of heaven is a **spiritual condition within the mind** made up of **spiritual words, knowledge and spirit**. Christ had no literal kingdom of thrones, crowns, lands, buildings, etc. So they could not sit in a literal **kingdom of heaven** — it had to be a **spiritual** condition within the mind. The Jews were cast out when they disbelieved Christ’s words. This took place within their minds. They were not cast out of a literal kingdom, but were cast out of a spiritual kingdom when they failed to put **deeper truths** into their **minds**. Deeper truths, spiritual words, knowledge and spirit is what the **kingdom of heaven** is made up of. The **kingdom of heaven** is a spiritual condition within the mind.

Mat.3:2 (John said) ...the **kingdom of heaven** is at hand.

Mat.4:17 (Jesus said) ...the **kingdom of heaven** is at hand.

Both these scriptures show the **kingdom of heaven** was **at hand** at **that time**. If something is “at hand,” it is available. The **kingdom of heaven** was available **at that time**, in the first century. Since Jesus did not have a literal kingdom of thrones and lands, where was this **kingdom of heaven** that was available? It was within Jesus’ mind, made up of spiritual words, knowledge and spirit. He made it available by preaching it out to others who could mix faith with the words, and get

the **kingdom of heaven** within their minds also. So the **kingdom of heaven** is a **spiritual condition within the mind**. (See also Mat.10:7.)

Mat.5:20 states (to the apostles) “...except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the **kingdom of heaven**.” This shows the **kingdom of heaven** is made up of “**righteousness**.” Righteousness is not thrones, houses, lands, and crowns, which cannot be put within the mind. **Righteousness** is a **spiritual** thing and can be put in the mind. That’s what and where the **kingdom of heaven** is: it is a **spiritual condition within the mind**.

Mat.11:12 states “And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.” This proves the **kingdom of heaven** existed at the time of the **first century**. It existed at the time of **John the Baptist** and **Jesus** who spoke these words. This **kingdom of heaven** was the message that John and Jesus were preaching. As they preached to the people, the people were receiving the **kingdom of heaven** within their minds also. How did this kingdom suffer violence? By evil spirits (evil thoughts) in other peoples’ minds trying to stop people from believing the words that would grow the **kingdom of heaven** in their minds. This again proves the **kingdom of heaven** is a **spiritual condition within the mind**.

Mat.13:11 states “...it is given unto you to know the **mysteries** of the **kingdom of heaven**...” Here we find the **kingdom of heaven** is made up of mysteries. What are **mysteries** made up of? **Words** that explain **deep secrets**. These **mysteries** were revealed to the apostles because they were called to receive the **kingdom of heaven** at that time. Once again the **kingdom of heaven** is a **spiritual condition in the mind** made up of words that explain God’s mysteries.

Mat.16:19 Jesus tells Peter “And I will give unto thee the **keys** of the **kingdom of heaven**...”

To find out what “keys” mean in the Bible, look at Luk.11:52, where Jesus said “Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the **key of knowledge**:” Here we find that a “key” is symbolic of knowledge and this is what Jesus was giving to Peter. Peter would teach and preach this knowledge to others to open the door for them to get into the **kingdom of heaven**. One must have **knowledge** and **understanding** of God to enter into the **kingdom of heaven**. So again, the **kingdom of heaven** is a **spiritual condition within the mind**. A person can accept the “keys” of knowledge and enter into the **kingdom of heaven**, or reject them and be lost!

Mat.18:3 states “...Except ye be converted, and become as little **children**, ye shall not enter into the **kingdom of heaven**.” Why did Christ use a little child as a picture of the condition one must be in to enter into the **kingdom of heaven**? We cannot become literal children again. But within our minds, we must cast out all evil spirit and thus return to the condition our mind was in when we were born. At birth, our mind was clean and empty of evil and we were willing to be taught of God. Our minds receive knowledge and understanding that lets us enter into the deeper depths of God, thus entering into the **kingdom of heaven**. So again, the **kingdom of heaven** is a **spiritual condition within the mind**.

Mat.23:13 states “But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the **kingdom of heaven** against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.” This scripture tells us the scribes and Pharisees shut up the **kingdom of heaven** against men. It would be impossible for men on earth to shut up a literal kingdom of

heaven off in the sky. This proves the **kingdom of heaven** to be on **earth** and at the time of the first century. Since Christ owned no throne, crown, land, buildings, etc. then the kingdom had to be made up of **spiritual words** which he preached. The scribes and Pharisees would not accept these words themselves and tried to stop everyone they could from receiving them, thus shutting up the **kingdom of heaven** against men. The latter part of the scripture states the Pharisees would not go in themselves. There is no way they could get into a literal heaven off in the sky while they were living here on earth, so Jesus was talking of the **kingdom of heaven** they could have had within their minds if they had chosen to accept his words. Instead they rejected the words of the kingdom of heaven (Mat.13:19). The last part of the scripture states they would not allow people who were entering into the **kingdom of heaven** to enter in. It shows Jesus knew that people could get this **knowledge** in their minds and **enter into the kingdom of heaven**. He knew the Pharisees were turning the people against him and the apostles who had already entered into the **kingdom of heaven** by getting this knowledge within their minds. This again proves the **kingdom of heaven** to be a **spiritual condition in the mind**.

The proper understanding of the above scriptures show the **kingdom of heaven** is not a literal kingdom. The **kingdom of heaven** is a **spiritual condition within the minds of people** who are willing to accept more and deeper truths of God. We must be watchful. When this **kingdom of heaven** appears in another **mind**, we must do all we can to get the **kingdom of heaven** within our mind. This is how we can enter into the **spiritual kingdom of heaven** here on earth.

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