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Things Pertaining to God

To whom (the Apostles) also He shewed Himself alive after His passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of *The Things Pertaining to the kingdom of God:*" Acts 1:3.

At Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, the doctrine of the Kingdom is preached. We believe every verse, of course. However, when a difficult verse is fitted into the Kingdom teaching, harmony of Scripture abounds.

This is no small item, either. With over 150 references to the kingdom in the New Testament alone, everyone should study the Kingdom message for themselves. Rejoicing comes when every aspect of God's salvation is seen.

Learning the Kingdom Message allows us to see that one is eternally saved from condemnation, certainly. Serving God acceptably, through His New Covenant church body, is quite another thing.

There is so much more to God's salvation than receiving pardon. That's one reason we can't miss the message of Acts 1:3. Everyone must hear Jesus "*...speaking of things pertaining to the Kingdom of God.*"

And further, please notice that all THINGS PERTAINING TO GOD are headed over by Jesus. As, a man, He lived out all the requirements of the kingdom. Therefore, kingdom truth cannot be received unless a believer goes through Jesus.

The light shines brightly on these dark matters, too. God's Second Adam accomplished what the first did not. We see then, that God is consistent and will work out His plan through man; that is, through the **God-Man, Jesus**.

Thus, we can't miss His position listed in Hebrews 2:17. "*...that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.*"

The High Priest subject is a very important one in the Old Covenant. The High Priest conducted every act of worship. In the New Covenant, we understand how Jesus fulfilled the TYPE that was pictured in the Old when He was "*...made like unto His brethren*" (Hebrews 2:17a).

The phrase, "*Like His brethren*" is explained in the next verse: "*For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succor them that are tempted*" (Heb. 2:18).

So, our LORD, "after He had offered one sacrifice for sins, forever, sat down on the right hand of God" (Heb. 10:12). And further, Jesus will sit in that position "...till His enemies be made His footstool" (10:13).

Then, we read about the gentiles, **Glory!** Gentiles may enter the plan by faith, as well as the Jews, the Apostles and the first church. And, we have all the confidence in the world that His plan works. All things that pertain unto to the plan and, that are within the plan, are superintended by God, Himself.

The Kingdom teaching is such an important and wonderful truth! God is telling us what He's going to do. And, preachers want you to know what's coming!!! Perhaps that's why they "YELL" so much.

LISTEN!!! "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us," Matthew 1:23.

"He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the LORD God shall give unto him the throne of his father David; and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end" Luke 1:32, 33.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God," John 1:1.

"He came unto His own, and his own received Him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: John 1:11, 12.

"Jesus answered and said unto him, 'Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God,'" John 3:3.

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven," Matthew 7:21.

"He that hath an ear to hear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it," Revelation 2:17.

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches," Revelation 2:29.

Thus, Jesus was born. He lived the perfect life and became the perfect sacrifice. He died in sinful man's place. Glory, hallelujah, the curse was removed. When Jesus died, the curse (result of the Law) was taken out of the way, according to Galatians 3:28: "Now, we brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise."