SOVEREIGN KING

UNDERSTANDING KINGSHIP

We don't understand what it means to be under the authority of a King

HONOUR SUBMISSION ACCOUNTABILITY

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The other person is so great, so magnificent, that we demonstrate our high regard for that person.

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ISAIAH 29:13

"These people come near me with their mouth and honour me with their lips but their hearts are far from me."

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LUKE 6:46-49

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You submit to God, and it's being part of His Kingdom. One that is a fortress. built on rock. But if you don't submit to God. If you don't obey him. If you don't follow him.

How can you call him Lord.

IF you believe that Jesus is the Sovereign King, then you ought to submit to his will. YES, he is good and gracious. YES he is kind and forgiving. YES he is merciful and tenderhearted.

But He is Lord. He is God. What is man that we should believe that we can order him around? What makes us think HE is indebted to us.

And so we are faced with the sober reality that we need to choose to submit to His Kingship.

We want to complain about others. We want to criticise them.
We say it should be like this.
We expect things from others.

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ACCOUNTABILITY

You are accountable to God. He is King. He is Judge

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REVELATION 19:11-16

11 Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. 12 His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. 13 He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. 14 And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. 15 From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the wine press of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. 16 On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

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Jesus will come to judge. He will ask us to give account.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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