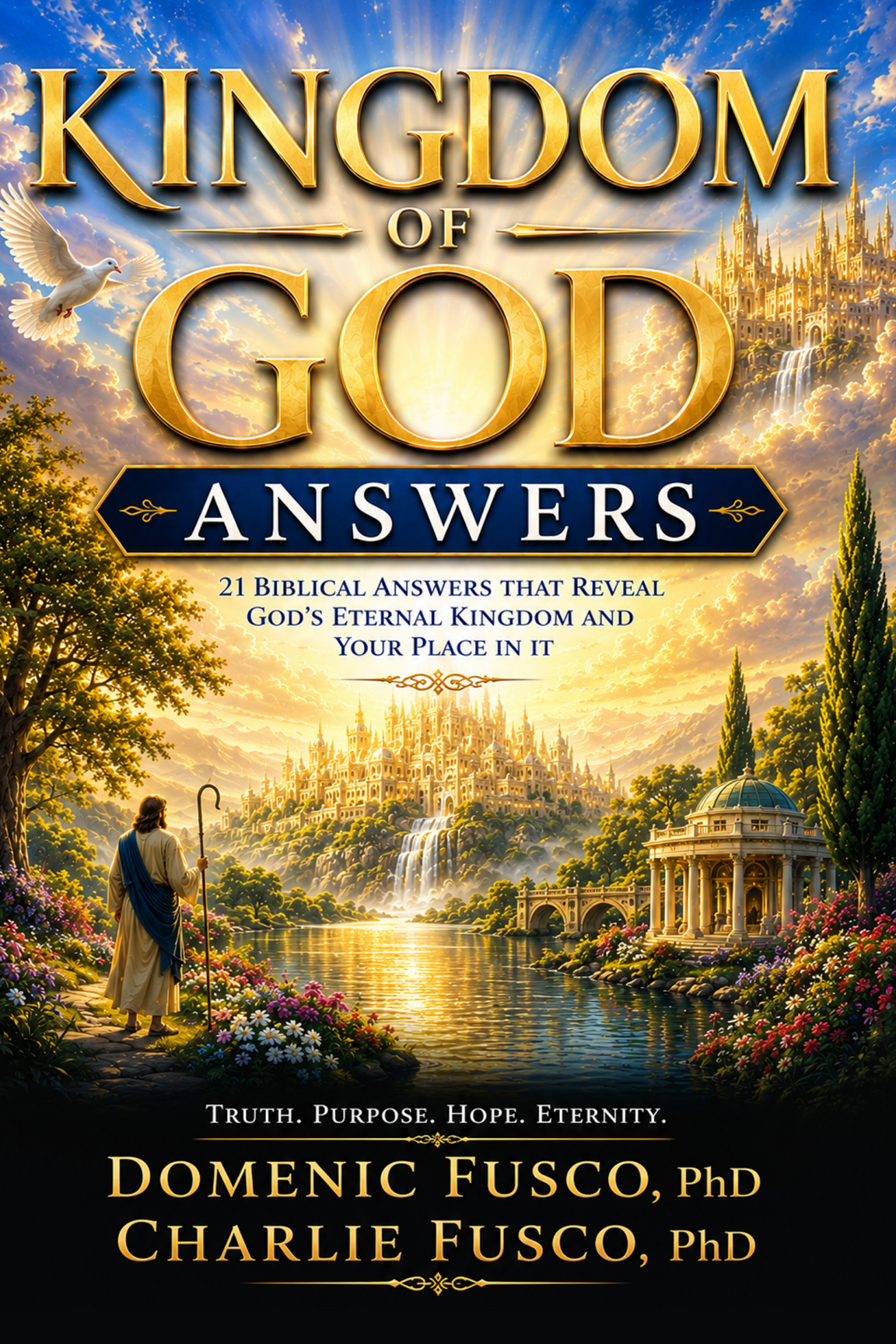




KINGDOM OF GOD

ANSWERS

21 BIBLICAL ANSWERS THAT REVEAL
GOD'S ETERNAL KINGDOM AND
YOUR PLACE IN IT

TRUTH. PURPOSE. HOPE. ETERNITY.

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Chapter 1

What Is the Kingdom of God?



When the Bible speaks of the Kingdom of God, it is not primarily describing a place, but a reign. The Kingdom of God is the active rule and authority of God over all creation. Scripture declares,

“The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all” (Psalm 103:19, NAB 1995).

God has always been King, and His Kingdom has never been in question.

Jesus clarified this truth during His earthly ministry. When questioned by the Pharisees about when the Kingdom would come, He answered,

“The coming of the kingdom of God cannot be observed... for behold, the kingdom of God is among you” (Luke 17:20–21).

The Kingdom was present because the King Himself was present. Wherever Jesus exercised authority—over sickness, sin, demons, and even death—the Kingdom of God was breaking into the world.

The apostle Paul helps us understand the Kingdom from the inside out. He writes,

“For the kingdom of God is not a matter of food and drink, but of righteousness, peace, and joy in the holy Spirit” (Romans 14:17).

This reveals that the Kingdom is not built on external rituals, borders, or political systems. It is first experienced inwardly, where God rules the heart.

At the same time, Scripture holds a future hope. While the Kingdom is present now in a spiritual sense, it will one day be fully revealed and visibly established when Christ returns. What is now hidden will then be unmistakable. The Kingdom of God is both already present and yet to come, a reign we submit to now, and a reality we will one day see fully.

To live in the Kingdom of God is to live under God's loving authority. It is to allow Him to shape our values, direct our steps, and form our character. The Kingdom invites us not merely to believe certain truths, but to live as loyal citizens of a King who is perfectly good, just, and faithful.

Reflection Questions

- In what ways do I currently acknowledge God's rule in my daily life?
- Are there areas of my heart where I resist His authority?
- How does knowing the Kingdom is both present and future shape my hope?

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Chapter 2

What Is the Kingdom of Heaven?



The phrase Kingdom of Heaven appears primarily in the Gospel of Matthew, while the other Gospels more often use Kingdom of God. These two expressions do not describe different kingdoms. They refer to the same reality, viewed through different lenses.

Matthew, writing primarily to a Jewish audience, uses Kingdom of Heaven as a reverent way to avoid frequent use of God's sacred name. This reflects Jewish custom and deep respect for the holiness of God. When Matthew records Jesus saying,

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 4:17),

Mark records the same proclamation as,

“The kingdom of God is at hand” (Mark 1:15). The message is identical.

The Kingdom of Heaven emphasizes the source of the Kingdom—its authority comes from God Himself. It reminds us that this Kingdom is not man-made, not earthly in origin, and not sustained by human power. Jesus taught His disciples to pray,

“Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven” (Matthew 6:10).

Heaven is the pattern; earth is the place where that pattern will one day be fully realized.

This understanding protects us from reducing the Kingdom to politics, culture, or institutions. The Kingdom of Heaven does not rise or fall with nations. It advances quietly through repentance, faith, obedience, and transformed lives. Its power is not enforced by force, but revealed through truth and love.

Whether we say Kingdom of God or Kingdom of Heaven, we are speaking of the same divine reign—God ruling through Christ, drawing people into restored relationship with Himself, and preparing a future where heaven and earth will be united.

Reflection Questions

- How does knowing the Kingdom comes from heaven affect how I view earthly power?
- Do I expect God's will to shape my life as fully as it shapes heaven?
- How does repentance open the door to Kingdom living?

Notes:

Who Are the Members of the Kingdom of God?



Membership in the Kingdom of God is not inherited by birth, earned by good behavior, or granted by religious affiliation. Jesus made this unmistakably clear when He said,

“Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above” (John 3:3).

To belong to the Kingdom, a person must experience spiritual rebirth—new life that comes from God. This rebirth happens when a person places faith in Jesus Christ, turning away from sin and trusting in Him as Savior and Lord. Paul describes this transition beautifully:

“He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son” (Colossians 1:13).

Kingdom membership is a rescue and a relocation.

Jesus often described Kingdom members as those who respond humbly to God’s call. In His parables and teachings, He emphasized faith, obedience, and a heart willing to follow. At the final judgment,

the King will say to His people,

“Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world” (Matthew 25:34).

This inheritance is not a reward for perfection, but the fulfillment of God’s gracious plan.

Members of the Kingdom are citizens-in-training. While they still live in a broken world, their true allegiance is elsewhere. Their values, priorities, and hopes are shaped by the King they serve. They are called to reflect the character of the Kingdom now, even as they await its full revelation.

To be a member of the Kingdom is to belong—to God, to Christ, and to one another. It is to live with the assurance that our future is secure because our King is faithful.

Reflection Questions

- Have I personally responded to God’s invitation into His Kingdom?
- What does my daily life reveal about where my true citizenship lies?
- How can I more fully reflect the values of the Kingdom where I live?

Notes:

Who Is the King?



Every kingdom is defined by its king, and the Kingdom of God is no exception. Scripture leaves no ambiguity: Jesus Christ is the King. Long before His birth, the prophet Isaiah foretold a ruler whose reign would never end:

“For a child is born to us, a son is given to us... Upon his shoulder dominion rests... of the increase of his dominion and peace there is no end” (Isaiah 9:6–7, NAB 1995).

Jesus did not merely teach about the Kingdom—He embodied it. After His resurrection, He declared,

“All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me”
(Matthew 28:18).

His authority is total, extending over heaven, earth, life, death, and eternity itself. Revelation describes Him as

“King of kings and Lord of lords” (Revelation 19:16).

Unlike earthly rulers, Jesus reigns not through coercion, but through truth, love, and sacrifice. His throne was established through a cross before it was revealed in glory. His kingship invites trust, allegiance, and surrender—not fear.

To acknowledge Jesus as King is more than confessing a belief; it is yielding our lives to His leadership. His reign brings freedom, not bondage; peace, not oppression. Under His rule, justice is certain and mercy abundant.

Reflection Questions

- In what ways do I acknowledge Jesus as King in my daily decisions?
- Are there areas of my life I have not yet surrendered to His authority?
- How does knowing Jesus reigns forever affect my sense of security?

Notes:

What Kind of Government Rules in the Kingdom of God?



The Kingdom of God is not a democracy, republic, or human institution. It is a divine monarchy, ruled by God Himself. Scripture says plainly,

“The LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king” (Isaiah 33:22).

God’s government is marked by perfect righteousness. Unlike earthly systems corrupted by sin, His rule is just, wise, and eternal.

“Your throne, O God, stands forever; your royal scepter is a scepter of justice” (Psalm 45:6).

In God’s Kingdom, authority flows from character. Because God is holy, His rule is holy. Because He is faithful, His laws are trustworthy. His commands are not burdensome; they are life-giving. The government of God restores what sin has broken and brings order where chaos once ruled.

This understanding reshapes how believers view obedience. We do not follow rules to earn favor—we obey because we trust the King.

Submission to God's government is not loss, but freedom.

Reflection Questions

- Do I view God's authority as loving or restrictive?
- How does God's justice differ from human justice?
- What would change if I trusted God's rule more fully?

Notes:

Where Is the Kingdom Located?



The Kingdom of God cannot be confined to a single location. Scripture reveals a threefold reality: the Kingdom exists in heaven, is present spiritually among believers, and will one day be fully established on the earth.

Paul reminds believers,

“Our citizenship is in heaven” (Philippians 3:20).

Heaven is the seat of God’s throne and authority. Yet Jesus also said the Kingdom is

“among you” (Luke 17:21),

indicating a present, spiritual reality experienced wherever God reigns in human hearts.

The Bible’s story does not end with believers escaping earth to heaven. Instead, it points toward renewal. John writes,

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth” (Revelation 21:1).

God’s Kingdom will one day be physically manifested on a restored earth, where heaven and earth are united.

This truth anchors hope. The Kingdom is not distant or abstract—it is near, present, and coming. Believers live between promise and fulfillment, already tasting what will one day be complete.

Reflection Questions

- How do I experience the Kingdom of God in my life today?
- Does my hope rest more in heaven—or in God's promise of renewal?
- How does this shape how I live in the present world?

Notes:

When Did the Kingdom Begin?



The Kingdom of God did not begin in time—it has always existed. God has always reigned. Scripture tells us that God chose His people “before the foundation of the world” (Ephesians 1:4), revealing that His Kingdom purposes are eternal.

However, the Kingdom was revealed in a new way through Jesus Christ. When Jesus cast out demons, He declared, “If it is by the finger of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you” (Matthew 12:28). His presence marked a turning point in redemptive history.

The Kingdom entered human history visibly through Christ’s ministry, death, resurrection, and exaltation. What had always been true in heaven was now breaking into earth.

Believers now live in this unfolding story—between inauguration and fulfillment. The Kingdom has begun, is advancing, and will one day be complete.

Reflection Questions

- How does knowing God's Kingdom is eternal affect my trust in Him?
- Where do I see evidence of the Kingdom advancing today?
- Am I living with awareness that I am part of a much larger story?

Notes:

Chapter 8

Will the Kingdom End?



Earthly kingdoms rise and fall. Empires fade, rulers pass away, and even the strongest systems eventually collapse. The Kingdom of God is unlike all of them. Scripture assures us that God’s Kingdom is eternal and will never come to an end.

When the angel Gabriel announced the birth of Jesus to Mary, he said,

“He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High... and of his kingdom there will be no end” (Luke 1:32–33, NAB 1995).

Daniel echoed this centuries earlier, describing a kingdom

“that shall not be destroyed... it shall stand forever” (Daniel 7:14).

This truth brings deep comfort. God’s reign is not threatened by human rebellion, cultural shifts, or global uncertainty. His purposes cannot be overturned. What He begins, He completes.

For believers, the eternity of the Kingdom means our hope is secure. Our labor is not wasted. Our faith is not misplaced. We belong to something that will never fade, fail, or disappoint.

Reflection Questions

- Where do I tend to place my security—in temporary things or eternal ones?
- How does the unending nature of God's Kingdom shape my priorities?
- What fears lessen when I remember God's reign will never end?

Notes:

Chapter 9

What Is the New Heaven and the New Earth?



The Bible does not end with destruction, but with renewal. God's plan is not to abandon creation, but to restore it completely.

Scripture declares,

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away" (Revelation 21:1).

Isaiah foretold this promise long before:

"See, I am creating new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered" (Isaiah 65:17).

Peter adds that believers await

"new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells" (2 Peter 3:13).

The new creation will be free from sin, death, sorrow, and corruption. Everything broken by the fall will be healed. God will dwell openly with His people, removing the distance sin once caused.

This future is not an escape from physical existence—it is its redemption. The new earth will be real, tangible, and glorious, fully aligned with God's will.

Reflection Questions

- How does the promise of renewal affect how I view the present world?
- Do I see God as a restorer, not just a judge?
- How does this hope strengthen my endurance today?

Notes:

Chapter 10

Will Believers Rule with Christ?



Scripture teaches that redeemed believers will not merely live in God's Kingdom—they will reign with Christ. This calling was God's intention from the beginning and will be fulfilled in the age to come. John declares that Christ

“made them a kingdom and priests for our God, and they will reign on earth” (Revelation 5:10).

Paul writes plainly,

“If we persevere we shall also reign with him” (2 Timothy 2:12).

This reign is not about power or status, but faithful stewardship. Jesus taught that those who are faithful in small things will be entrusted with greater responsibility

“And he said to him, ‘Well done, good slave, because you have been faithful in a very little thing, you are to be in authority over ten cities.’” (Luke 19:17).

Authority in the Kingdom flows from faithfulness, not ambition.

Reigning with Christ means sharing in His work of restoring order, justice, and peace under His perfect leadership. It is a future responsibility prepared for those who walk with Him now.

Reflection Questions

- How does future responsibility shape how I live today?
- Am I learning faithfulness in small things?
- What does reigning with Christ reveal about His trust in us?

Notes:

Chapter 11

What Are Resurrection Bodies Like?



The Christian hope is not disembodied existence, but resurrection. Scripture promises that believers will receive glorified bodies, patterned after the resurrected body of Christ.

Paul explains,

“What is sown corruptible is raised incorruptible... what is sown a natural body is raised a spiritual one” (1 Corinthians 15:42–44).

These bodies will be imperishable, powerful, and free from decay.

Paul assures believers that Christ

“will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body” (Philippians 3:21).

John adds a note of wonder:

“What we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him” (1 John 3:2).

While the details remain mysterious, the promise is clear—our future bodies will be fully suited for eternal life in God’s presence.

Resurrection affirms the value of the physical world and our embodied lives. God redeems both soul and body.

Reflection Questions

- How does resurrection reshape my view of death?
- Do I live with hope rooted in what God promises to restore?
- How does knowing my body matters to God affect how I treat it now?

Notes:

Chapter 12

What Will Life Be Like on the New Earth?



Life on the new earth will be rich, meaningful, and deeply satisfying. Scripture describes a restored creation where people build, work, worship, and enjoy fellowship without fear or loss.

Isaiah writes,

“They shall build houses and inhabit them... They shall not toil in vain” (Isaiah 65:21–23).

John records God’s promise:

“He will dwell with them... and wipe away every tear from their eyes” (Revelation 21:3–4).

The nations will walk by God’s light, bringing their glory into the city (Revelation 21:24). Life will be vibrant, purposeful, and filled with beauty—free from sin, sorrow, and death.

The presence of God will define everything. Worship will be natural, joy constant, and peace unbroken.

Reflection Questions

- How does this vision of the future challenge my assumptions about eternity?
- What longings in my heart does God promise to fulfill?
- How does this hope encourage me in present struggles?

Notes:

Chapter 13

How Does Kingdom Hope Shape Discipleship?



Kingdom hope is not passive. It does not encourage believers to simply wait for heaven while enduring life on earth. Instead, it shapes how we live, grow, and serve now. Jesus consistently tied future Kingdom reward to present faithfulness.

In one of His parables, Jesus says to a faithful servant,

“Well done, good servant! You have been faithful in this very small matter; take charge of ten cities” (Luke 19:17, NAB 1995).

This reveals a profound truth: discipleship today is preparation for responsibility tomorrow.

Kingdom hope teaches us that our daily choices matter. Seeking God’s Kingdom first reorders our priorities, values, and ambitions. Jesus instructed His followers,

“Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness”
(Matthew 6:33).

This seeking is not abstract—it is lived out in obedience, humility, service, and perseverance.

Paul reminds us that we live in a state of longing,

“as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies”

(Romans 8:23).

This waiting is not idle. It trains us to walk by faith, not sight, trusting that what God has promised will come to pass.

Discipleship shaped by Kingdom hope produces believers who are patient, faithful, courageous, and generous. They live with the future in mind, without neglecting the present.

Reflection Questions

- How does my view of the future influence how I live today?
- In what areas is God inviting me to deeper faithfulness?
- Am I being shaped more by temporary concerns or eternal hope?

Notes:

Chapter 14

What Did Jesus Mean by “The Kingdom Is at Hand”?



When Jesus began His public ministry, His message was simple and urgent:

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 4:17).

This announcement did not mean the end of the world was immediate, but that God’s reign had drawn near in a new and decisive way.

The Kingdom was “at hand” because the King was present. Jesus carried divine authority wherever He went. When He healed the sick, forgave sins, and cast out demons, He demonstrated that God’s power was actively at work. Jesus said plainly,

“If it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you” (Matthew 12:28).

Repentance was the proper response. To repent is to turn, to change one’s mind, direction, and allegiance. The nearness of the Kingdom demanded a response, not mere curiosity.

Today, the Kingdom remains near. Christ reigns, the Spirit works, and the invitation still stands. The Kingdom is not distant or unreachable—it presses gently but firmly upon every heart.

Reflection Questions

How do I respond when God's authority confronts my life?

Is repentance an ongoing posture for me, or a past event?

What does it mean for the Kingdom to be "near" today?

Notes:

Chapter 15

What Is the Role of Israel in the Kingdom of God?



God's relationship with Israel is not incidental—it is foundational to the biblical story. From the beginning, God chose Abraham and promised that through his descendants

“all the communities of the earth shall find blessing”
(Genesis 12:3).

Scripture affirms that God's covenant promises to Israel have not been revoked. Paul writes,

“The gifts and the call of God are irrevocable” (Romans 11:29).
While many in Israel did not recognize Jesus as Messiah, God's redemptive plan continues to unfold with faithfulness and mercy.

The angel Gabriel announced that Jesus would sit on

“the throne of David and reign over the house of Jacob forever”
(Luke 1:32–33).

This ties Christ's Kingdom directly to God's promises to Israel.

The prophets looked forward to a day when the Lord would reign over all the earth (Zechariah 14:9). Israel's story is not finished—it is woven into the fulfillment of God's Kingdom purposes.

Understanding Israel's role guards believers against arrogance and deepens appreciation for God's faithfulness across generations.

Reflection Questions

- How does God's faithfulness to Israel strengthen my trust in Him?
- Do I see Scripture as one unified story of redemption?
- How does humility shape my understanding of God's plan?

Notes:

Chapter 16

What Is the Relationship Between the Church and the Kingdom?



The Church and the Kingdom are closely related, but they are not identical. The Church is the community of people who belong to the Kingdom; the Kingdom is the reign of God itself.

Jesus told Peter,

“I will build my church... I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 16:18–19).

The Church does not create the Kingdom—it proclaims it. Through the Church, God makes His wisdom known

“to the principalities and authorities in the heavens”
(Ephesians 3:10).

Believers are already citizens of the Kingdom, having been “transferred... into the kingdom of his beloved Son”
(Colossians 1:13).

Yet the Church lives in a world that does not yet fully reflect God’s reign.

The Church is called to be a visible sign of the invisible Kingdom—embodying love, truth, humility, and hope while pointing beyond

itself to the coming fullness of God's rule.

Reflection Questions

- How does my life reflect the values of the Kingdom?
- Do I see the Church as a mission, not just a meeting?
- How can I better represent God's reign where I live?

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Chapter 17

What Happens at the Judgment Seat of Christ?



Scripture teaches that believers will one day stand before Christ—not for condemnation, but for evaluation. Paul writes,

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense... whether good or evil”
(2 Corinthians 5:10).

This judgment is not about salvation, which is secured by grace, but about faithfulness. Paul explains that each person’s work will be tested,

“and the work of each will come to light” (1 Corinthians 3:13).
Some works will endure and receive reward; others will be burned away.

The Judgment Seat of Christ underscores the seriousness of discipleship. Our lives matter. Our choices matter. Yet this judgment is administered by the same Savior who loved us and gave His life for us.

For the believer, this moment is not meant to inspire fear, but faithful living—motivated by love, gratitude, and hope.

Reflection Questions

- How does accountability before Christ shape my daily life?
- What kind of work am I building into eternity?
- How does grace give me confidence, not complacency?

Notes:

Chapter 18

What Is the Relationship Between Suffering and Reigning?



Scripture never separates suffering from glory. Instead, it presents suffering as the pathway through which God forms His people for future reign. Paul states it plainly:

“If we endure, we shall also reign with him” (2 Timothy 2:12).

Jesus Himself modeled this pattern. He suffered rejection, betrayal, humiliation, and death before entering into resurrection glory. After His resurrection, He reminded His disciples that

“it was necessary that the Messiah suffer these things and enter into his glory” (Luke 24:26).

For believers, suffering is not meaningless. It refines faith, deepens dependence on God, and produces perseverance. Paul writes,

“We boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope” (Romans 5:3–4).

Suffering does not disqualify a disciple; it often confirms one. Those who walk faithfully through trials are being shaped for responsibility

in God's Kingdom. The promise is not escape from hardship, but presence within it, and glory beyond it.

Reflection Questions

- How have difficult seasons shaped my faith?
- Do I view suffering as punishment or preparation?
- How does the promise of reigning with Christ bring hope?

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Chapter 19

What Role Do Angels Play in the Kingdom of God?



Angels are real, active servants within God's Kingdom, though they are never the focus of worship. Scripture describes them as
"ministering spirits, sent to serve, for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation" (Hebrews 1:14).

Angels announce God's purposes, protect His people, and execute His judgments. Jesus taught that angels rejoice when a sinner repents (Luke 15:10), revealing their involvement in God's redemptive work.

At the culmination of history, angels will accompany Christ in glory. Jesus said,

"The Son of Man will come in his glory, and all the angels with him" (Matthew 25:31).

They will assist in the gathering of the righteous and the execution of justice.

While believers do not command angels, we live within a spiritual reality far larger than what is seen. Awareness of this unseen Kingdom encourages humility, trust, and confidence in God's sovereign care.

Reflection Questions

- How does knowing God's unseen servants are at work affect my faith?
- Am I more focused on God's power than spiritual curiosities?
- How does spiritual reality reshape my daily perspective?

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Chapter 20

How Do the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit Work in the Kingdom?



The Kingdom of God is the work of the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—each perfectly united in purpose and action.

The Father is the source and planner of the Kingdom. Jesus spoke of “the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world” (Matthew 25:34).

The Father’s will establishes the Kingdom’s purpose.

The Son is the King. Jesus declared,

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me”
(Matthew 28:18).

Through His life, death, resurrection, and ascension, Jesus inaugurated the Kingdom and reigns even now.

The Holy Spirit is the empowering presence of the Kingdom. Paul writes,

“For the kingdom of God is not a matter of food and drink, but of righteousness, peace, and joy in the holy Spirit”
(Romans 14:17).

The Spirit enables believers to live Kingdom life here and now. Together, the Trinity invites believers into fellowship, transformation, and mission—participating in God’s reign until its fullness is revealed.

Reflection Questions

- How do I experience the work of the Trinity in my faith?
- Am I yielding daily to the Spirit’s leading?
- How does Christ’s authority shape my obedience?

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Chapter 21

What Does It Mean to Be Saved?



Salvation is more than a moment—it is an entry into a new life and a new Kingdom. Jesus told Nicodemus,

“No one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above” (John 3:3).

“We are saved by grace through faith, not by our own works” (Ephesians 2:8–9).

Yet salvation always leads somewhere. It brings forgiveness, reconciliation with God, and transformation by the Holy Spirit.

Those who are saved become citizens of heaven (Philippians 3:20), adopted as God’s children (Romans 8:15), and invited into discipleship. Jesus’ final command was not merely to make converts, but

“to make disciples... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:19–20).

Salvation begins with surrender—acknowledging Jesus as Savior and Lord. It continues as a lifelong journey of following Him.

Join the Kingdom of God

A Simple Prayer of Faith

Lord Jesus,

I believe that You are the Son of God.

I believe that You died for my sins and rose again.

I turn from my old life and place my trust in You.

Forgive me, make me new, and lead me by Your Spirit.

I receive Your grace and choose to follow You.

Amen.

Name: _____

Today's is your born again date: _____

Your name has been written in the Lamb's book of life. You live forever in the Kingdom of God.

Reflection Questions

- Have I truly surrendered my life to Christ?
- How will my faith grow beyond a single moment?
- What does following Jesus look like in my daily life?

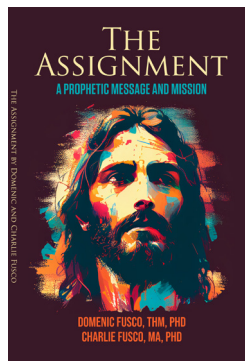
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