

### **Matthew 5:1-20**

Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and **sat down**.



## His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them

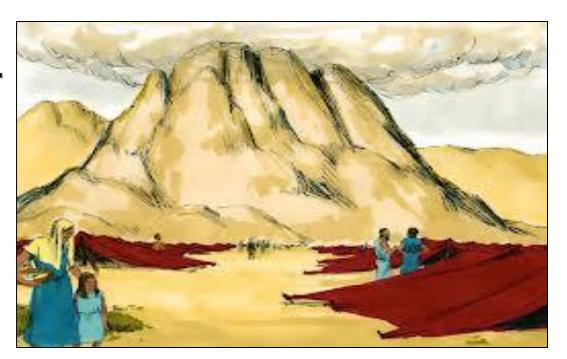
The Sermon on the Mount does not deal with salvation as such, but it lays out for the disciple how Jesus as King translates into daily living.

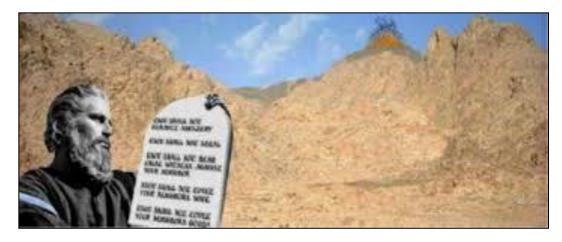
## The Kingdom Manifesto Part 1

- 1. The character of the Kingdom people
- 2. The role of the King's servants
- 3. The objective of the King

# But first, a look back... Do you remember the foundation of the nation?







## A different teaching and teacher



When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

Matthew 7:28-29

### 1. The character of the Kingdom people



So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

And God <u>blessed</u> them. Genesis 1:27-28

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked Psalm 1:1

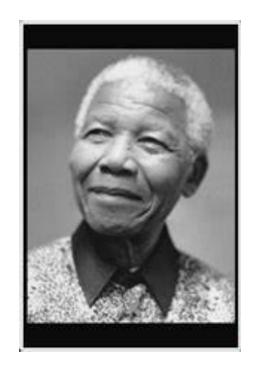


## The "BE" attitudes Not a 'pick and mix' selection

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of <u>heaven</u>.

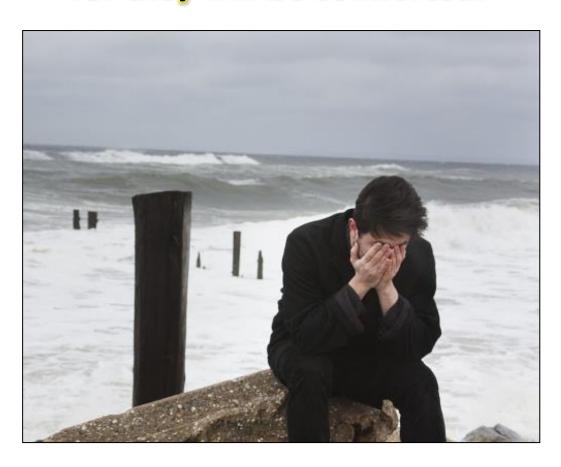


"FOR ALL HAVE SINNED AND FALL SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD." ROMANS 3:23



I am not a saint, unless you think of a saint as a sinner who keeps on trying. (Nelson Mandela)

## Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.



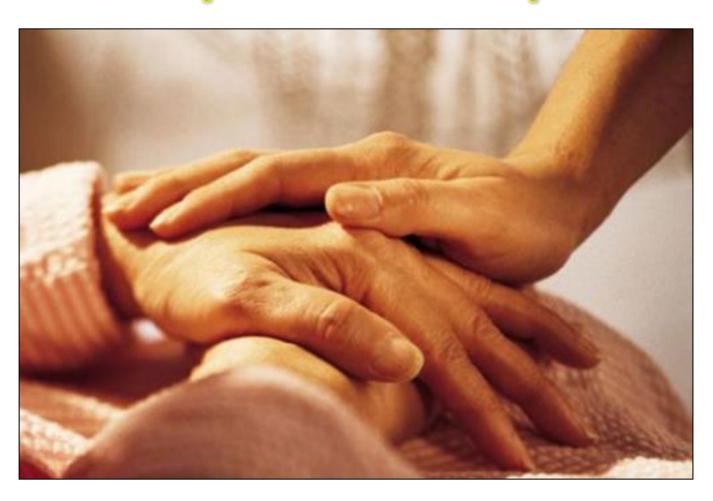
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

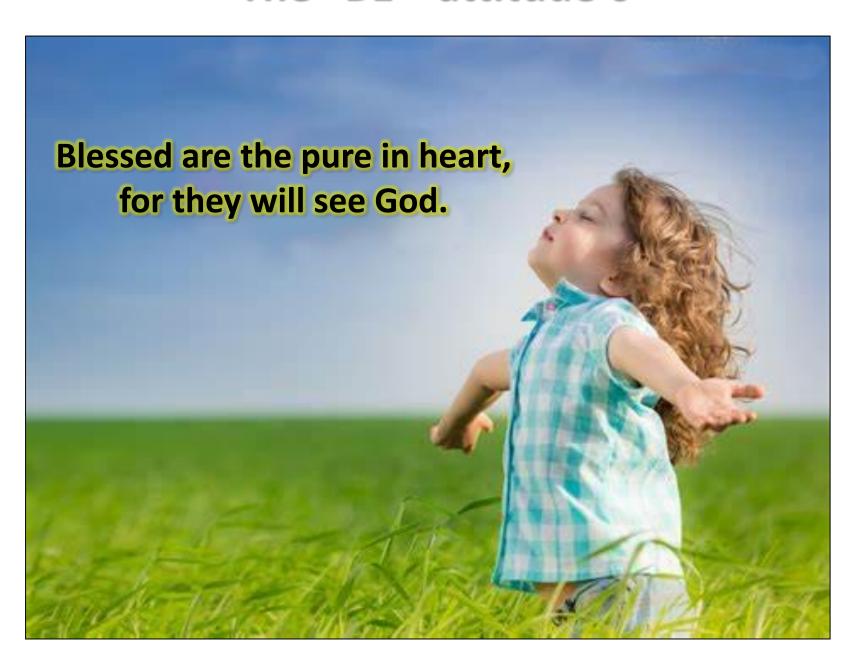


Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

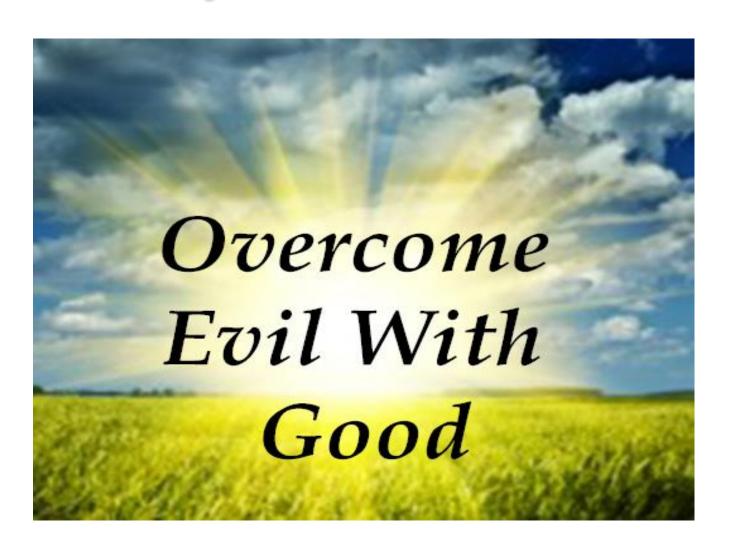


Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.



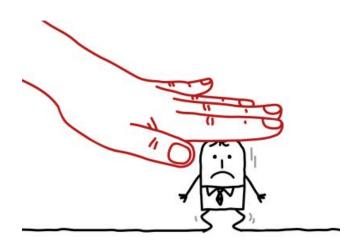


Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.



## There's a blessing in the cost!

**Blessed** are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **Blessed** are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. **Rejoice and be glad**, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way, they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



### 2. The role of the King's servants



You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men.



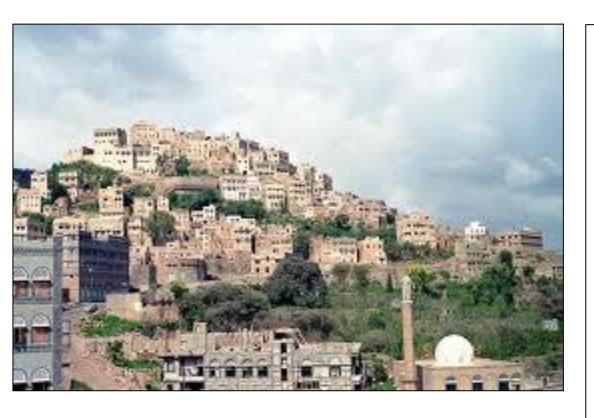
Salt - was valuable Flavours Preserves/Disinfects

What impact is your life making?

YOU
are the
light of the
world.



Light for ...
Instruction
Guidance
Hope



The children of the Kingdom are to be visible on display (humbly) for the glory of God.

A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

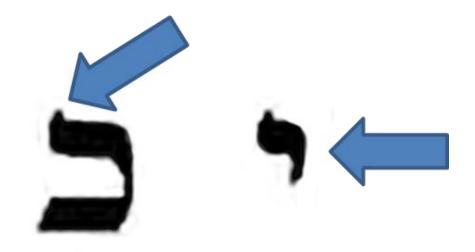
## 3. The objective of the King



"Fulfil" means to bring into full realisation and application, to make them happen!

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them.

#### Jesus emphasises the permanence of God's word.



I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

#### Jesus warns of the effect on others

Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.



## How you live out God's word in your life is very important!

We are set free FROM sin, not TO sin.

#### How righteous do you have to be?



For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

They took God's word very seriously.

They were highly respected.

In essence what they taught was right but ....

### **Only ONE way**



Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him.

In reply Jesus declared,

"I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

### Just one more beatitude

**Luke 10:23** 

