

Matthew 16 / 17

- Right confession of Jesus results in a saving faith
- Right submission to Jesus results in a serving faith
- Right <u>perspective</u> of Jesus results in worship and <u>preparation</u> for our Kingdom assignments



Matthew 17

Right perspective of Jesus results in worship and preparation for our Kingdom assignments

• As we <u>behold</u> Jesus in prayer and Scripture, we <u>become</u> stronger in our faith



Daniel 7:9-10

"As I looked, thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened ..."



Daniel 7:13-14

"In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. 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."



Daniel 7:18, 27

"...the holy people of the Most High will receive the kingdom and will possess it forever – yes, forever and ever...Then the sovereignty, power, and greatness of all the kingdoms under heaven will be handed over to the holy people of the Most High. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will worship and obey Him."



Revelation 19:11-16

"I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns... his name is the Word of God ... Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations... He will rule them with an iron scepter. He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS."



Matthew 5:17

"Don't think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to abolish but to **fulfill**."



Matthew 17

- <u>Listen</u> to Jesus
- Ask Him to <u>help</u> your unbelief
- Remember you <u>can</u> because Jesus <u>cares</u> and is <u>King</u> over all things
- <u>Trust</u> Jesus to <u>provide</u> for all your needs in both <u>new</u> and <u>old</u> ways



Matthew 18 - Life in the Kingdom

To be great in the kingdom, we must show:

- <u>Childlike Humility</u>
 - Total reliance, trust (Mt. 19:13-15)



"Humility is nothing but the disappearance of self in the vision that God is all."

- Andrew Murray



Matthew 18 - Life in the Kingdom

To be great in the kingdom, we must show:

• <u>Compassion</u>, not callousness or condemnation to others



Matthew 18 - Life in the Kingdom

To be great in the kingdom, we must show:

- <u>Forgiveness</u>
 - Seek <u>reconciliation</u> with others, <u>rejoice</u> when issues are <u>resolved</u>

 Forgive <u>quickly</u> and <u>completely</u> as God forgives you



Matthew 19 - Life in the Kingdom

• If you approach marriage (as well as other relationships) with humility, compassion, and forgiveness, you will protect against <u>hardness</u> of <u>heart</u>

• Seek God's <u>design</u> in relationships, focusing on what is <u>pleasing</u> not only what is <u>permitted</u>



Matthew 19 & 20 - Life in the Kingdom

- <u>Love</u> Christ supremely
 - Identify and remove <u>idols</u>

- Obey Him unreservedly
 - o Don't <u>compare</u>

- Glorify Him completely
 - o <u>Cross</u> before crown, <u>Serve</u> not be served

