

I. The present kingdom of God (v. 20-21)

A. It is a spiritual kingdom

“My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place.” (John 18:36)

B. Jesus is the King of this kingdom

C. The kingdom is within us through faith in Jesus

“Jesus declared, ‘I tell you the truth, unless a man is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.’” (John 3:3)

D. The kingdom is the rule of God in us

II. The coming kingdom of God (v. 22-37)

A. The timing for Christ’s return is unknown to us

“No one knows about the day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.” (Matthew 24:36)

B. The return of Christ will be known by all

C. The return of Christ is prepared by his death on the cross

D. The return of Christ will be sudden and unexpected

“For you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.” (I Thessalonians 5:2)

E. The return of Christ will bring judgment on sin

F. The return of Christ will be as the triumphant King

“The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever.” (Revelation 11:15)

G. We must be ready for Christ’s return

“You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.” (Luke 12:40)

H. We must serve Christ until he comes

I. The return of Christ will bring a division of people

“All nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.” (Matthew 25:32)