

# Victory Hour

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## Kingdom Living Series: Keys to the Kingdom Part 5



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### Introduction

#### Matthew 16:19

*And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.*

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Through our series on Kingdom Living, we have gained a better understanding of what it means to be a citizen of the Kingdom of God. For the last three sessions, we have studied concepts and principles of kingdoms that can be applied to the message of the Kingdom of God, taught by our King, Jesus Christ. The following is a review of what we have learned from *Rediscovering the Kingdom*, by Myles Munroe.

### Review

- 1) The Kingdom Principle of Kings
- 2) The Kingdom Lordship Principle
- 3) The Kingdom Domain Principle
- 4) The Kingdom Constitution Principle
- 5) The Kingdom Law Principle
- 6) The Kingdom Keys Principle
- 7) The Kingdom Citizenship Principle
- 8) The Kingdom Royal Privilege Principle
- 9) The Kingdom Code of Ethics Principle
- 10) The Kingdom Commonwealth Principle
- 11) The Kingdom Culture Principle
- 12) The Kingdom Economy Principle
- 13) The Kingdom Taxation Principle
- 14) The Kingdom Army Principle
- 15) The Kingdom Delegated Authority Principle
- 16) The Kingdom Ambassador Principle
- 17) The Kingdom Education Principle
- 18) The Kingdom Administration Principle
- 19) The Kingdom Principle of Glory
- 20) The Kingdom Principle of Worship
- 21) The Kingdom Principle of Provision

### Kingdom Principles

**As we continue to examine these kingdom principles, let's see how they apply to the Kingdom of God.**

#### 22) The Kingdom Principle of Influence

All Kingdoms are committed to making the influence of the king and his will felt throughout the entire kingdom.

- Matt. 13:33
- Matt. 28:19-20

#### 23) The Kingdom Principle of Royal Favor

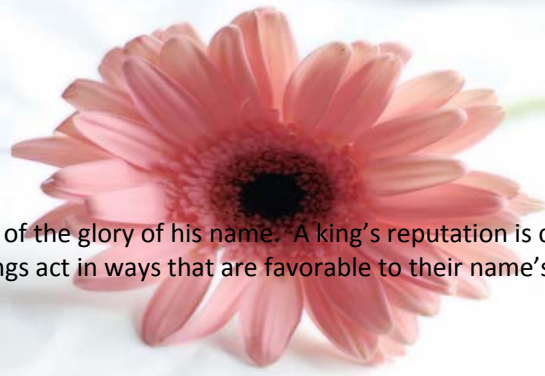
Royal favor is the sovereign prerogative of the king to extend a personal law to a citizen that positions that citizen to receive special privileges and advantages that are personally protected by the king.

- Ex. 33:19

#### 24) The Kingdom Principle of Decree

A royal decree is a declaration of a king that becomes law to all. It is sustained by the king's personal commitment to bring the declaration or promise to pass.

- Dan. 6:15
- Matt. 5:18



### 25) The Kingdom Principle of Reputation

The king's reputation is important to the king and is the source of the glory of his name. A king's reputation is created and sustained by the conditions of his citizens and his kingdom. Therefore kings act in ways that are favorable to their name's sake.

- 1 Sam. 12:22
- 2 Sam. 7:21

### 26) The Kingdom Principle of Giving to a King

Giving to a king activates the king's obligation to demonstrate his glory and power to the giver to prove that he is a greater king than all other kings. Giving to a king in his kingdom is the acknowledgement that all things belong to that king and the citizen is grateful. Because giving to a king is impossible (since all things already belong to the king), the act of giving benefits the citizen more than the king. Thus one should ever come before a king empty-handed.

- 1 Kings 10:10
- 1 Kings 10:23-25

### Conclusion

Will you choose to enter the kingdom today? As Jesus taught on the kingdom, He was not just referring to dying and going to Heaven, but He was speaking of entering a lifestyle of the Kingdom. To enter the kingdom means "to pursue and attain citizenship in the Kingdom of Heaven. Citizenship inherits everything in the Kingdom. When you become a citizen, you have privileges and rights to everything in the constitution" (Munroe, 240).

Let's consider three statements Jesus made regarding entering the kingdom

1) *"I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 18:3)*

- Child-like faith
- Submission to the environment

2) *"There is only one who is good. If you want to enter life, obey the commandments" (Matt. 19:17b)*

- If you want to be a Kingdom citizen and experience Kingdom benefits, you must obey Kingdom laws

3) *I tell you the truth, it is hard for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven" (Matt. 19:23b)*

- Jesus was not speaking of initial entrance into the Kingdom. He was talking about *experiencing* the Kingdom.

### You can become a citizen of the Kingdom today!

- 1) Acknowledge that you are a sinner (Rom. 3:23)
- 2) Understand that the penalty for sin is eternal death (Rom. 6:23)
- 3) Believe that Jesus died for your sins (Rom. 5:8)
- 4) Confess your sins to God (1 John 1:9)
- 5) Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3)
- 6) Confess Christ as your Savior and Lord and give Him control of your life (Rom. 10:9-10)

### You can experience the Kingdom today!

- 1) You are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people (1 Pet. 2:9)
- 2) You are a child of God, an heir of God and joint heir with Jesus (Rom. 8:17)
- 3) You are a new creature (II Cor. 5:17)
- 4) You are passed from death unto life, have everlasting life and will not come into condemnation (John 5:24)
- 5) You are sealed by the Spirit until the day of redemption (Eph. 4:30)
- 6) You are established, anointed and sealed by God (II Cor. 1:21-22)
- 7) Your citizenship is in Heaven (Phil. 3:20)

Source: Munroe, Myles: Rediscovering the Kingdom: Ancient Hope for Our 21<sup>st</sup> Century World (Destiny Image Publishers, Inc., Shippensburg, PA, 2004).