



Your Kingdom Come

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The Concept of the Kingdom

“The concept of the kingdom looms large on the pages of scripture. Its features are the dominant content of Old Testament prophecy. It is the theme of the proclamation of Jesus according to the Gospels. While mentioned far less in the epistles, the “kingdom of God” still qualifies as the summary of the apostolic teaching (e.g. Acts 19:8; 28:23, 31). Finally, in the book of Revelation it reaches its climax and is again mentioned predominantly (e.g. 1:9; 5:10; 11:15; 12:10; 20:4). All this leads to the conclusion that the kingdom of God is one of the grand themes, if not the theme of scripture.”

Robert Saucy

The Kingdom Program

(The Establishment of God's Rule)

- **Established in Eden (*Universal Rule*)**
- **Lost in the Fall (*Individual Application*)**
- **Planned with Abraham (*National Focus*)**
- **Won at the Cross (*Individual Application*)**
 - **Established in hearts of believers**
 - **Battle in the present age**
- **Finalized in the Future (*National Application*)**

The Kingdom Personalities

One Messiah with Two Roles



The Head of the Church
(Ruling In Our Hearts)



The King of Israel
(Ruling On His Throne)

The Kingdom Covenants

- **Abrahamic (Gen. 15,17)**
- **Old Mosaic (Ex. 20 et al)**
- **Palestinian (Lev. 26, Duet 27-30)**
- **Davidic (2 Samuel 7, Psalm 89)**
- **New (Jeremiah 31:31-34)**

The Kingdom Come

(A Perspective from Hebrews)

- **The Superiority of God's King Son (1-4)**
*Pay Attention to the
Salvation Provided by the King*
- **The Superiority of God's Priest Son (5-10)**
*Take Advantage of the
Access Provided by the Priest*
- **The Lifestyle of God's Children (11-13)**
*Living by Faith as we look for a
Kingdom*



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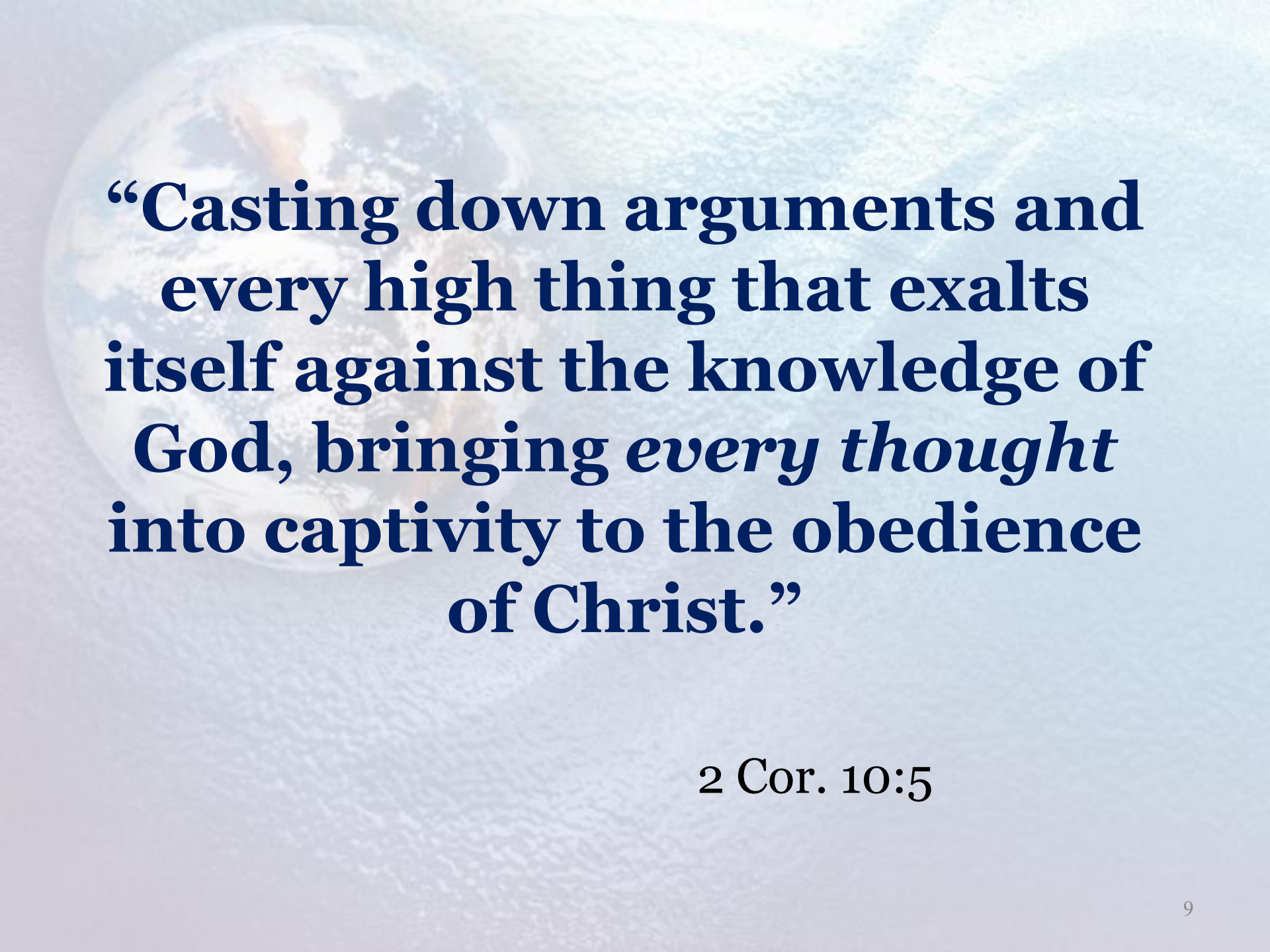
**Therefore, since we are *receiving a kingdom* that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful,
and so worship God acceptably
with reverence and awe,
for our “God is a consuming fire.”**

Hebrews 12:28

Jesus Ministry in Biblical Context

Luke 4:14-30

- To preach good news to the *poor*
- To proclaim freedom for the *prisoners*
- Recovery of sight for the *blind*
- To release the *oppressed*
- To proclaim ‘the year of the Lord’s favor!’



“Casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing *every thought* into captivity to the obedience of Christ.”

2 Cor. 10:5

HOPE!

- ☞ Hope expects all things to be *overwhelmed* and filled with the immense *glory* of Christ!
- ☞ True hope pursues global glory and total *triumph* over evil
- ☞ God has called us to live our lives as bold *acts* of hope!

Basic Kingdom Concepts

The Meaning of “Kingdom”:

- **Definition:** -the *rule* or *reign* of God
 - a *rule* more than a *realm*
- **Aspects:** -Christ’s Rule over His *Creation*
 - Christ’s Rule over His special *Creatures*

Basic Kingdom Concepts

The “Kingdom of God” --the exercise of God’s kingship, His authority, His *right to rule* based on His might, *power* and glory!

(Matt. 4:17-23; Luke 4:14-30)

Basic Kingdom Concepts

“God’s Kingdom, his reign, has already come into history in the person and mission of Jesus. The presence of God’s Kingdom means the dynamic presence of his reign...a dynamic concept of the acting God.”

George E. Ladd, 1964, p.140

Basic Kingdom Conflicts

- **The Mystery of the Kingdom**

The mystery has to do with the *timing* of the arrival of the Kingdom. The surprise that defines the mystery is that the expected kingly Messiah would come *twice!*

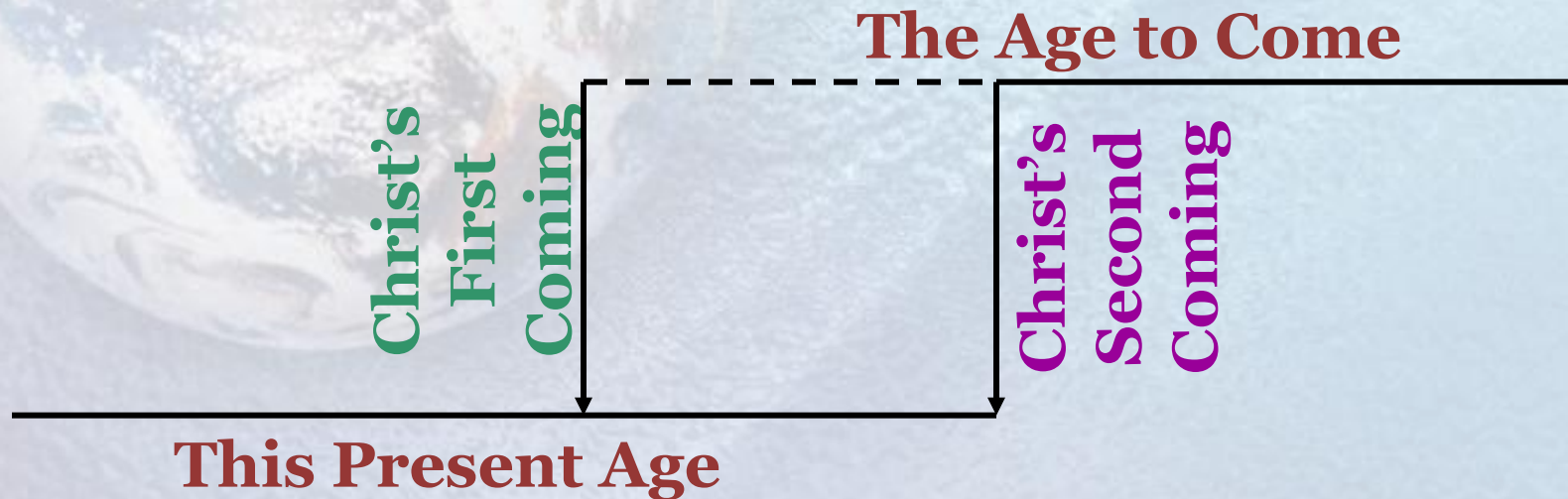
Basic Kingdom Conflicts

- **Old Testament Perspective:**
A single apocalyptic event –
- **Messiah comes to Rule**

New Testament Perspective:

- **Already**--with Jesus' *first coming* the Kingdom has already arrived in the person of the King!
- **Not yet**--at the end the Kingdom will come *openly* in the visible rule of the King!

The Mystery of the Kingdom



The Messiah Comes Twice

The Victory of the Kingdom

1. This victory is accomplished in 3 great acts:

Christ's *1st Coming*: breaking Satan's *power*

***Between His Comings*: The mission of the Church!**

Christ's *2nd Coming*: destroying Satan's *kingdom*!

The Victory of the Kingdom

- **2) This “present evil age” has been invaded by the “age to come” of God’s kingdom!**

The Mandate of the Kingdom

The Message of the Kingdom

Matt 24:14

“And this gospel of the Kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.”

Why is this verse so critical to the timing in eschatology?

So, what's *our* role in bringing in the end?

The Message of the Kingdom

- Each of these have been *defeated* by his *first coming*, and will be *destroyed* by his *final coming*!
 - *Death*--defeated...no longer slaves...
 - *Satan*--defeated...no longer controlled...
 - *Sin*--defeated...no longer enslaved.

The Gospel of the Kingdom

**The gospel of the Kingdom
announces:**

- what God *has already done* to conquer his enemies...**
- what God is *continuing to do* to conquer his enemies**
- what God *will do* to perfectly reconcile all things!**

The Gospel of the Kingdom

The gospel of the Kingdom is a message of absolute *joyous victory* and *blessing!*

It is a promise of what God will do to reconcile all things under the headship of Christ, the King!

The Mission of the King

The present interim period is an *overlapping* of the future “age to come” with the “present evil age.”

The *mission* of the interim period is to proclaim Christ’s victory among all nations! Matthew 24:14

- 1) This truth gives *meaning* to history, and gives *purpose* to the church!
- 2) The *motive* for the interim period is the final victory which awaits the completion of the task!

God at War

The Jewish worldview emphasized God *at war*, against a *Satanic* insurrection.

Jesus is *on a mission* to overcome evil powers in order to liberate people.

Continuing the work of God's war--

Jesus commissioned, equipped and empowered not only his disciples, but the entire church to continue His battle.

Is it possible to carry out the Great Commission without fighting against evil?

Prayer is not Magic

Prayer is *forceful and effective* because it *invites* God into the battle! It's not that prayer 'works,' but

- God Himself is *at work*.**
- Prayer is God's way of *involving us* with His work.**
- Prayer ensures that God still gets the *glory*.**

God's Purpose Summarized

(Three Parts of God's Purpose)

Concerning evil: the kingdom advances His assault against the Satanic *counterfeit* kingdom--
to rule a kingdom over all kingdoms!

For the nations: the kingdom victory opens the way for God to *redeem* people, bringing them into the blessing of Abraham under Christ's lordship.

Toward God: so that the nations will *know* and *glorify* God as King!

Conclusion and Application

How then should we respond to the King's mystery,

•His mandate & message, His mission, His call to prayer, His mercy and His supernatural power?

Conclusion and Application

- *It's all about surrender*
- *It's all about yielding rival kingdoms*
- *It's all about giving control to the King!*
- *It's all got to start with you - being precedes doing.*