

The Kingdom of God

Jesus described the Kingdom of God as a “mystery” (Mt 13:11; Mk 4:10-12) and gave eight parables describing various aspects of the Kingdom (Mt 13:1-52). It is a “mystery” that it exists in both the invisible spiritual world and the visible physical world at one and the same time. God is Sovereign over both aspects of the Kingdom. His Kingdom will not fully be comprehended until Jesus returns (Mt. 13:36-43). It is a “treasure” to which believers hold title now but the full realization awaits the end of time (Mt 13:44-52).

Here are ten aspects of the “mystery” invisible-visible Kingdom of God:

1. **The invisible Kingdom** is the stage for truth, and righteousness (Mt 13:20, 23, 43); the visible Kingdom is the stage for worldly cares and deceit (Mt 13:19-22).
2. **The invisible Kingdom** is eternal, (Mt 13:31-33; Ps 145:13; 2 Pet 1:10-11); the visible Kingdom is temporal (2 Pet 3:10-13).
3. **The invisible Kingdom** is above space and time yet in it (Eph 6:10-11); the visible includes the physical world but also is part of the Kingdom (Col 1:16-18).
4. **The invisible Kingdom** exists with the visible until the end time (Mt 13:24-30; at the end the visible will be separated (Mt 13:24-30; 37-42, 47-52; Rev 11:15-19).
5. **The invisible Kingdom** governs and overrules the visible universe (Rom 8:28); the visible Kingdom is subject to the rule of God (Mt 8:23-27; Rom 8:35-39).
6. **The invisible Kingdom** operates by supernatural means (Dn 6:27; Heb 2:1-4); the visible operates by natural law, often called laws of nature (1 Cor 2:6-16).
7. **The invisible Kingdom** must be entered by faith, and a spiritual birth (Jn 3:3-8; Mt 18:1-5); the visible is entered by physical birth (Jn 3:6)
8. **The invisible Kingdom** is of great value and must be our priority (Mt 6:33; 13:44-46); the visible has no lasting value and is a lesser concern (Mt 6:19-21).
9. **The invisible Kingdom** is “coming” into view (Heb 12:25-29); the visible temporal Kingdom is passing from our view (1 Jn 2:17).
10. **The invisible Kingdom** under God limits Satan’s activity to this world and his power as God permits (Lk 10:17-20; Isa 14:12-15; Rev. 12:12; Job 1:12; 2:6); the visible world is Satan’s arena of influence until he is bound a 1,000 years, then cast in the lake of fire, his power destroyed by the blood of the Lamb and forever excluded from New Heaven and New earth (Rev 12:7-9, 10-12; 20:1-5, 11-15).

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