

Homily: Which Kingdom?

Isaiah 5:1-5, Ps 73:21-28, Philp 3:4-10, Matt 21:33-46

Question: What is a kingdom? What does Jesus mean when he speaks of the Kingdom of Heaven?

Ans: A kingdom is simply a place where a king rules over all. In the kingdom of heaven, the rule begins with our hearts and minds and then manifests outward. Picture an umbrella.

Homily Outline:

Context: **A-** Forgive Your Way Into the Kingdom (Man forgiven millions wouldn't forgive hundreds). **B-** The Valuations of an Unfair God (workers in the vineyard). **C-** The Final Authority: Love (By what authority...).

Context 2: **A-** Triumphal Entry—"Hosana to the Son of David." The Son of David was the Messiah, was the King. **B-** Jesus cleanses Temple and they ask "By what authority do you act as King?" **C-** The parable of the Kingdom.

Application: Coming under the umbrella of Christ's Kingdom

"Come unto me...Matt 11:28-30.

What is the secret>???

Hebrews 12:1-2: Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Practice: In all that you do to serve, ask yourself, "Am I doing this from Joy?"