

C. The God News of the Kingdom:

1. Introductory notes
 - a.. A brief review: The good news about the Lord Jesus and the good news about God, our Father.
 - b.. Defining the Kingdom
 - A national entity
 - An earthly order and/or rule
 - A spiritual or heavenly community
2. Some texts: Mark 1:14, Matthew 4:23, 9:35, 24:14
All the Gospels mention the Kingdom...Matthew has the most notices. *So the good news is.....*
3. Our God *reigns!*
Psalm 146:10, 93:1
and He is *King*
Ps 10:16, Isaiah 23:32
(See 1 Timothy 6:15)
and will rule *forever*
Revelation 19:6
4. He orders society and cosmology for His purposes:
 - a. The reality of His order
Job 33-37 (Elihu's speech)..the world as we see it
Acts 17:24-31..distribution
Matthew 11:4-6..redemptive purposes
 - b. The promise of an earthly blessing (Micah 4) but a kingdom that is not limited to our perspectives (Romans 14:17)
and *He is overseer at all times*
5. The Kingdom is available on His terms...
 - a. Some are ruled out...eg 1 Corinthians 6:9
Ephesians 5:5
 - b. By faith in Jesus others are ruled in:
Colossians 1:13; 2 Thessalonians 1:5; James 3:5
and the good news is *all who believe are members of that heavenly family--the eternal kingdom of God*
6. Conclusion....This is an easy subject for confusion...if I have confused you please speak to me and maybe I can confuse you less. The Kingdom is good news. But it is not the kingdom that is paraded by cultists and social gospel promoters....it is the Kingdom where God rules with unquestioned authority in glory, honor, and power. How wonderful to be a citizen of that principality!