

THE AMERICAN DREAM

The Difference Between The Kingdom of God and the kingdoms of this world (Handouts 1)

Kingdome of World vs Jesus:

- 1) Trust (over vs under)
- 2) Aims (behavior / Inside out)
- 3) Scope (tribal/ universal)
- 4) Battles (earthly / not earthly)
- 5) Response (tit for tat / love for evil)

1Corinthians 16.14—Let all that you do be done in love.

John 18.36—Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm.”

Luke 9.23-24—Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.

Luke 22.24-27—And there arose also a dispute among them as to which one of them was regarded to be greatest. And He said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who have authority over them are called ‘Benefactors.’ But it is not this way with you, but the one who is the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like the servant. For who is greater, the one who reclines at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at the table? But I am among you as the one who serves.

Luke 11.39-40—Then the Lord said to him, “Now then, you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. You foolish people! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also? But now as for what is inside you—be generous to the poor, and everything will be clean for you.

Matthew 5.38-48—But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous . . . Therefore you are to love perfectly, as your heavenly Father is loves perfectly. (cf. 1 Corinthians 16.14; 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13)

Luke 4.25-29—I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian.” All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the

“God Is Love”—1 John 4:8

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Eph 2.13-16—But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near . . . who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility . . . His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.

Romans 12.14-21—Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse . . . Never pay back evil for evil to anyone . . . BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. (Luke 10; John 4)

John 3.16—For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Luke 22.49-51—When Jesus’ followers saw what was going to happen, they said, “Lord, should we strike with our swords?” And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear. But Jesus answered, “No more of this!” And he touched the man’s ear and healed him. We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies under the power of the evil one.

Ephesians 6.12—For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

2Corinthians 10.4—The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

Matthew 5.38-48—You have heard that it was said, ‘AN EYE FOR AN EYE, AND A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH.’ But I say to you, do not resist an evil person; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. If anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, let him have your coat also. Whoever forces you to go one mile, go with him two. Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you. You have heard that it was said, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous . . . Therefore you are to love perfectly, as your heavenly Father is loved perfectly. (cf. 1 Corinthians 16.14; 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13)

Mark 1.14-15—Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the [euaggelion] of God. “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe the good news [euaggelion]!”

Acts 28.30-31—And he stayed two full years in his own rented quarters and was welcoming all who came to him, preaching the kingdom of God and teaching concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all openness, unhindered.



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Resident Aliens vs. Conquering War Lords

Luke 4.5-7—And he led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, “I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. Therefore if You worship before me, it shall all be Yours.”

John 12.31—“ . . . the ruler of this world . . . ”

John 14.30—“ . . . the ruler of the world . . . ”

John 16.11— “ . . . the ruler of this world . . . ”

2Corinthians 4.4— . . . the god of this world

1John 5.19—We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.

1 Peter 2.11—“Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers . . . ”

Philippians 3.20—For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1.1—Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen.

2 Corinthians 5.20—We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

Ephesians 6.19,20— . . . the Gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains.

Revelation 1.1—The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place.

Revelation 13.11-17—Then I saw another beast, coming out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb, but it spoke like a dragon . . . it deceived the inhabitants of the earth. It ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. It was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that it could speak and

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Jesus; Caesar & Rome

The Application

Power Over Vs Power Under:
Endeavors to Control, Enacting Laws
Against Vs Humble, Servant Love.
(See Luke 22.24-27)

cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name.

John 13.14,15—If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you.

1 John 2.6—The one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

Luke 9.23—And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, they must deny themselves, and take up their cross daily and follow Me."

The Kingdom of God is centered on one thing: manifesting the beauty of God's Character. It's a beautiful revolution. It's not so much about a list of beliefs as it is a way of life. It's not about conquering the world for Jesus but humbly and lovingly serving the world like Jesus. It's not about confessing Jesus, but about loving the world like Jesus. It's not about going to church, but about being the church.

