## HOW DOES GOD RULE HIS KINGDOM?

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(Psalm 45:6)

If you do not understand how King Jesus rules His Kingdom you will be **UNABLE** to comprehend how He makes His decisions. The way a king rules his kingdom will control how he will treat his citizens, establish his laws, construct his economy and establish his government.

For example, an evil king will rule his kingdom with violence, fear and ignorance. When you begin to understand how King Jesus rules His Kingdom you will know how to **EXTRACT** the goodness out of His Kingdom.

## THE RULERSHIP OF KING JESUS

King Jesus **DOES NOT** rule His Kingdom with...

- LOVE: Why? 1st John 4:8 says, "God is love". While God is filled with love, He DOES NOT rule His Kingdom with love. King Jesus does not rule His Kingdom with love because AUTHORITATIVE DECISIONS are NOT SOLELY made on the basis of love.
- MERCY: Why? Lamentations 3:23 says, "God gives us new mercies everyday". While we are blessed to receive the Lord's mercy, He DOES NOT rule His Kingdom with mercy. King Jesus does not rule His Kingdom with mercy because AUTHORITATIVE DECISIONS are NOT SOLELY made on the basis of mercy.
- GRACE: Why? Romans 6:14 says, "we are not under the law but under grace". While we are privileged to live under the umbrella of grace, He does not rule His Kingdom with grace. King Jesus DOES NOT rule His Kingdom with grace because AUTHORITATIVE DECISIONS are NOT SOLELY made on the basis of grace.

● KINDNESS: Why? Galatians 5:22 says, "kindness (gentleness) is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit". While it is an honor to receive the kindness of God, He does not rule His Kingdom with kindness. King Jesus DOES NOT rule His kingdom with kindness because AUTHORITATIVE DECISIONS are not SOLELY made on the basis of kindness.

There is a common theme amongst the examples I have provided...**AUTHORITATIVE DECISIONS**! Every king governs their Kingdom based on this one factor. You may be thinking, how does King Jesus rule His Kingdom?

Since King Jesus sits in the position of authority and has been given authority over all according to Matthew 28:18, He can only rule His Kingdom with one thing...

## <u>RIGHTEOUSNESS!</u>

In layman's terms the word righteousness can be translated as fairness. God is not a respecter of persons.

He is an advocate for righteousness. When a person sits in the position of authority they are **OBLIGATED** to make decisions based on what is right.

They are mandated to say what is **RIGHT**, do what is **RIGHT**, promote what is **RIGHT** and stand by what is **RIGHT**. God rules His Kingdom with the scepter of righteousness.

This method of rulership allows Him to extend equal opportunities to His citizens **WITHOUT** pushing the philosophy of equality on His citizens. There is a major **DIFFERENCE** between giving equal opportunities and making everyone equal.

## EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND HUMAN EQUALITY ARE NOT THE SAME THING (Psalm 45:6)

Psalm 45:6 says, "God your throne will last forever and ever. You will rule your Kingdom with fairness." In the Kingdom of God everyone is **NOT** made equal. However, everyone is given equal opportunity. Matthew 5:19 tells us that there are dimensions in the Kingdom of God.

These dimensions show us that everyone in the Kingdom **DO NOT** receive the same blessings, favor, benefits, advantages, etc. Matthew 5:19 says, "Whoever refuses to obey any command and teaches other people not to obey that command will be the LEAST important in the Kingdom."

If there are people **CONSIDERED** to be the least in the Kingdom then by default there are people who are the greatest. Every Kingdom citizen has the opportunity to be the greatest in the Kingdom. Unfortunately, many individuals do not maximize their opportunity.

Equal opportunity is **NOT** the same as human equality. Please keep this in mind. Being fair has nothing to do with equality. Fairness has everything to do with giving what is **OWED** to another person. Equality is giving what is **PARALLEL** to what another person has.

For example, if you took the time to honor the laws of the Kingdom while another person chose to **IGNORE** the laws of Kingdom, the person who chose to ignore the Kingdom laws of God are **NOT** entitled to receive uncommon blessings. It is possible for two people to serve the same God while reaping different blessings.

King Jesus gives **ALL** of His citizens the same opportunity to be blessed by the Kingdom government. However, He will **NOT** give His citizens the same blessings because every citizen does not honor the laws of God.

When you can understand the **DIFFERENCE** between equal opportunity and human equality it will be easy for you to **ADJUST** to the rulership of King Jesus. God rules His Kingdom with righteousness. **YOU MUST BE** righteous in order to benefit from His Kingdom.

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