

Jesus Material: 1

Kingdom of God, Kingdom of heaven

Kingdom:

1. **Kingly function, *authority*, or *power*; *sovereignty*, *supreme rule*; the position or rank of a king, kingship.**

**Aramaic: MLKT (mulukut?), MLKSHT (mulukushut?):
kingdom, government**

1. **eschatological: the *place* where good people (or believers) will go when they die.**
2. **apocalyptic: the *actual government* to be set up by God (or Jesus) in the future, when Jesus returns.**
3. **philosophical: the sovereignty of God over the world, and in particular over the human soul, hence...**
4. ***Submission* to the will of God; wisdom, understanding of God's plan; hence also, righteousness and freedom from attachments to material things.**

Matthew 19.23 [=Mark 10.23]

23 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "I tell you the truth, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. 24 Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

Matthew 6.

24 "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

Thomas 47.

Jesus said, "A person cannot mount two horses or bend two bows. And a slave cannot serve two masters, otherwise that slave will honor the one and offend the other.

Matthew 5.3

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Luke 6.20

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Thomas 54

54. Jesus said, "Congratulations to the poor, for to you belongs Heaven's kingdom."

Thomas 20:

The disciples said to Jesus, "Tell us what Heaven's kingdom is like."

He said to them, "It's like a mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds, but when it falls on prepared soil, it produces a large plant and becomes a shelter for birds of the sky."

Matthew 13.31

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and

becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

Matthew 13.31

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

Thomas 96:

Jesus [said], "The Father's kingdom is like [a] woman. She took a little leaven, [hid] it in dough, and made it into large loaves of bread. Anyone here with two ears should listen."

Mark 4.30

26He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. **27** Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. **28** All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. **29** As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

Thomas 21 [fragment?]

...When the crop ripened, he came quickly carrying a sickle and harvested it. Anyone here with two good ears had better listen!"

Matthew 13

44 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

45 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

[=Thomas 76:

Jesus said, "The Father's kingdom is like a merchant who had a supply of merchandise and found a pearl. That merchant was prudent; he sold the merchandise and bought the single pearl for himself. So also with you, seek his treasure that is unfailing, that is enduring, where no moth comes to eat and no worm destroys."}]

Thomas 3

3. Jesus said, "If your leaders say to you, 'Look, the (Father's) kingdom is in the sky,' then the birds of the sky will precede you. If they say to you, 'It is in the sea,' then the fish will precede you. Rather, the (Father's) kingdom is within you and it is outside you.

Luke 17. 20

²⁰Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, ²¹nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is within^[b] you." [also translated *in your midst*].