# SERMON NOTES

# The King And His Kingdom: Summarizing and Applying Matthew's Gospel Our King and Our Kingdom Citizenship

#### **Simple Sermon**

The coming of King Jesus and the inauguration of the Kingdom of Heaven calls us as Kingdom Citizens to Kingdom Character, Kinadom Conduct, and Kinadom Witness.

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The King:	
The Kingdom:	
Kingdom Citizenship:	
Kingdom Character:	
Kingdom Conduct:	
Kingdom Witness:	
Taking it home and making it a priority	

"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock." Matthew 7:24, 25

# WEEKLY QUESTIONS

#### **Monday**

Read Matthew 5:3-11 and take some time to reflect deeply on Jesus' words here. As you read, measure your own character against His standards. In what areas are you generally satisfied that your life measures are up to standard? In what areas do you want to improve? Take a moment now to pray, naming the areas in your life that need growth, and ask the Lord Jesus to guide you into the paths of righteousness.

#### **Tuesday**

Read Matthew 7:21-23. What do you take away from these verses that applies to your own life? Then read 7:24-27. How do these verses from the heart and mouth of Jesus Christ tell you about the overall display of your life? Are you building your life, in every area, on the rock that is the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ?

### Wednesday

Read Matthew 28:19: What did Jesus command his disciples to do? How was this charge connected to the truth divulged in vs. 18? What is the significance of Jesus' command regarding baptism?

#### **Thursday**

Read Matthew 16:24. How does this exhortation from Jesus himself speak to the everyday living out of your Kingdom Citizenship? How does this "Jesus-first" worldview impact your daily life? In what areas are you satisfied? And, in what areas are you challenged and need the encouragement of friends and the strength of the indwelling God, the Spirit?

## **Friday Prayer**

Gracious Heavenly Father, thinking through Matthew's Gospel has opened my eyes to two things: First, it has been so refreshing to my soul, and also not a little convicting, to hear the heart of my Savior through his teaching, his demeanor to other people, and his steadfast determination to suffer for the sake of all who believe. O Lord, please continue to write Jesus' love and truth on my soul! Forgive me for being so forgetful, so easily led by the things of this world back into patterns of life that I know are not best for one dedicated to the glory of Christ. Father, remind me, even when reminders are hard on me, that being poor in spirit and hungering for righteousness are my best options! O Father, my spiritual goals often seem at odds with my fleshly selfishness. Keep me, Lord, in the truth of Matthew's Gospel, for Jesus' sake, Amen!