

# The Kingdom of God

## Overview – Psalm 8

Day 1 – Read Psalm 8.

1. The Kingdom of God is one theme by which we can better study and understand the story of the Bible. How does Psalm 8 clearly establish God as the King over creation? Note the repetition of vv. 1 and 9.
2. The central verses of Psalm 8, vv. 4-5, focus on man. What do you learn in Psalm 8 about man and how he fits into the Kingdom?
3. Read Hebrews 2. How does it help you understand about how Psalm 8 is also about Christ? What do you learn about Christ and His role in the Kingdom from Psalm 8 and Hebrews 2?

Day 2 – Read Genesis 1, Hebrews 1, 1 Peter 1:13-21, and Matthew 5:43-48.

4. What was different about the creation of man from the creation of all the animals?
5. Our role in God's Kingdom is defined by and dependent upon our being made in the image of God. What does it mean to be made in God's image?
6. How is Christ the perfect image of God? What does that mean for us?

Day 3 – Read Genesis 1:27-31.

7. Genesis 1:28 is known as the cultural mandate. It is man's job description. What three tasks is man given in this verse?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. The cultural mandate can be separated into three different aspects in another way. For each of the three listed below, explain how God's image plays a role in fulfilling that aspect of the cultural mandate.
  - a. Structural aspect, i.e., procreation:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. Functional aspect, i.e., work of discipleship:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - c. Functional aspect, i.e., work of the hands:

Day 4 – Read Genesis 1:28-31.

9. Read John 1:1-5 and John 14:12-14. How does being made in God's image enable and affect our task to be fruitful and multiply?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. Read Romans 1:18-32. What happens to our ability to be fruitful and multiply when we deny God and His image in us?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. Read Colossians 1:15-20. How does Christ, the perfect image of God, bear fruit and multiply in a way we never could because of our sin?

Day 5 – Read Genesis 1:1 – 2:3.

12. Do you have a grateful heart for who God is and what He has done for you? List several important ways or things God has provided for you and spend time today resting in His provision for you by thanking Him for all of them.