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“Making All Things New:
A Journey Into A New World”
“A New Leader” –Core 7

“Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7 ESV

A. God’s original plan was that He would be the only King of Israel...

“For the LORD is our judge, our lawgiver, and our king. He will care for us and save us.” Isaiah 33:22

1. But...the people wanted an earthly king.

“‘Look,’ they told him, ‘you are now old, and your sons are not like you. Give us a king to judge us like all the other nations have.’” 1 Samuel 8:5

2. Samuel was the prophet who tried to talk them out of their thoughts of an earthly king.

“But though I have rescued you from your misery and distress, you have rejected your God today and have said, ‘No, we want a king instead!’ Now, therefore, present yourselves before the LORD by tribes and clans.” 1 Samuel 10:19

“But if you rebel against the LORD’s commands and refuse to listen to Him, then His hand will be as heavy upon you as it was upon your ancestors.” 1 Samuel 12:15

“‘Don’t be afraid,’ Samuel reassured them. ‘You have certainly done wrong, but make sure now that you worship the LORD with all your heart, and don’t turn your back on Him.’” 1 Samuel 12:20

3. But...they wanted to see their protector rather than trust an invisible God!

“‘Do everything they say to you,’ the LORD replied, ‘for they are rejecting Me, not you. They don’t want Me to be their king any longer.’” 1 Samuel 8:7

B. Saul was their first king...

“‘I am sorry that I ever made Saul king, for he has not been loyal to Me and has refused to obey My command.’ Samuel was so deeply moved when he heard this that he cried out to the LORD all night.” 1 Samuel 15:11

1. Although he had the outward appearance of a king...tall, strong, attractive, and from a wealthy family...he lacked the inward character.

“Saul waited there seven days for Samuel, as Samuel had instructed him earlier, but Samuel still didn’t come. Saul realized that his troops were rapidly slipping away. So he demanded, ‘Bring me the burnt offering and the peace offerings!’ And Saul sacrificed the burnt offering himself.” 1 Samuel 13:8-9

2. People’s opinions were more important to him than God’s command. –Core52, Pg 47
3. Saul promoted himself through manipulation rather than resting on God’s approval. –Core52, Pg 47
4. God sent Samuel to anoint a new king!

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C. God appointed David to be the model leader of Israel...

“The LORD said to Samuel, ‘How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for Myself a king among his sons.’” 1 Samuel 16:1

1. David’s goal was God’s fame, not his own.
2. David sought God’s heart.
3. Although David was flawed, God used him as the model who would point to Jesus as the King!
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“‘Arise, anoint him, for this is he.’ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward.” 1 Samuel 16:12b-13a

D. God’s Kingdom on earth...

1. Jesus taught us to pray that God’s Kingdom would be on earth as it is in heaven.

“Pray then like this: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.’” Matthew 6:9-10

2. We bring God’s Kingdom to earth by allowing His Spirit to reign in us.

“You won’t be able to say, ‘Here it is!’ or ‘It’s over there!’ For the Kingdom of God is already within you.” Luke 17:21

A.W. Tozer in “That Incredible Christian” gives the Seven Marks of the Spiritual Man:

- 1) A desire to be holy rather than happy.
- 2) A desire to honor God through whatever it takes.
- 3) A desire to carry his cross by being committed to His Lordship and obedient to His commands.
- 4) A desire to see life from God’s point of view.
- 5) They would rather die right than live wrong.
- 6) A desire to see others advance, even at his own expense, and a servant to all.
- 7) A desire to make decisions based on eternity.

3. All earth is awaiting His Kingdom coming!
“Against its will, all creation was subjected to God’s curse. But with eager hope, the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God’s children in glorious freedom from death and decay. For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as His adopted children, including the new bodies He has promised us.” Romans 8:20-23

4. Throughout all of history, all mankind has awaited the coming King who would reign for eternity!

“The LORD will reign forever and ever!” Exodus 15:18
“Who is the King of glory? The LORD of Heaven’s Armies—He is the King of glory.” Psalm 24:10
“All honor and glory to God forever and ever! He is the eternal King, the unseen one who never dies; He alone is God. Amen.” 1 Timothy 1:17

“Then I heard again what sounded like the shout of a vast crowd or the roar of mighty ocean waves or the crash of loud thunder: ‘Praise the LORD! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.’” Revelation 19:6

5. The Kingdom of God is coming but is also, here!
“For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of what we eat or drink, or of living a life of goodness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.” Romans 14:17