

JESUS CHRIST
JEHOVAH'S KING
UNDERSTANDING THE KINGDOM

1. JESUS IS LORD OF THE SABBATH

A. MATTHEW 12:1-50 AT THAT TIME JESUS WENT THROUGH THE GRAINFIELDS ON THE SABBATH. HIS DISCIPLES WERE HUNGRY AND BEGAN TO PICK SOME HEADS OF GRAIN AND EAT THEM. [2] WHEN THE PHARISEES SAW THIS, THEY SAID TO HIM, "LOOK! YOUR DISCIPLES ARE DOING WHAT IS UNLAWFUL ON THE SABBATH." [3] HE ANSWERED, "HAVEN'T YOU READ WHAT DAVID DID WHEN HE AND HIS COMPANIONS WERE HUNGRY? [4] HE ENTERED THE HOUSE OF GOD, AND HE AND HIS COMPANIONS ATE THE CONSECRATED BREAD--WHICH WAS NOT LAWFUL FOR THEM TO DO, BUT ONLY FOR THE PRIESTS. [5] OR HAVEN'T YOU READ IN THE LAW THAT ON THE SABBATH THE PRIESTS IN THE TEMPLE DESECRATE THE DAY AND YET ARE INNOCENT? [6] I TELL YOU THAT ONE GREATER THAN THE TEMPLE IS HERE. [7] IF YOU HAD KNOWN WHAT THESE WORDS MEAN, 'I DESIRE MERCY, NOT SACRIFICE,' YOU WOULD NOT HAVE CONDEMNED THE INNOCENT. [8] FOR THE SON OF MAN IS LORD OF THE SABBATH."

I. AT THAT TIME.

(1) WHAT TIME?

(A) AFTER HE JUST SAID ALL THE THINGS AT THE END OF CHAPTER 11.

(i) REVIEW THEM.

II. TIME = SABBATH

III. CONDITIONS = DISCIPLES WERE HUNGRY

(1) THEY HAD A NEED.

IV. BEING HUNGRY THEY ATE.

(1) WHEN THE PHARISEES SAW THIS, THEY SAID TO HIM, "LOOK! YOUR DISCIPLES ARE DOING WHAT IS UNLAWFUL ON THE SABBATH

(A) THE SABBATH HAD 16 CLASSES OF LAWS.

(i) THE COMMON MAN HAD BECOME WEARY OF ALL THE RULES.

1) WHAT HAD ALL THIS TO DO WITH GOD?

V. JESUS THEN COVERS DAVID AND THE SHEW BREAD.

(1) HOW SERIOUS WAS THIS?

VI. HAVEN'T YOU READ IN THE LAW THAT ON THE SABBATH THE PRIESTS IN THE TEMPLE DESECRATE THE DAY AND YET ARE INNOCENT

(1) WHAT IS GOING ON?

VII. I TELL YOU THAT ONE GREATER THAN THE TEMPLE IS HERE.

(1) [7] IF YOU HAD KNOWN WHAT THESE WORDS MEAN, 'I DESIRE MERCY, NOT SACRIFICE,' YOU WOULD NOT HAVE CONDEMNED THE INNOCENT.

(2) [8] FOR THE SON OF MAN IS LORD OF THE SABBATH."

2. HEALING ON THE SABBATH

A. MATTHEW 12:[9] GOING ON FROM THAT PLACE, HE WENT INTO THEIR SYNAGOGUE, [10] AND A MAN WITH A SHRIVELED HAND WAS THERE. LOOKING FOR A REASON TO ACCUSE JESUS, THEY ASKED HIM, "IS IT LAWFUL TO HEAL ON THE SABBATH?" [11] HE SAID TO THEM, "IF ANY OF YOU HAS A SHEEP AND IT FALLS INTO A PIT ON THE SABBATH, WILL YOU NOT TAKE HOLD OF IT AND LIFT IT OUT? [12] HOW MUCH MORE VALUABLE IS A MAN THAN A SHEEP! THEREFORE IT IS LAWFUL TO DO GOOD ON THE SABBATH." [13] THEN HE SAID TO

THE MAN, "STRETCH OUT YOUR HAND." SO HE STRETCHED IT OUT AND IT WAS COMPLETELY RESTORED, JUST AS SOUND AS THE OTHER.

- I. GOING OF FROM THE PLACE WHERE HE JUST EXPLAINED WHO HE IS!
- II. TO WHERE?
 - (1)

ON THE SABBATH THE PRIESTS IN THE TEMPLE DESECRATE THE DAY AND YET ARE INNOCENT	ONE GREATER THAN THE TEMPLE IS HERE.
HAVE CONDEMNED THE INNOCENT	SON OF MAN IS LORD OF THE SABBATH."
'I DESIRE MERCY, NOT SACRIFICE,'	'I DESIRE MERCY, NOT SACRIFICE,'
HE WENT INTO THEIR SYNAGOGUE	MAN WITH A SHRIVELED HAND WAS THERE
LOOKING FOR A REASON TO ACCUSE	
LAWFUL TO HEAL ON THE SABBATH	IF ANY OF YOU HAS A SHEEP AND IT FALLS INTO A PIT ON THE SABBATH, WILL YOU NOT TAKE HOLD OF IT AND LIFT IT OUT
MUCH MORE VALUABLE IS A MAN THAN A SHEEP	LAWFUL TO DO GOOD ON THE SABBATH

III. THEN WHAT DOES THE SCRIPTURE “ 'I DESIRE MERCY, NOT SACRIFICE,' ” MEAN TO US TODAY?

- (1) WHAT AM I ASKING MY BROTHER AND SISTER TO DO?
 - (A) SACRIFICE THEM SELVES?
 - (B) OR DO I LOOK AT THEM AND EXTEND THE MERCY OF GOD?

3. THE FIRST TIME THE PHARISEES PLOT TO KILL JESUS.

A. MATTHEW 12: [14] BUT THE PHARISEES WENT OUT AND PLOTTED HOW THEY MIGHT KILL JESUS.

I. WHAT DOES THE ORGANIZED RELIGIOUS LEADERS THINK OF THIS TEACHING?

- (1) THEY WANT JESUS “DEAD”
- (2) THEY ARE AFRAID OF THE MESSAGE.
 - (A) GOD LOVES MAN.

4. THY KINGDOM COME

A. MATTHEW 12:[15] AWARE OF THIS, JESUS WITHDREW FROM THAT PLACE. MANY FOLLOWED HIM, AND HE HEALED ALL THEIR SICK, [16] WARNING THEM NOT TO TELL WHO HE WAS. [17] THIS WAS TO FULFILL WHAT WAS SPOKEN THROUGH THE PROPHET ISAIAH: [18] "HERE IS MY SERVANT WHOM I HAVE CHOSEN, THE ONE I LOVE, IN WHOM I DELIGHT; I WILL PUT MY SPIRIT ON HIM, AND HE WILL PROCLAIM JUSTICE TO THE NATIONS. [19] HE WILL NOT QUARREL OR CRY OUT; NO ONE WILL HEAR HIS VOICE IN THE STREETS. [20] A BRUISED REED HE WILL NOT BREAK, AND A SMOLDERING WICK HE WILL NOT SNUFF OUT, TILL HE LEADS JUSTICE TO VICTORY. [21] IN HIS NAME THE NATIONS WILL PUT THEIR

HOPE."

I. AWARE OF THIS, JESUS WITHDREW FROM THAT PLACE.

(1) WITHDREW FROM THAT PLACE.

(A) THE PLACE THAT THE SCRIPTURE CALLS "THEIR SYNAGOGUE"

II. NOW WHAT HAPPENS?

(1) MANY FOLLOWED HIM

(A) NOT ALL!

(2) HE HEALED ALL THEIR SICK

(A) WHO, THOSE WHO FOLLOWED HIM!

(3) WARNING THEM NOT TO TELL WHO HE WAS.

(A) LET US HEAR THESE WORDS AGAIN.

(1) DO NOT TELL WHO HE WAS.

1) WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

(4) THIS WAS TO FULFILL WHAT WAS SPOKEN THROUGH THE PROPHET ISAIAH:

(A) GODS' SERVANT

(1) [18] "HERE IS MY SERVANT

(B) CHOSEN OF GOD

(1) WHOM I HAVE CHOSEN,

(C) LOVED BY GOD

(1) THE ONE I LOVE, IN WHOM I DELIGHT;

(D) THE SPIRIT OF GOD

(1) I WILL PUT MY SPIRIT ON HIM,

(E) HE WILL BRING JUSTICE.

(1) AND HE WILL PROCLAIM JUSTICE TO THE NATIONS.

(F) HE WILL NOT DO THIS BY REBELLION

(1) [19] HE WILL NOT QUARREL OR CRY OUT; NO ONE WILL HEAR HIS VOICE IN THE STREETS.

(G) [20] A BRUISED REED HE WILL NOT BREAK,

(1) IF YOU PLAYED A REED INSTRUMENT IN A BAND YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THIS. JESUS DOES NOT THROUGH OUT A REED BECAUSE IT IS NOT DOING WELL.

1) HE WILL TRY TO REPAIR IT.

(H) AND A SMOLDERING WICK HE WILL NOT SNUFF OUT,

(1) IF YOU WERE LIKE ME RAISED WHERE WE HAD WICKS YOU WOULD UNDERSTAND THIS. WHEN THE OIL GETS LOW THE WICK WOULD SMOLDER.

1) JESUS IS SAYING HE WILL NOT PUT OUT WHAT FIRE OR GOOD THAT THE PRESENT SYSTEM IS PRODUCING

(1) TILL HE LEADS JUSTICE TO VICTORY.

(1) His SECOND COMING!

(J) [21] IN HIS NAME THE NATIONS WILL PUT THEIR HOPE."

(1) THEN WE WILL SEE THIS HAPPEN.

5. HEALING A WITNESS OF THE KINGDOM

A. MATTHEW 12:[22] THEN THEY BROUGHT HIM A DEMON-POSSESSED MAN WHO WAS BLIND AND MUTE, AND JESUS HEALED HIM, SO THAT HE COULD BOTH TALK AND SEE. [23] ALL THE PEOPLE WERE ASTONISHED AND SAID, "COULD THIS BE THE SON OF DAVID?"

I. LET US SEE WHAT HAPPENS "THEN"

- (1) WHEN, JUST AFTER HE SAID THAT HE WOULD NOT DO AWAY WITH THE EXISTING SYSTEM.
- II. WHO IS THIS MAN - I BELIEVE IT IS THE NATION OF ISRAEL.
 - (1) THIS MAN CAN NOT SEE WHO JESUS IS?
 - (2) HE IS NOT PROCLAIMING 'THE GOOD NEWS' OF THE FATHER.
- III. BUT AFTER "TILL HE LEADS JUSTICE TO VICTORY.
 - (i) His SECOND COMING!
 - (B) [21] IN HIS NAME THE NATIONS WILL PUT THEIR HOPE."
 - (1) THEN WE WILL SEE THIS HAPPEN.
 - (2) HE OPENS THE EYES OF ISRAEL AND THEY WILL PROCLAIM!
- IV. ALL THE PEOPLE WERE ASTONISHED AND SAID, "COULD THIS BE THE **SON OF DAVID?**"

6. THE DIVIDED KINGDOM

- A. MATTHEW 12:[24] BUT WHEN THE PHARISEES HEARD THIS, THEY SAID, "IT IS ONLY BY BEELZEBUB, THE PRINCE OF DEMONS, THAT THIS FELLOW DRIVES OUT DEMONS." [25] JESUS KNEW THEIR THOUGHTS AND SAID TO THEM, "EVERY KINGDOM DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF WILL BE RUINED, AND EVERY CITY OR HOUSEHOLD DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF WILL NOT STAND. [26] IF SATAN DRIVES OUT SATAN, HE IS DIVIDED AGAINST HIMSELF. HOW THEN CAN HIS KINGDOM STAND? [27] AND IF I DRIVE OUT DEMONS BY BEELZEBUB, BY WHOM DO YOUR PEOPLE DRIVE THEM OUT? SO THEN, THEY WILL BE YOUR JUDGES. [28] BUT IF I DRIVE OUT DEMONS BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD, THEN THE KINGDOM OF GOD HAS COME UPON YOU. [29] "OR AGAIN, HOW CAN ANYONE ENTER A STRONG MAN'S HOUSE AND CARRY OFF HIS POSSESSIONS UNLESS HE FIRST TIES UP THE STRONG MAN? THEN HE CAN ROB HIS HOUSE. [30] "HE WHO IS NOT WITH ME IS AGAINST ME, AND HE WHO DOES NOT GATHER WITH ME SCATTERS.
 - I. HERE WE ARE GIVEN AN UNDERSTANDING OF ONE PART OF THE JUDGMENT OF THE NATIONS.
 - II. SOME MAY NOT RECOGNIZE WHERE THE POWER OF THE LORD COMES FROM.
 - (1) "IT IS ONLY BY BEELZEBUB, THE PRINCE OF DEMONS, THAT THIS FELLOW DRIVES OUT DEMONS
 - (A) I COULD SEE THIS AS THE CLOSE FOLLOWERS OF THE ANTICHRIST.
 - III. "EVERY KINGDOM DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF WILL BE RUINED,
 - IV. AND EVERY CITY
 - V. OR HOUSEHOLD DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF WILL NOT STAND
 - VI. . [26] IF SATAN DRIVES OUT SATAN,
 - (1) HE IS DIVIDED AGAINST HIMSELF.
 - (2) HOW THEN CAN HIS KINGDOM STAND?
 - VII. [27] AND IF I DRIVE OUT DEMONS BY BEELZEBUB,
 - VIII. BY WHOM DO YOUR PEOPLE DRIVE THEM OUT?
 - IX. SO THEN, THEY WILL BE YOUR JUDGES.
 - X. [28] BUT IF I DRIVE OUT DEMONS BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD,
 - (1) THEN THE KINGDOM OF GOD HAS COME UPON YOU.
 - XI. WHAT JESUS WANTS ALL TO UNDERSTAND.
 - (1) OR AGAIN,
 - (A) AGAIN WE MUST SEE HOW THE KINGDOM WORKS.
 - (2) HOW CAN ANYONE ENTER A STRONG MAN'S HOUSE

- (A) WHOSE HOUSE IS JESUS TALKING ABOUT. WHO IS THIS STRONG MAN.
 - (1) SATAN
- (B) AND CARRY OFF HIS POSSESSIONS
 - (1) WHAT ARE THESE POSSESSIONS.
 - 1) PEOPLE
 - 2) SICKNESS
 - 3) DEMONS
- (3) UNLESS HE FIRST TIES UP THE STRONG MAN?
 - (A) IF WE ARE TO DO THESE THINGS, WHAT MUST WE FIRST DO IN OUR LIVES?
- XII. "HE WHO IS NOT WITH ME IS AGAINST ME, AND HE WHO DOES NOT GATHER WITH ME SCATTERS
 - (1) WHAT IS JESUS LOOKING FOR IN HIS COMING KINGDOM. WHAT ABOUT TODAY?

7. UNFORGIVEN

A. MATTHEW 12: [31] AND SO I TELL YOU, EVERY SIN AND BLASPHEMY WILL BE FORGIVEN MEN, BUT THE BLASPHEMY AGAINST THE SPIRIT WILL NOT BE FORGIVEN. [32] ANYONE WHO SPEAKS A WORD AGAINST THE SON OF MAN WILL BE FORGIVEN, BUT ANYONE WHO SPEAKS AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL NOT BE FORGIVEN, EITHER IN THIS AGE OR IN THE AGE TO COME.

I. **AND SO I TELL YOU**

(1) PLEASE HEAR THIS.

(A) WHEN IN TIME IS THIS GOING TO HAPPEN?

II. **EVERY SIN AND BLASPHEMY WILL BE FORGIVEN MEN,**

(1) WHAT DOES THIS SAY?

(2) WHAT SIN?

(A) IT DOES NOT SAY CONFESSED SIN, IT SAYS EVERY SIN.

(1) SO WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR AT THE JUDGEMENT?

(3) ANYONE WHO SPEAKS A WORD AGAINST THE SON OF MAN

III. BUT THE BLASPHEMY AGAINST THE SPIRIT WILL NOT BE FORGIVEN

IV. BUT ANYONE WHO SPEAKS AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL NOT BE FORGIVEN,

(1) EITHER IN THIS AGE OR IN THE AGE TO COME.

(A) THIS AGE - TODAY

(B) AGE TO COME - HIS RETURN.

V. WHAT IS THE ISSUE THEN THAT WE SHOULD BE MAKING ALL MEN AWARE OF?

(1) WE CAN NOT REJECT THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!

<p>WORK OF THE SPIRIT</p>	<p>John 16:7-11 But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. [8] When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: [9] in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; [10] in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; [11] and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.</p>
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HURT [GRIEVE] THE SPIRIT	Ephesians . 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.
RESIST THE SPIRIT	Acts 7:51 "You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit!
PUTTING OUT THE SPIRITS' FIRE	1 Thessalonians. 5:19 Do not put out the Spirit's fire;
HARDENING OF THE HEART	Hebrews 3:8-13 do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the desert, [9] where your fathers tested and tried me and for forty years saw what I did. [10] That is why I was angry with that generation, and I said, 'Their hearts are always going astray, and they have not known my ways.' [11] So I declared on oath in my anger, 'They shall never enter my rest.' " [12] See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. [13] But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.
DEPRAVED MIND	Isaiah 5:20 Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter. Romans 1:28 Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done.
SPIRIT NO LONGER STRIVES WITH MAN	Genesis 6:3 Then the Lord said, "My Spirit will not contend with man forever, for he is mortal; his days will be a hundred and twenty years." Deut. 29:18-21 Make sure there is no man or woman, clan or tribe among you today whose heart turns away from the Lord our God to go and worship the gods of those nations; make sure there is no root among you that produces such bitter poison. [19] When such a person hears the words of this oath, he invokes a blessing on himself and therefore thinks, "I will be safe, even though I persist in going my own way." This will bring disaster on the watered land as well as the dry. [20] The Lord will never be willing to forgive him; his wrath and zeal will burn against that man. All the curses written in this book will fall upon him, and the Lord will blot out his name from under heaven. [21] The Lord will single him out from all the tribes of Israel for disaster, according to all the curses of the covenant written in this Book of the Law.

	1 Samuel 2:25 If a man sins against another man, God may mediate for him; but if a man sins against the Lord, who will intercede for him?" His sons, however, did not listen to their father's rebuke, for it was the Lord's will to put them to death. Proverbs 29:1 A man who remains stiff-necked after many rebukes will suddenly be destroyed--without remedy.
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8. THE POWER OF THE WORD

- A. MATTHEW 12:[33] "MAKE A TREE GOOD AND ITS FRUIT WILL BE GOOD, OR MAKE A TREE BAD AND ITS FRUIT WILL BE BAD, FOR A TREE IS RECOGNIZED BY ITS FRUIT. [34] YOU BROOD OF VIPERS, HOW CAN YOU WHO ARE EVIL SAY ANYTHING GOOD? FOR OUT OF THE OVERFLOW OF THE HEART THE MOUTH SPEAKS. [35] THE GOOD MAN BRINGS GOOD THINGS OUT OF THE GOOD STORED UP IN HIM, AND THE EVIL MAN BRINGS EVIL THINGS OUT OF THE EVIL STORED UP IN HIM. [36] BUT I TELL YOU THAT MEN WILL HAVE TO GIVE ACCOUNT ON THE DAY OF JUDGMENT FOR EVERY CARELESS WORD THEY HAVE SPOKEN. [37] FOR BY YOUR WORDS YOU WILL BE ACQUITTED, AND BY YOUR WORDS YOU WILL BE CONDEMNED."
 - I. THIS ENTIRE PASSAGE DEALS WITH ONE THING! WHAT IS IN A MANS' HEART.
 - II. SO WE WILL SEE ANOTHER PART OF THE JUDGMENT!

FOR A TREE IS RECOGNIZED BY ITS FRUIT	
MAKE A TREE BAD AND ITS FRUIT WILL BE BAD,	MAKE A TREE GOOD AND ITS FRUIT WILL BE GOOD
YOU BROOD OF VIPERS, HOW CAN YOU WHO ARE EVIL SAY ANYTHING GOOD? FOR OUT OF THE OVERFLOW OF THE HEART THE MOUTH SPEAKS	THE GOOD MAN BRINGS GOOD THINGS OUT OF THE GOOD STORED UP IN HIM,
BUT I TELL YOU THAT MEN WILL HAVE TO GIVE ACCOUNT ON THE DAY OF JUDGMENT FOR EVERY CARELESS WORD THEY HAVE SPOKEN. [37]	
FOR BY YOUR WORDS YOU WILL BE ACQUITTED, AND BY YOUR WORDS YOU WILL BE CONDEMNED	

9. THE SIGN THAT COUNTS

- A. MATTHEW 12:[38] THEN SOME OF THE PHARISEES AND TEACHERS OF THE LAW SAID TO HIM, "TEACHER, WE WANT TO SEE A MIRACULOUS SIGN FROM YOU." [39] HE ANSWERED, "A WICKED AND ADULTEROUS GENERATION ASKS FOR A MIRACULOUS SIGN! BUT NONE WILL BE GIVEN IT EXCEPT THE SIGN OF THE PROPHET JONAH. [40] FOR AS JONAH WAS THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN THE BELLY OF A HUGE FISH, SO THE SON OF MAN WILL BE THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN THE HEART OF THE EARTH.
 - I. NOW JESUS BRINGS US BACK TO THE PRESENT.
 - II. "TEACHER, WE WANT TO SEE A MIRACULOUS SIGN FROM YOU
 - (1) HAD THEY SEEN SIGNS FROM JESUS?
 - (A) YES!
 - (2) WHAT WERE THEY SAYING?
 - (A) PROVE TO US WHO YOU ARE!

III. JESUS SPEAKS TO ALL GENERATIONS!

- (1) A WICKED AND ADULTEROUS GENERATION ASKS FOR A MIRACULOUS SIGN
- (2) BUT NONE WILL BE GIVEN IT EXCEPT THE SIGN OF THE PROPHET JONAH.
 - (A) JONAH SENT TO A SINFUL NATION.
 - (B) HAD ONE MESSAGE. REPENT - OR TURN TO THE TRUE GOD.
- (3) FOR AS JONAH WAS THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN THE BELLY OF A HUGE FISH, SO THE SON OF MAN WILL BE THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN THE HEART OF THE EARTH.

10. A LOOK AT THE JUDGEMENT

- A. MATTHEW 12:[41] THE MEN OF NINEVEH WILL STAND UP AT THE JUDGMENT WITH THIS GENERATION AND CONDEMN IT; FOR THEY REPENTED AT THE PREACHING OF JONAH, AND NOW ONE GREATER THAN JONAH IS HERE. [42] THE QUEEN OF THE SOUTH WILL RISE AT THE JUDGMENT WITH THIS GENERATION AND CONDEMN IT; FOR SHE CAME FROM THE ENDS OF THE EARTH TO LISTEN TO SOLOMON'S WISDOM, AND NOW ONE GREATER THAN SOLOMON IS HERE.
 - I. THE MEN OF NINEVEH WILL STAND UP AT THE JUDGMENT WITH THIS GENERATION AND CONDEMN IT;
 - (1) FOR THEY REPENTED AT THE PREACHING OF JONAH,
 - (A) AND NOW ONE GREATER THAN JONAH IS HERE
 - II. THE QUEEN OF THE SOUTH WILL RISE AT THE JUDGMENT WITH THIS GENERATION AND CONDEMN IT;
 - (1) FOR SHE CAME FROM THE ENDS OF THE EARTH TO LISTEN TO SOLOMON'S WISDOM,
 - (A) AND NOW ONE GREATER THAN SOLOMON IS HERE.

11. A LOOK AT THE ACTIVITY OF DEMONS

- A. MATTHEW 12:[43] "WHEN AN EVIL SPIRIT COMES OUT OF A MAN, IT GOES THROUGH ARID PLACES SEEKING REST AND DOES NOT FIND IT. [44] THEN IT SAYS, 'I WILL RETURN TO THE HOUSE I LEFT.' WHEN IT ARRIVES, IT FINDS THE HOUSE UNOCCUPIED, SWEEPED CLEAN AND PUT IN ORDER. [45] THEN IT GOES AND TAKES WITH IT SEVEN OTHER SPIRITS MORE WICKED THAN ITSELF, AND THEY GO IN AND LIVE THERE. AND THE FINAL CONDITION OF THAT MAN IS WORSE THAN THE FIRST. THAT IS HOW IT WILL BE WITH THIS WICKED GENERATION."
- I. LET US SEE INTO THE UNSEEN WORLD OF TH DEMON.
 - (1)

HE HAS MOVEMENT	EVIL SPIRIT COMES OUT OF A MAN
HE SEEKS REST	, IT GOES THROUGH ARID PLACES SEEKING REST AND DOES NOT FIND IT.
HE SPEAKS - HE MAKES DECISION	, 'I WILL RETURN TO THE HOUSE I LEFT
HE CAN SEE THE CONDITION OF A MAN	FINDS THE HOUSE UNOCCUPIED, SWEEPED CLEAN AND PUT IN ORDER.
HE AGAIN MAKES DECISION	THEN IT GOES AND TAKES WITH IT SEVEN OTHER SPIRITS
DEGREE OF WICKEDNESS	MORE WICKED THAN ITSELF,

HE IS LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO LIVE	AND THEY GO IN AND LIVE THERE
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(2) LOOK AT THE CONDITION OF THE MAN [THE NATION OF ISRAEL]

12. THE STANDARD OF CONDUCT IN THE KINGDOM

A. MATTHEW 12: [46] WHILE JESUS WAS STILL TALKING TO THE CROWD, HIS MOTHER AND BROTHERS STOOD OUTSIDE, WANTING TO SPEAK TO HIM. [47] SOMEONE TOLD HIM, "YOUR MOTHER AND BROTHERS ARE STANDING OUTSIDE, WANTING TO SPEAK TO YOU." [48] HE REPLIED TO HIM, "WHO IS MY MOTHER, AND WHO ARE MY BROTHERS?" [49] POINTING TO HIS DISCIPLES, HE SAID, "HERE ARE MY MOTHER AND MY BROTHERS. [50] FOR WHOEVER DOES THE WILL OF MY FATHER IN HEAVEN IS MY BROTHER AND SISTER AND MOTHER."

I. LOOKING AT THIS VERSE LETS SEE WHAT THE STANDARD FOR THE KINGDOM IS?

II.

BELIEVERS RESPONSIBILITY	Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
IT IS ACTIVE	Matthew 11:12 From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it.
WE CAN SEE COMMON THINGS IN THE LIVES OF THOSE WHO ENTIRE GODS' KINGDOM	Acts 4:19-20 But Peter and John replied, "Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God's sight to Acts 6:8 Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, did great wonders and miraculous signs among the people. Acts 16:14-15 One of those listening was a woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. [15] When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us. Philip. 3:13-14 Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, [14] I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

B. A CLOSE LOOK

I. LOOKING AT THIS VERSE LETS SEE WHAT THE STANDARD FOR THE KINGDOM IS?

- II. WHILE JESUS WAS STILL TALKING TO THE CROWD,
 (1) JESUS IS SPEAKING TO A CROWD.
 (A) WHERE IS HE?
- III. WHERE IS HIS MOTHER AND BROTHERS
 (1) HIS MOTHER AND BROTHERS STOOD OUTSIDE,
 (A) SO WHERE WERE THEY STANDING?
- IV. WHAT DID THEY WANT?
 (1) WANTING TO SPEAK TO HIM.
 (A) THEY WANT JESUS TO COME TO THEM.
 (B) THEY DID NOT WANT TO COME TO HIM.
- V. WHAT DID THEY DO?
 (1) THEY SENT HIM A MESSAGE!
 (A) [47] SOMEONE TOLD HIM, "YOUR MOTHER AND BROTHERS ARE STANDING OUTSIDE, WANTING TO SPEAK TO YOU."
- VI. WHAT DID JESUS WANT THE MESSENGER TO KNOW?
 (1) [48] HE REPLIED TO HIM, "WHO IS MY MOTHER, AND WHO ARE MY BROTHERS?"
 [49] POINTING TO HIS DISCIPLES, HE SAID, "HERE ARE MY MOTHER AND MY BROTHERS.
 (A) HE HAS SPIRITUAL RELATIVES?
 (i) JOHN 1:12 YET TO ALL WHO RECEIVED HIM, TO THOSE WHO BELIEVED IN HIS NAME, HE GAVE THE RIGHT TO BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD—
- VII. JESUS NOW TELLS US WHAT IS REQUIRED TO BE HIS RELATIVE
 (1) [50] FOR WHOEVER DOES THE WILL OF MY FATHER IN HEAVEN IS MY BROTHER AND SISTER AND MOTHER."
 (A) Luke 6:40 A student is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained **will be like his teacher.**
 (b) Ephesians . 4:15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things **grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.**
 (c) 1 John 2:5-6 But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him: [6] Whoever claims to live in him **must walk as Jesus did.**
 (d) 1 John 4:17 In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because **in this world we are like him.**