

Chapter Eleven

THE PURPOSE OF THE KINGDOM PRINCIPLE

In this chapter, we examine the real intent and impact the Millennial Kingdom is to have upon God's people.

Jesus' offer to his disciples, of a position of honor, near him for one 1000 years, **was to stimulate them to an all out effort** of spreading his message of love and provision to every sinner on earth.

“And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”
Luke 22:29-30

The offer of eating and drinking at his table and being a king over one of the twelve tribes of Israel was **very motivational**. When the Twelve truly understood the principles of the Kingdom, there was nothing that the devil or the world could do to stop them.

It took the devil hundreds of years to hide the wonderful doctrine of the Kingdom and its motivational effect that God intended it to have upon His children.

In the United States, the devil used the tendency of theologians and the false

doctrine of three apostate denominations to keep this brilliant motivational factor obscured.

THE TENDENCY OF THEOLOGIANS

The tendency of most Bible teachers is to **examine and discuss doctrine**. In Hebrews Chapter Six, we see this tendency exposed.

In Hebrews 6:1-3, Paul admonished the people to leave off the discussion of various doctrines and go on to perfection (maturity or fruit bearing.) The tendency of scholars is to study a false doctrine in order to expose the false aspect of that doctrine. When they have this narrow view it often blinds the minds of their readers to the marvelous truth and purpose of the doctrine, which is being corrupted.

That author's purpose was to expose the false interpretation. In doing so, he does not **give a complete analysis of the doctrine**. His writing stresses the errors and when studied by others, they, too, focused on refuting the errors of the doctrine and not the doctrine itself. Most of the time this leaves **the real purpose of the doctrine still hid from the student's mind**.

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“...When ye pray, say...”

(Luke 11:2) In the Model Prayer, they were to pray

“Give us day by day our daily bread.”

(Luke 11:3) How could they ask God for daily bread unless **they prayed this prayer every day**? Just as the children of Israel in the wilderness had to gather their manna every day, the apostles were commanded to pray the Model Prayer every day.

The first item in the Model Prayer concerns the 1000-year Millennial Kingdom. They were commanded to pray every day **“Thy kingdom come,”** which caused them to start every day with their eyes and mind focused on His coming back to set up His earthly 1000 year reign.

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The vain repetitious praying of the Model Prayer by the people of the Catholic

Church in their masses and funerals cause people to be blind **toward the motivational power, which praying “Thy kingdom come,” had on the first generation of Christians.**

THE GREATEST HURT TO THE TRUTH

There are two very prominent cults in the United States today that have spread throughout the world. In fact, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons) is among the fastest growing denominations, both in America and in the world.

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The Jehovah’s Witnesses cult is very aggressive in spreading their false religion. What is their church facilities called? **Kingdom Hall.** It is from these **Kingdom Halls** that they spread their false doctrines, which includes **the denial of the deity of Jesus and hell as a literal eternal place.**

Again, much information has been written refuting and warning people of their false doctrines. In doing so, the truth about the coming Millennial Kingdom that God’s

children are commanded to pray for, **remains completely hidden and ignored.**

The Mormons are making great strides in our society, which is almost void in real Bible teaching. Many churches and pastors have left off good sound Bible teaching and are completely blind to the purpose of the Millennial Kingdom. Because of the lack of real Bible preaching and teaching in many churches, they are losing members to these cults. Other members are just dropping out of church and are not going anywhere.

The tendency of man is to shut the barn door after the horse has run off, so they teach a series about the danger and false doctrines of these cults, leaving the truth about the Kingdom still unknown.

All of this causes most individuals to be directed toward refuting false doctrine instead of learning the truth, about the coming Millennial Kingdom.

CONTRAST OF MOTIVATIONS

Please consider the **carrot, which dominates the other side of the river.** It will help you to see the tremendous need of

understanding and preaching about the millennial Kingdom.

One of the best ways of teaching is to show the contrast between two doctrines. Please consider the contrasting influence between the motivation of going to heaven with the motivation of going into the Millennial Reign.

MOTIVATIONAL INFLUENCE OF GOING TO HEAVEN

Among true believers, **there does not seem to be any motivation** connected to the thought of dying and going to heaven.

The average believer seems to think – “It doesn’t matter how I’m living, whether I am faithful or unfaithful in my life to the Lord. When I get to heaven everything will be OK.”

May I be quick to add, if a person is truly saved, everything will be OK when he dies and goes to heaven.

These individuals actually seem to believe that they live two distinct and different life spans. One on this earth that ends in death while another life begins after they get to heaven; **this concept is completely false.**

THE SEQUENCE OF A BELIEVER'S JOURNEY INTO THE ETERNAL HEAVEN

Please consider the distinct phases of a believer's journey, which ends **in his eternal home of heaven.**

FIRST PHASE: THE BELIEVER GOES TO HEAVEN FOR A LIMITED TIME.

The word 'death' means separation. When physical death comes, the spirit is separated from the body. Peter referred to his physical body as a tabernacle (tent), which he would put off as a person would change a garment. (II Peter 1:14)

Paul states that when we put off our earthly tabernacle we have a "...house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." (II Corinthians 5:1) Later in the chapter, he stated, "**...to be absent from the body, and present with the Lord**" (II Corinthians 5:8), which teaches that when a believer dies, he takes **his last breath on earth and the next one in heaven.** The body simply goes to sleep while the real person is released to go to heaven. Solomon explains,

“Then shall the dust [body] return to the earth as if was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.” (Ecclesiastes 12:7)

THE SECOND PHASE: WHEN HE COMES BACK TO BE REUNITED WITH HIS GLORIFIED BODY.

At death, the real person (spirit) goes directly into heaven while his body goes back to dust. Apostle Paul explained the second phase of man’s journey in I Thessalonians 4:13-18. Read all of those verses, but please note what he said about those **that sleep** in verse fourteen. He said, those that sleep referring to their bodies, **will God bring with Him** referring to their spirit. We have the believers **coming back from heaven and entering into their eternal glorified bodies**

THE THIRD PHASE: TAKES PLACE AT THE SAME TIME AND WILL CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE AWARDS BANQUET FOR SEVEN YEARS.

Jesus announces this great truth himself in Revelations 22:12, **“And,**

behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.”

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The Bible has always warned each believer of a time in which his life and works will be judged.

“For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.”

In Revelations 14:13, we have the statement, “**...Blessed are the dead**

[referring to their bodies] **which die in the**

Lord...[because

they] **...rest from their labours...** [on vacation in heaven] **and their works do follow them.”** This is referring to the

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faithful believers who died and went to heaven. While they are in heaven, **their works as still increasing** because of the works of the people they won to the Lord. While they were alive on the earth they won and trained people who continued to work for the Lord even after the person dies. These works, along with all their future works, will continue and add to the person's reward at the Awards Banquet.

But alas, the unfaithful believers set in motion (like Lot) some bad or evil works that continue to grow after they die also. Read what Lot's evil works grew into in Isaiah 15. Moab was his son.

It is at the Judgment Seat of Christ that all believers' works will be judged (II Corinthians 5:10) and **tried by fire** (I Corinthians 3:11-14)

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THE FOURTH PHASE: IS THE 1000-YEAR MILLENNIAL REIGN

The fact that there will be a one 1000-year reign on this earth has been previously established.

The fact that where one lives for one 1000-years in the Millennium, whether in honor or shame, has been established. Some will share in Christ's glory (I Peter 5:10) while others will weep and gnash their teeth. (Matthew 24:51; 25:30)

THE FIFTH PHASE: WILL BE A QUICK STOP AT THE WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT

The believer will not be judged at the White Throne Judgment. His sins were

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judged at the cross of Calvary and his works were judged 1000 years earlier at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

The White Throne Judgment is a judgment **for unbelievers** and is recorded in Revelations 20:11-15, but the believers will be there, not to be judged, but to witness this awful event.

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But the **unfaithful will weep and gnash their teeth** as they see what their worldly and self-centered lives cost the lost. (Matthew 24:42-51) Before you object to this harsh treatment, consider the eternal suffering of the lost in hell. Also be reminded that God **tried to turn His unfaithful children from their backslidden lives**, but they **wouldn't listen**. In reality, they are the ones who **caused this horrible situation they must live through**.

THE SIXTH PHASE: THEIR JOURNEY WILL NEVER END

Immediately after the one 1000-year reign and the horrible ordeal of the White Throne Judgment of the lost, **comes the eternal home for the saved**.

In Revelations 21:1-5, we have the description of God **making a new heaven and earth.** God, the Father, takes up His habitation with his children in a perfect paradise.

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