

Victory Hour

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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.

For the past five months we have studied the Kingdom of God. We have gained a greater appreciation for the characteristics, components and the message of the Kingdom of God taught by Jesus Himself. As Jesus spoke to Peter in Matthew 16:19, He said, *“I give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven...”*. The keys of the kingdom which Jesus was referring to are the principles, precepts, laws and systems by which the Kingdom of God functions. These keys must be learned and applied by the citizens of the kingdom in order to experience and appropriate the benefits and privileges of the kingdom. Therefore, for the remaining year we will look carefully at some concepts and principles of the Kingdom of God. Having knowledge of these principles and applying them in our lives will enable us to better appreciate the good news of our Lord and Creator and will help us to better understand our purpose, potential, power and position in life.

1) The Kingdom Principle of Kings

The king is the central component of a kingdom and embodies the essence of the kingdom. The king is the ultimate source of authority in the kingdom and through this authority establishes the kingdom. The sovereignty of the king is inherent in his royal authority.

- Ex. 15:18
- Ps. 145:13
- Matt. 21:5
- John 18:37
- 1 Cor. 15:25
- I Tim. 1:17
- Rev. 17:14

2) The Kingdom Lordship Principle

All true kings must have property or a domain over which they exercise rulership of dominion. Therefore, all true kings are personally legal owners of property, territory, or their domain. Another word for owner is “lord.” All true kings are automatically lords. Kings own all that is in their domain. Kings rule or command whatever is in their property or domain. Kings have absolute authority and control over their property. The king’s wealth is measured by the wealth of his property. Kings can give their property to anyone they wish.



- Psalms 24:1-3
- Psalms 47:2
- Romans 10:9-10
- Philippians 2:11

3) The Kingdom Domain Principle

The domain of the king is the territory over which he exercises authority, control, and dominion. The king owns his domain and can expand or extend it by the power of his might. The wealth of the domain determines the king's glory. When the king impacts the domain with his influence it is called his "kingdom" (king-dom-ain). The king can delegate authority to others to share in the governing and administration of his domain.

- Daniel 4:34-35
- Luke 1:32-33
- Rev. 11:15

4) The Kingdom Constitution Principle

The constitution of the kingdom is the documented will, intent, desires, and purposes of the king for his citizens and kingdom.

- Eccles. 8:4-5
- Psalms 119:16
- Psalms 119:89-93
- Matt. 4:4

5) The Kingdom Law Principle

The law of the kingdom is the proclaimed word, decrees, and edicts of the king, and these laws determine the standards and precepts by which the kingdom is to be governed.

- Deut. 6:25
- Ps. 19:7-8
- Ps. 119:72
- Matt. 5:18

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