

Here is the next installment of my Biblical Concept series.

#### #8: God Centered Creation - (Thy Kingdom Come)

With a God centered creation, God Himself is the Sovereign Will, the Moral Truth and the Source of All Life at the center of it. Creation itself, like mankind, has a dual nature, it is made up of both a physical and a spiritual component. Just as a person has an outer-man (the physical) and an inner-man (the spiritual) that make up "one being", so too are the distinctiveness of both the physical and spiritual components which make up "one creation" or more aptly understood as "one realm". Now I believe using the word realm to be a more accurate and correct word because the word, "realm", conveys the idea of a kingdom. And it is here we reveal or connect a key biblical concept of merging our understanding of creation and the kingdom of God. In the simplest of terms, when God created creation, He was creating for Himself a kingdom that consists of physical and spiritual components existing together as one, and whereby He could express Himself through His creation as the God of Life.

In the beginning, "before" sin entered into the world, God's said His creation was "good". What we can infer from this is that "all" of creation, both the physical and spiritual components, were united as one and existed as God intended it to be. This means in their original unified created state, they were considered to be one realm, existing as "the" kingdom of God. However, satan using deception, usurped the authority of God by introducing sin into the world. The result was that the kingdom of God became divided into two realms known as the kingdom of darkness and the kingdom of light. It is important for us to understand this change, and the cause of it, because the entire biblical revelation from Genesis to Revelation is really an account of how God, through the work of Christ would re-establish His kingdom, also known as the kingdom of light, and by which he would redeem sinners and transfer them from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light and then destroy and remove the kingdom of darkness and all those who belong to it (Satan, the angels that followed him and all disobedient sinners who rejected Christ thereby refusing the saving grace of God). Having accomplished this, His eternal kingdom will once again be one unified creation (Rev 21:1-7).

In order to understand all of this a little deeper, the first thing that is important to note, is that every kingdom has a structure of power and authority. God gave/imparted authority to mankind to rule over the physical realm of His creation and God also set a structure of authority in place in heaven, in the spiritual realm (i.e. the heavenly realm), where angels were given positions of authority, titles and roles. If we are to fully understand God's creation, we need to recognize the symbiotic relationship that exists between the physical realm and the spiritual realm and how each impacts and influences one another. It is equally important to note that as events occur, which affect the structure of authority in each realm, it brings changes to God's creation/kingdom. As strange as it may seem to hear, it is none the less true, that the kingdom of God has been in flux since the beginning right up to this very day and according to prophecy in scripture will undergo more changes in the future as God brings his sovereign plan through Christ to a conclusion. Here is a sequence of changes which have occurred and will occur according to scripture that will impact creation/kingdom:

Creation – Sin – Law – Gospel – Church – War in Heaven – Rapture - 2nd coming of Christ – Satan bound - 1000 Yr Reign - Satan loosed – Final Battle - Heaven and earth Removed - Great White throne of judgment – New Heaven and New Earth Created – Church Comes Down from Heaven - God's kingdom united eternally restored

Every single one of these events plays a significant role in God's plan and impacts both the physical and spiritual realm of God's creation. An understanding of this biblical concept can open many other insights as well. Especially in understanding of the below verses:

Eph 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Romans 8:19 For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. 20 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

Eph 3: 10 His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, 11 according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Jesus teachings on the kingdom:

Luke 17: 20 Once, on being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The coming of the kingdom of God is not something that can be observed, 21 nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is within you.

John 3:3 Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again

John 3:5 Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.

Matthew 25:1 "At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

Matthew 25:34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.

Matthew 6: 9 "This, then, is how you should pray:

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, 10 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

By Him and for Him,  
God bless