

## Lesson 20 Understanding The Kingdom of Heaven

Heb 1:1-3 (NKJV) "God, who at various times and in various ways **spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets**, [2] **has in these last days spoken to us by His Son**, whom He has appointed **heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds**; [3] who **being** the brightness of *His* glory and the express image of His person, and **upholding all things by the word** of His power, **when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high**,"

Psa 78:1-2 (NKJV) "**Give ear**, O my people, **to my law**; Incline your ears **to the words of my mouth**. [2] I will open my mouth in a **parable**; I will utter **dark sayings of old**,"

Mat 13:34 (NKJV) "All these things **Jesus spoke to the multitude in parables**; and **without a parable He did not speak to them**,"

Mat 13:10-15 (NKJV) "And the disciples came and said to Him, "**Why do You speak to them in parables?**" [11] He answered and said to them, "**Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given**. [12] "For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. [13] "Therefore **I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand**. [14] "And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: '**Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, And seeing you will see and not perceive**; [15] **For the hearts of this people have grown dull**. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with *their* eyes and hear with *their* ears, Lest they should understand with *their* hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.'"

1 Pet 1:10-12 (NKJV) "**Of this salvation** the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of **the grace that would come to you**, [11] searching what, or what manner of time, **the Spirit of Christ [The testimony of Yeshua is the spirit of prophecy] who was in them** was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. [12] **To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering** the things which now have been reported to you through those **who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven**; things which angels desire to look into."

1 Cor 2:12-14 (NKJV) "**Now** we have received, not the spirit of the world, but **the Spirit who is from God, that we might know** the things that have been freely given to us by God. [13] **These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual**. [14] But **the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned**."

1 Cor 3:18-23 (NKJV) "**Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise**. [19] For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their *own* craftiness"; [20] and again, "The LORD knows **the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile**." [21] Therefore let no one boast in men. **For all things are yours**; [22] whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or **the world or life or death, or things present or things to come; all are yours**. [23] **And you are Christ's, and Christ is God's**."

The dictionary defines the word Paradox as follows:

**par·a·dox** .

1. A seemingly contradictory statement that may nonetheless be true: the paradox that standing is more tiring than walking.
2. One exhibiting inexplicable or contradictory aspects:

3. An assertion that is essentially self-contradictory, though based on a valid deduction from acceptable premises.

4. A statement contrary to received opinion.

1. a seemingly absurd or self-contradictory statement that is or may be true
2. (Philosophy / Logic) a self-contradictory proposition, such as I always tell lies
3. a person or thing exhibiting apparently contradictory characteristics
4. an opinion that conflicts with common belief

Isa 55:8-11 (NKJV) ""For My thoughts *are not your thoughts*, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. [9] "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts. [10] "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, [11] So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."

John 8:23-24 (NKJV) "And He said to them, "You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. [24] "Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.""

Isa 66:1 (NKJV) "Thus says the LORD: "Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest?"

Mat 22:44 (NKJV) ""The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool""?"

Acts 2:34-35 (NKJV) ""For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: 'The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, [35] Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.""

John 18:36 (NKJV) "Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here.""

Rom 2:28-29 (NKJV) "For he is not a Jew who *is one outwardly* [physical], nor *is* circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; [these are the shadows] [29] but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision *is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter*; [these are the realities] whose praise is not from men but from God."

John 5:41-45 (NKJV) ""I do not receive honor from men. [42] "But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you. [43] "I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive. [44] "How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God? [45] "Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you; Moses, in whom you trust."

John 12:43 (NIV) "for they loved praise from men more than praise from God."

Gen 15:18 (NKJV) "On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates;"

Rom 4:13 (NKJV) "For the promise that he would be the heir of the world [kosmos:G2889] was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith."

Num 18:20 (NKJV) "Then the LORD said to Aaron: "**You shall have no inheritance in their land, nor shall you have any portion** among them; **I am your portion and your inheritance among the children of Israel.**"

Deu 18:1-2 (NKJV) ""The priests, **the Levites**; all the tribe of Levi; **shall have no part nor inheritance with Israel**; they shall eat the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and His portion. [2] "Therefore **they shall have no inheritance among their brethren**; **the LORD is their inheritance**, as He said to them."

Heb 3:1-6 (NKJV) "Therefore, holy brethren, **partakers of the heavenly calling**, consider the **Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus**, [2] who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, **as Moses also was faithful in all His house**. [3] **For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house**. [4] For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things *is* God. [5] **And Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant**, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken *afterward*, [6] **but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are** if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end."

Heb 5:9-10 (NKJV) "And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to **all who obey Him**, [10] called by God as **High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek**,"

Heb 7:26 (NKJV) "For such a **High Priest** was fitting for us, *who is* holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, **and has become higher than the heavens**;"

Heb 8:1-2 (NKJV) "Now *this is* the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a **High Priest**, who is seated at the **right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens**, [2] a **Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man**."

Heb 9:11 (NKJV) "But Christ came *as High Priest* of **the good things to come**, with the **greater and more perfect tabernacle** not made with hands, that is, **not of this creation**."

1 Pet 2:9 (NKJV) "But you *are* a **chosen generation, a royal priesthood**, a holy nation, **His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light**;"

Rev 20:6 (NKJV) "Blessed and holy *is* he **who has part in the first resurrection**. Over such the second death has no power, but **they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years**."

John 16:28 (NKJV) ""**I came forth from the Father** and have come into the world. Again, **I leave the world and go to the Father**.""

John 14:3 (NKJV) ""And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and **receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also**."

John 17:21 (NKJV) ""that **they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You**; that they also may be **one in Us**, that the world may believe that You sent Me."

John 17:24 (NKJV) ""**Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, [Yeshua is in the Father]**, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me **before the foundation of the world**."

Luke 12:31-32 (NKJV) ""But **seek the kingdom of God**, and all these things shall be added to you. [32] "Do not fear, little flock, **for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom**."

Luke 22:28-30 (NKJV) ""But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. [29] "And **I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me**, [30] "that you may eat and drink at My table **in My kingdom**, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.""

Mat 25:34 (KJV) "Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, **inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:**"

Luke 17:20-21 (NKJV) "Now **when** He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "**The kingdom of God does not come with observation; [Is not something you can see or find on a map] [21]** "nor will they say, '**See here!**' or '**See there!**' For indeed, **the kingdom of God is within you.**"

Mat 4:16-17 (NKJV) "**The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light,** And upon **those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned.**" [17] From that time **Jesus began to preach** and to say, "**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**"

Mat 5:20 (NKJV) ""For I say to you, that **unless your righteousness** exceeds *the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, **you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.**"

John 4:20-24 (NKJV) ""Our fathers worshiped **on this mountain,** and you *Jews* say that **in Jerusalem is the place** where one ought to worship." [21] Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, **the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father.** [22] "You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. [23] "**But the hour is coming, and now is,** when **the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth;** for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. [24] "**God is Spirit,** and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.""

2 Cor 4:15-18 (NKJV) "For **all things are** for your sakes, that grace, **having spread through the many,** may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God. [16] Therefore we do not lose heart. **Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.** [17] For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a **far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,** [18] while **we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen.** For **the things which are seen are temporary,** but the things which are not seen *are* eternal."

1 Cor 2:9 (NKJV) "But as it is written: "**Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,** Nor have entered into the heart of man **The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.**"

We will continue this conversation next Shabbat!

Shabbat Shalom!