

**Lesson 21**  
**Foundational Fundamental Elements of the Kingdom**

**I. Introduction**

- a. In our Lord's message of the Kingdom and in the evidence that He produced, there appear all the \_\_\_\_\_ pillars or elements of the Old Testament prophetic Kingdom.
- b. While He did speak more of some of these foundational elements more than others, scrutiny of His messages will reveal that He left \_\_\_\_\_ essential element of the Old Testament prophetic picture out of His discourse.
- c. In order to evaluate the \_\_\_\_\_ between the Kingdom announced by our Lord and that predicted by the OT prophets we need to examine the foundational elements of each.

**II. The Spiritual Element**

- a. In harmony with the Old Testament prophets, our Lord insisted upon a \_\_\_\_\_ basis for His Kingdom. For example, entrance into His Kingdom was only possible when men repented of their sins. Matt 4:17 *And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. KJV*
- b. Those who were repentant were told to \_\_\_\_\_ the good news and embrace its imminence. Mark 1:15 *And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel. KJV*
- c. Furthermore, Jesus taught that one could not be fit for entrance into the Kingdom, except as one was \_\_\_\_\_. John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, *Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. KJV*
- d. According to the laws of the Kingdom, only the \_\_\_\_\_ would find favor enough to see the God of the Kingdom. Matt 5:8 *Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. KJV*
- e. Christ taught the supreme requirement of the citizens of the Kingdom is that they “\_\_\_\_\_” with their whole being with no reservation nor division of allegiance. Mark 12:30 *And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. KJV*
- f. As to their daily needs, Kingdom citizens are called to a life of continual \_\_\_\_\_ and dependence upon God. Luke 12:29-30 *And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. 30 For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. KJV*
- g. Further, we see that the Lord places His emphasis on putting \_\_\_\_\_: He directed men to attend to their relationship with God first and that the mundane things would take care of themselves. Matt 6:33-34 *But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. 34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. KJV*
- h. It must not be forgotten that the spiritual demands were not a new formulation introduced by Christ but rather a \_\_\_\_\_ of things that had been recorded by the prophets of the Old Testament. For example:
  1. \_\_\_\_\_ Ezek 36:27 *And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. KJV*
  2. Regeneration as a water of \_\_\_\_\_ Ezek 36:25 *Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. KJV*
  3. Christ as the \_\_\_\_\_ Isa 55:1 *Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, KJV John 4:14 *14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. KJV**
  4. Christ as the \_\_\_\_\_ Isa 55:2 *Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. KJV John 6:35 *And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. KJV**

**III. The Moral Element**

- a. In our Lord's message of the Kingdom there is \_\_\_\_\_ relaxation of the OT laws with reference to human behavior. The great imperatives of the theocracy were to remain unchanged under the laws of the Kingdom. Matt 5:17 *Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. KJV*
- b. Jesus did however; provide a fresh insight into the \_\_\_\_\_ of the moral life through His correction of the mere outward focus and errors of the Pharisees. Matt 5:21-22 *Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: 22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire. KJV*
- c. Moreover, a passive attitude of goodness is \_\_\_\_\_; not only are men not to resist evil done to them personally but they are to return good for evil. Matt 5:39 *But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. KJV*
- d. Just as in the OT, the moral base of the Lord's Kingdom rests upon the Person and character of \_\_\_\_\_ and not on human moral goodness. Matt 5:48 *Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. KJV*

**Lesson 21**  
**Foundational Fundamental Elements of the Kingdom**

- e. Recognizing that moral justice is never perfectly realized in this present world, our Lord envisioned a future day \_\_\_\_\_ with Himself as the judge, in line with the Messianic predictions of His Kingdom. Matt 16:27 *For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works. KJV*
- f. None of this is new, but is only a hearkening back to the theocratic kingdom under Moses and a \_\_\_\_\_ of the prophetic predictions of a future under Messiah in His earthly Kingdom.

**IV. The Social Element**

- a. Our Lord had a great deal to say about the \_\_\_\_\_ relationships between persons in the Kingdom. For example, in His sermon He ranks the love of one's neighbor just behind one's love of God. Mark 12:31 *And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. KJV*
- b. Repeatedly, He \_\_\_\_\_ and broadened the implications of these laws so that His hearers would understand their social responsibilities more perfectly. Luke 10:36-37 *Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? 37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise. KJV*
- c. The Lord recognized the everyday issues which bring about human misery and deprivation and models a compassionate response to these conditions, \_\_\_\_\_ the very predictions of the prophetic Kingdom. Luke 7:22 *Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached. KJV*
- d. In accordance with the Messianic predictions, Jesus was cognizant of the \_\_\_\_\_ children of His Kingdom would endure in the events and circumstance of life. Matt 5:10-11 *Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. KJV*
- e. From this we can see that the Lord believed that apart from the \_\_\_\_\_ of these social ills there could be no heavenly Kingdom on earth. Yet the full realization of this "blessed" society remains in the future.
- f. The teaching of our Lord was in complete harmony with the OT prophets but He included a \_\_\_\_\_ quality to His instruction, intending that His words be applied to the social lives of His true disciples. John 14:15 *If ye love me, keep my commandments. KJV*

**V. The Political Element**

- a. The term " \_\_\_\_\_ " refers to that which is concerned with government, its organization and functions. His reign can not be limited to an exclusively spiritual control over men's hearts and must be understood as a political one. Luke 1:32 *He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: KJV*
- b. When the Kingdom has been established on earth He will sit upon the Davidic throne " \_\_\_\_\_ " political nations; admitting some and excluding others from His Kingdom. Matt 25:31-32 *When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: 32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: KJV*
- c. Some of His servants will be given authority over " \_\_\_\_\_ ", which is a political designation of a geographic area. In all these things the Lord's doctrine of the Kingdom is not essentially different from that of the prophets. Luke 19:16-17 *Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. 17 And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. KJV*
- d. This kingdom, foreseen by the prophets and announced by our Lord, therefore, should not be considered as metamorphosed into \_\_\_\_\_, spiritual or otherwise.
- e. With regard to the place of Israel in His Kingdom, although God will not bestow His covenanted blessings upon a disobedient Israel, He can and will \_\_\_\_\_ this very nation so that it will be His nation before Him. Isa 66:8-9 *Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children. 9 Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith the Lord: shall I cause to bring forth, and shut the womb? saith thy God. KJV*
- f. Just as the resurrection body is in one sense a new body and yet in another sense the same body, even so Israel to whom the Kingdom shall be given will be a \_\_\_\_\_ spiritually, but the same nation historically with roots in Abraham. Ezek 11:18-19 *And they shall come thither, and they shall take away all the detestable things thereof and all the abominations thereof from thence. 19 And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh: KJV*

**VI. Application**

- a. The only real difference between the Kingdom that the prophets predicted and that which our Lord taught is that He made the detail fuller and richer with a greater emphasis on the inward reality of Kingdom living.
- b. What is your assessment of the quality and consistency of your own experience of this inward reality as a citizen of the Kingdom?