

The Kingdom Fight - The Line in The Sand

Psalm 2:1-12 TPT

How dare the nations plan a rebellion.
Their foolish plots are futile!
Look at how the power brokers of the world
rise up to hold their summit
as the rulers scheme and confer together
against Yahweh and his Anointed King, saying:
“Let’s come together and break away from the Creator.
Once and for all let’s cast off these controlling chains
of God and his Christ!”

Humanity choosing for themselves what is best for them by redefining what is good and evil and the expense of those around them.

God-Enthroned merely laughs at them;
the Sovereign One mocks their madness!
Then with the fierceness of his fiery anger,
he settles the issue and terrifies them to death with these words:
“I myself have poured out my King on Zion, my holy mountain.”
“I will reveal the eternal purpose of God.
For he has decreed over me, ‘You are my favored Son.
And as your Father I have crowned you as my King Eternal.
Today I became your Father.

God has declared Jesus King Forever!

Ask me to give you the nations and I will do it,
and they shall become your legacy.
Your domain will stretch to the ends of the earth.
And you will shepherd them with unlimited authority,

God’s Kingdom invading earth!

crushing their rebellion as an iron rod smashes jars of clay!’

How does He crush the rebellion?

“Listen to me, all you rebel kings
and all you upstart judges of the earth.
Learn your lesson *while there’s still time.*

Serve and worship the awe-inspiring God.
Recognize his greatness and bow before him,
trembling with reverence in his presence.
Fall facedown before him and kiss the Son
before his anger is roused against you.
Remember that his wrath can be quickly kindled!
But many blessings are waiting for all
who turn aside to hide themselves in him!”

Be hidden in Christ!(Colossians 3:3-4)

What is the Kingdom worth to you?

Matthew 13:44-46 NLT

“The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his excitement, he hid it again and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field.

“Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant on the lookout for choice pearls. When he discovered a pearl of great value, he sold everything he owned and bought it!

They sold everything!

A Call of Surrender!

Romans 12:1-2 TPT

Beloved friends, what should be our proper response to God’s marvelous mercies? To surrender yourselves to God to be his sacred, living sacrifices. And live in holiness, experiencing all that delights his heart. For this becomes your genuine expression of worship.

Stop imitating the ideals and opinions of the culture around you, but be inwardly transformed by the Holy Spirit through a total reformation of how you think. This will empower you to discern God’s will as you live a beautiful life, satisfying and perfect in his eyes.

Surrender is your genuine expression of worship.

Luke 5:9-11 TPT

Simon Peter and the other fishermen—including his fishing partners, Jacob and John, the sons of Zebedee—were awestruck over the miracle catch of fish.

Jesus answered, “Do not yield to your fear, Simon Peter. From now on, you will catch men for salvation!”

11 After pulling their boats to the shore, they left everything behind and followed Jesus.

Do you allow fear to keep you from total surrender?

Luke 9:57-62 TPT

On their way, someone came up to Jesus and said, "I want to follow you wherever you go."

58 Jesus replied, "Yes, but remember this: even animals in the field have holes in the ground to sleep in, and birds have their nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay down his head."

59 Jesus then turned to another and said, "Come be my disciple."

He replied, "Someday I will, Lord, but allow me first to fulfill my duty as a good son and wait until my father passes away."

60 Jesus told him, "Don't wait for your father's burial. Let those who are already dead wait for death. As for you, go and proclaim everywhere that God's kingdom has arrived."

61 Still another said to him, "Lord, I want to follow you too. But first let me go home and say good-bye to my entire family."

62 Jesus responded, "Why do you keep looking back to your past and have second thoughts about following me? If you turn back you are not fit for God's kingdom."

What is your level of commitment?

Luke 14:31-33 TPT

Have you ever heard of a commander who goes out to war without first sitting down with strategic planning to determine the strength of his army to win the war against a stronger opponent? 32 If he knows he doesn't stand a chance of winning the war, the wise commander will send out delegates to ask for the terms of peace. 33 Likewise, unless you surrender all to me, giving up all you possess, you cannot be one of my disciples.

Have you been warring against God? (Psalms 2:2)

What are the terms of peace?

Complete Surrender!

Mark 8:34-38 TPT

Jesus had his disciples and the crowd gather around him. And he said to them: "If you truly want to follow me, you should at once completely disown your own life. And you must be willing to share my cross and experience it as your own, as you continually surrender to my ways. For if you let your life go for my sake

and for the sake of the gospel, you will continually experience true life. But if you choose to keep your life for yourself, you will forfeit what you try to keep. For what use is it to gain all the wealth and power of this world, with everything it could offer you, at the cost of your own life? And what could be more valuable to you than your own soul? If you are ashamed of me and my words while living among sinful and faithless people, then I, the Son of Man, will also be ashamed of you when I make my appearance with my holy messengers in the glorious splendor of my Father!”

This is the King talking!

To follow Jesus is more than the dethroning of our own lives, but the enthroning of Christ!

I Am Not Ashamed!

Romans 1:16-17 TPT

I refuse to be ashamed of the wonderful message of God’s liberating power unleashed in us through Christ! For I am thrilled to preach that everyone who believes is saved—the Jew first, and then people everywhere! This gospel unveils a continual revelation of God’s righteousness—a perfect righteousness given to us when we believe. And it moves us from *receiving life through faith*, to *the power of living by faith*. This is what the Scripture means when it says: “We are right with God through life-giving faith!”

When we embrace the gospel of Christ, we go from receiving life through faith to the power of living by faith!

Matthew 5:14-16 TPT

Your lives light up the world. For how can you hide a city that stands on a hilltop? And who would light a lamp and then hide it in an obscure place? Instead, it’s placed where everyone in the house can benefit from its light. So don’t hide your light! Let it shine brightly before others, so that your commendable works will shine as light upon them, and then they will give their praise to your Father in heaven.”

Shine!

A Call to Loyalty!

John 14:15 NKJV

If you love Me, keep My commandments.

Revelation 3:15-16 NKJV

I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. 16So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

Cold - Refreshing

Hot - Healing

Lukewarm - is disgusting!

Are you lethargic in your loyalty to the King?

1 Corinthians 10:21-22 TPT

You can't drink from the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You can't feast at the table of the Lord and feast at the table of demons. Who would ever want to arouse the Lord's jealousy? Is that something you think you're strong enough to endure?

You cannot live a double life.

With Everything!

Matthew 22:37-38 TPT

Jesus answered him, " 'Love the Lord your God with every passion of your heart, with all the energy of your being, and with every thought that is within you.' This is the great and supreme commandment.

With every passion of your heart

With all the energy of your being (strength)

With every thought

Matthew 12:25 TPT

Jesus supernaturally perceived their thoughts and motives, so he told them this parable:

"Any kingdom that fights against itself is reduced to ruins. And any family or community splintered by strife will fall apart.

Division has no place amongst God's people!

Matthew 12:30 TPT

“So join with me, for if you're not on my side you are against me. And if you refuse to help me gather the spoils, you are making things worse.

He who does not join me denies me.

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