

OBEY TO BE BLESSED AT THE RESURRECTION – Part 2

11/19/25

- Tonight – Opportunity to give a Bible study
 - Comment – This presentation is related to a Bible study that I gave on a Saturday (10/18)
 - that was titled “Reminder – Why Do You Obey God?”
 - In that study, I presented 3 reasons why we obey God
 - Comment – Those 3 reasons were:
 1. To be Blessed Now
 2. To be Blessed at the Resurrection
 3. To Glorify and to Honor the Father and Son
 - Last week – I began the second concept (“To Be Blessed at the Resurrection–Part 1”)
 - Tonight’s title – “Obey to Be Blessed at the Resurrection – Part 2”
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- Two foundational scriptures
 - Luke 14:14 to be blessed at the resurrection
 - 1 Thes. 4:13-18 the Lord shall descend – the dead in Christ shall rise first
 - Last week – we focused on the words “resurrection” and “raised”
 - This week – we are focusing on the words “Kingdom of Heaven” and “Kingdom of God”
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- Question – Why does Matthew call it the “Kingdom of Heaven?”
- Some writers promote a “Millennial kingdom” and a “Universal kingdom”
- An article titled “What Is the Difference Between the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Heaven?” disagrees with the opinion of separate kingdoms.

“Based on Matthew’s exclusive use of the phrase and the Jewish nature of his gospel, some interpreters have concluded that Matthew was writing concerning the millennial kingdom [the 1,000 years in Revelation], while the other New Testament authors were referring to the universal kingdom. However, a closer study of the use of the phrase reveals that this interpretation is in error.”

- The “Millennial kingdom” – is mentioned in Revelation 20:1-6
- “Views of the Millennium” by Alan S. Bandy – (thegospelcoalition.org)
- Amillennialists – Christ’s reign with his saints (now) between His two comings.
- Postmillennialists – Christ returns after the millennium as a golden age when the majority of the world has converted to Christianity.
- Premillennialists – Christ returns before the millennium preceded by a period of intense tribulation.

Here is more from the article titled “What Is the Difference Between the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Heaven?”

- “The phrase “kingdom of God” occurs 68 times in 10 different New Testament books.”
- “The phrase ‘kingdom of heaven’ occurs only 32 times (and only in Gospel of Matthew)”
- While some believe that the Kingdom of God and Kingdom of Heaven are referring to different things, it is clear that both phrases are referring to the same thing.”
- “Matthew 19:23-24 – Christ uses both ‘kingdom of heaven’ and ‘kingdom of God.’ ”
- “No distinction between the two terms, but seems to consider them synonymous.”

	<u>“of heaven”</u>	<u>“of God”</u>	<u>“of God”</u>
Compare	Matthew 8:11		Luke 13:28-29
Compare	Matthew 11:11-12		Luke 7:28
Compare	Matthew 13:11	Mark 4:11	Luke 8:10
Compare	Matthew 13:24	Mark 4:26	
Compare	Matthew 13:31	Mark 4:30	Luke 13:18
Compare	Matthew 13:33		Luke 13:20
Compare	Matthew 18:3	Mark 10:14	Luke 18:16

Luke 6:20	blessed are you poor – for yours is the kingdom of God
22-23	blessed are you when people hate – exclude – call your name evil – for indeed – your reward is great in heaven
Matt. 5:3	blessed are the poor in spirit – theirs is the kingdom
4	blessed are those who mourn – they shall be comforted – (when?)
5	blessed are the meek – they shall inherit the earth
6	blessed, those who hunger & thirst after righteousness – filled – (when?)
7	blessed are the merciful – they shall receive mercy – (when?)
8	blessed are those who are pure in heart – they shall see God – (when?)
9	blessed are the peacemakers – called the sons of God – (when?)
10	blessed are those persecuted – theirs is the kingdom of heaven
11-12	blessed are those reviled, persecuted, evil against – reward in heaven
Luke 17:21	“The Kingdom of God is within you.”
	“within you”.....King James – New King James
	“midst of you”.....Moffatt – Revised Standard – English Standard
	“among you”.....Holman Christian Standard – New Living Translation
Rom. 8:11	if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you.....
18	present suffering cannot be compared to the future glory
1 Cor. 15:53	corruptible must put on incorruption – mortal must put on immortality
2 Cor. 4:7-9	hard-pressed, but not crushed – perplexed, but not in despair – persecuted, but not forsaken – struck down, but not destroyed
1 John 3:2	it has not yet been revealed what we shall be – but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him – for we shall see Him as He is