



## THIS KINGDOM IS NO FAIRY TALE

Matthew 6:13; Genesis 37-50

Matthew 6:13-(NKJV), And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. **For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

### ❖ Doxology - an expression of praise to God

James 2:26 (NKJV), . . . faith without works is dead . . .

1 Chronicles 29:12-13; Romans 16:25-27

### ❖ Doxologies call us from dead faith to an alive, aggressive faith that experiences God acting and answering our prayers!

2 Corinthians 4:17-18, <sup>17</sup> For our light and momentary **troubles** are achieving for us an **eternal glory** that far outweighs them all. <sup>18</sup> **So we fix our eyes** not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

### What “Yours is the Kingdom” Calls Us to (Genesis 37-50)

Matthew 6:13 (NKJV), . . . For Yours is the KINGDOM and the POWER and the GLORY forever. Amen.

God’s **KINGDOM** refers to His **RIGHT** to rule. (Sovereignty)

God’s **POWER** refers to His **ABILITY** to rule. (Authority)

God’s **GLORY** refers to His **ENERGY** ruling. (Anointing)

### ❖ In scripture crowns symbolize badges of honor and authority.

#### 1) We’re called to a **LASTING CROWN**.

Genesis 37:3-4, <sup>3</sup> Now **Israel loved** Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and **he made** an ornate robe for him. <sup>4</sup> When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

1 Corinthians 9:25-27, <sup>25</sup> Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown **that will not last**, but we do it to get **a crown that will last forever**. <sup>26</sup> Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. <sup>27</sup> No, I strike a **blow to my body** and make it my slave . . .

### ❖ “Yours is the Kingdom” calls us to let God rule over our **FLESH!**

## 2) We're called to a **CROWN OF CONSECRATION.**

1 Thessalonians 2:19, For what is our hope, our joy, or **the crown** in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you?

Genesis 39:2-4, <sup>2</sup>**The LORD was with Joseph** so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. <sup>3</sup>When his master saw that **the LORD was with him** and that **the LORD gave him success** in everything he did, <sup>4</sup>Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned.

❖ ***"Yours is the Kingdom"* calls us to let God rule over sin at work in CULTURE around us!**

## 3) We're called to a **CROWN OF LIFE.**

James 1:12- Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive **the crown of life** that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

Genesis 39:20-22, <sup>20</sup> . . . But while Joseph was there in the prison, <sup>21</sup>**the LORD was with him**; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. <sup>22</sup>So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there.

Revelation 2:10, Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you **life as your victor's crown**.

❖ ***"Yours is the Kingdom"* calls us to let God rule over the DEVIL'S PLAN!**

## 4) We're called to a **CROWN OF GLORY.**

1 Peter 5:1-4, <sup>1</sup>To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: <sup>2</sup>Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; . . . <sup>4</sup>And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive **the crown** of glory that will never fade away.

Genesis 50:15-20, <sup>15</sup>When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" <sup>16</sup>So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: <sup>17</sup>"This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly" . . . <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives."

❖ ***"Yours is the Kingdom"* calls us to let God rule over PEOPLE'S IMPERFECTIONS!**

## 5) We're called to a **CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**

2 Timothy 4:7-8, <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>Now there is in store for me **the crown of righteousness**, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

❖ ***"Yours is the Kingdom"* calls us to let God rule and fulfill HIS PLANS!**