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## Open Forum

### THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Editor Journal.—As there seems to be some misconception among local religionists as to what the Kingdom of God, referred to in numerous passages of the Bible, really means I believe it will help some to get a correct understanding of the matter to publish the following explanation, which I quote from a religious authority:

Luke 17:20-21.—The Kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or lo there! for, behold, the Kingdom of God is within you.

This is the text generally quoted to prove that the kingdom of God is a "kingdom of grace in the heart." Now let it be understood that in refusing this theory we are not denying nor speaking disparagingly of Christ dwelling in the true Christian by faith, governing his heart in centering his affections upon heavenly things and

shaping his conduct according to the precepts of Christ. This is the clear teaching of the Scriptures and if in this sense the spirit of Christ, or His disposition, is not with us we are none of His (Rom. 8:9). All this, however, is not the kingdom of God in us as an actual kingdom. What is in our minds and hearts is an affectionate belief in the "things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ" (Acts 8:12), which will be the means at last of insuring us the welcome of the words, "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." This glorious kingdom, instead of being in us, is what we are to enter into when we have "passed through the much tribulation," through which we must enter the kingdom" (Acts 14:22).

Still, the inquirer will ask, what about the text in question, which says, "The kingdom of God is within you." For the word "within" we have, in the margin of our Bibles, "among," and here again we must take heed to the text and the meaning of the words used. We may ask, what called forth the words from the Savior? The Jews were looking for the coming of their Messiah; but did not see a fulfillment of their expectations in the "despised Nazarine." To them the coming of the Messiah was his coming in glory to establish his kingdom, overlooking the prophecies of his first appearing as a "lamb led to the slaughter." Looking anxiously for their Messiah to come to deliver them from the galling Roman yoke they were then groaning under, they were crying out, Lo here! or lo there! "is our expected Messiah. Their belief of the kingdom of God when restored to them and fully established was that it would be their own land, with David's throne restored. Of this kingdom, therefore, they would not be saying, "Lo here! or lo there! is the kingdom. The words could apply only to the personal coming of the of their Messiah, who might appear here or there in person, afterwards, as they

hoped, to restore the kingdom to Israel. It is clear, therefore, that it was the personal appearing of Christ that was in question, and he told them that he whom they were looking for, and of whom they were saying "Lo here! or lo there!" was among them. Thus the facts of the case define the meaning of the word here translated "kingdom" (Basaileia), a word which we have before shown to mean royal personage, etc.

The Emphatic Disjunct renders the passage as follows: "Nor shall they say, 'Behold here! or behold there! for, behold, God's Royal Majesty is among you,'" and in a foot note the author says:

"In this verse it has been found necessary to depart from the usual signification of 'he basaleia ton theou' the Kingdom of God, and render as in the text. That this rendering is admissible and correct see note on Matt. 3:2. Basaleia here refers to the person to whom the title and honor of king belonged, rather than to his territory or kingdom. Prof. Whiting, an able Hebrew and Greek scholar, says this clause in the 21st verse ought to be rendered 'The King is among you.' Dr. A. Clarke, in a note on the 21st verse, evidently understood it as relating to the Chief. He says, 'perhaps these Pharisees thought that the Messiah was kept secret, in some private place, known only to some of their rulers; and that by and by he should be proclaimed in a similar way to that in which Josiah was by Jehoahada, the high priest.'

Of his first coming Jesus could truthfully say, "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation," or outward display. Or, "God's Royal Majesty cometh not with outward show;" for "a bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoking flax shall he not quench till he send forth judgment unto victory" (Matt. 12:20). When he comes the second time to "send forth judgment unto victory" he will come with "observation" or visible display of glory and power; for it is said, "every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him; and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him" (Rev. 1:7). He will then come to establish the very kingdom which Israel hoped for, when the prophetic words of Zacharias will be fulfilled, and the hope of Israel realized: "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people," as he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began; that we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; to perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; the oath which he swore to our father Abraham" (Luke 1:68-72).

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## Episcopal Church Notice

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## NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE IN FORECLOSURE

BY VIRTUE OF AN EXECUTION IN FORECLOSURE duly issued by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Malheur, dated the 9th day of April, 1923, in a certain suit in the said Circuit Court for the said State and County, wherein the Bank of Nyssa, a corporation, was plaintiff, and Tillman A. Huffman, Elroy Huffman, Inger E. Huffman, Jacob Huffman, Barney Wilson and E. C. Wilson were Defendants and the Bank of Nyssa as Plaintiff recovered judgment against Tillman A. Huffman and Elroy Huffman for the sum of \$5000, together with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from the 30th day of November, 1920. And the further sum of \$450.00 as attorney fees and for its costs and disbursements herein, taxed at \$65.70. And it was further considered, ordered, adjudged and decreed that the defendant, Jacob Huffman, have and recover off and from the Defendants Tillman A. Huffman and Elroy Huffman, the sum of \$7900, together with interest thereon at the rate of 7 per cent per annum from the 19th day of December, 1918, until paid, and for the further sum of \$650.00 as attorney fees and for his costs and disbursements herein.

And it was further considered, ordered, adjudged and decreed that Defendants, Barney and E. C. Wilson, have and recover off and from Defendants, Elroy and Inger E. Huffman, the sum of \$3470.33 Dollars, together with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from the 30th day of November until paid, and the further sum of \$275.00 as Attorney fees, and for their costs and disbursements herein, which judgments were enrolled and docketed in the Clerk's office of said Court in said County on the 22nd day of March, 1923.

Therefore Notice Is Hereby Given, That I will on the 13th day of May, 1923, at the hour of 11.00 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the North Main entrance door of the Court House, at Vale, in said County and State, sell at public auction to the highest bidder or bidders for cash, the following described real property to-wit:

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Dated this 10th day of April, 1923, at Vale, Oregon.

H. LEE NOE, Sheriff.  
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