

# THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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"Alleluia; for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth" (Rev. 19:6).

"The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all" (Ps. 103:19).

## Moral Government

A government of free moral agents by motives presented to the mind for the will to make choice between, except for necessary providential interruptions of this normal moral freedom to maintain a tolerable world order and accomplish certain divine plans, all of which was made necessary by the entrance of sin into the world with the impending chaos resulting from selfishness.

## Non-moral Government

A government of animate creation not endowed with free moral agency by means of internal impulse or tendency, and of the vast natural creation not possessing the life of growth or self-locomotion by means of dynamic energy or divine omnipotence, the law of cause and effect functioning in both areas. Certainty is the law of God's operations here; the cause being brought into existence, the result always follows.

### Free Moral Action

The normal course of accountable, self-caused action, where man is allowed to choose between motives presented to the mind to form his own moral character and be sole author of his destiny. Here God says: "I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand and no man regarded" (Prov. 1:24).

### Governmental Providence

The abnormal or unusual operation of God's wisdom in inciting men's wills to actions in various particulars through external events or internal persuasion, temporarily setting aside man's normal moral freedom and accountability under a law of cause and effect by coercing or constraining man's will.

### Animate Non-moral Creation

Here the mysterious law of instinct becomes a compelling directive, which must be supplemented by direct divine impulses to stimulate man to God-consciousness, judging from the phenomenal things that are taking place that exhibit more intelligence in certain details than man possesses.

### Inanimate Creation

God in omnipotence holds absolute sway over the vast realm of material creation by producing an adequate cause for every desired effect. God creates by His great omnipotence and exercises perfect control according to His ever-wise benevolence. "I am the Lord, and there is none else, there is no God beside me" (Isa. 45:5).

Gen. 3: 11; 6: 5

Deut. 30: 19

Josh. 24: 15

I Kings 18: 21

Isa. 1: 19, 20; 45:22

66:3, 4

Jer. 18: 5-10; 21:8

Ezek. 20: 7, 8

Matt. 23:37

John 1: 11; 5: 40

7: 16, 17

Acts 7: 51

Rom. 2: 5-11

6: 16

Gal. 6:7, 8

Rev. 3: 20

Ex. 11:9, 10

Deut. 2:25

Josh. 11: 20

I Kings 22: 19-23

Ps. 22: 28; 66: 7

Prov. 21: 1 Rev. 17:17

Jer. 32:27-30; 50:9

Dan. 4: 17, 32

Zeph. 3:8

John 7: 30

18: 31, 32

19:9-11

Rom.13:1

Rev. 17-17

Gen. 9:2

Num. 11:31; 22:22, 23

Deut. 32: 11, 12

I Kings 17:4, 6

Job 35: 10, 11

Ps. 104: 16-18

Dan. 6: 22, 24

Jonah 1: 17; 2:10

Matt. 6:26; 8:20

10: 29; 17:27

23:37; 26:74, 75

Mark 5:11-13

Gen. 6: 7, 13; 9:11  
19:24, 25

Ex. 14:21-29

I Kings 18:38

I Chron. 29: 10-12

II Chron. 7: 12-14

Ps. 50: 1; 62: 11

93:1-4; 135:5-9

Isa. 45: 5-7, 12,18

Dan. 4:34,35

Jonah 1:4, 14, 15

Matt. 5:45

8:24-27

24:29, 30

Col. 1: 16, 17

Heb. 1: 1-3

II Pet. 3: 10

Rev. 11: 17

16:1-4,8,12,

18,21