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When the Bible uses the word “malku” it is not referring to a physical kingdom. We are not talking about a legislative or executive government or politics or culture, society so forth, they think of England. They think in how present governments are established. They think from this vantage point. When we are talking, we are talking about **the right to rule**. A privilege has been given for someone to rule. Rule is not an actual kingdom but the right or authority to rule over a domain. The word for kingdom in Hebrew is “*malku*”.

I showed you how nations are divided eventually into micro family units and each one had to rule over their space. It took various families to manage the walls of Jerusalem. Many times people are thinking abstractly about rule but not in a subjective way. We say, “God heal our land” and “save our government” but it won’t happen unless people who are raised up in that space to take their space/place and rule. The emphasis is now about the subject through god has empowered to rule over a thing, The emphasis, spotlight, focus is on the reign of a particular sovereign. Kingly authority, please don’t firstly think about God is doing things mysteriously but god won’t do anything without God engaging eternal principles which spurs men who take there place to rule. God is looking for a body. It’s written in the Book. Until God finds that body, He will wait. He waited. He waited for Moses or for some prophet to rise up and reign. He doesn’t choose people who raise their hand and say, “here I am Lord, send me,.” There must be some prerequisites within that person to rule. You would be rejected if you are not dressed properly. If you are not dressed right for a party, you can be ejected. The emphasis is on the territorial dominion of that person.

In fact, when the word is used with *basilea*, it’s on the natural outflow of power from a royal station. Power flows naturally from the kind of person who rules. I have seen people who love the Lord, they are sincere. But, their lives are incongruous with what God is doing and their lives are in a mess. You have to rule your family well to rule over principalities and powers. If you are an elder, there is a sense, and you do not know how to submit, you cannot rule. The picture I have is a picture if the corporate man has been called to exercise the right to rule (kingdom) over the domain of the Father, that individual must know that power in Him is an inherent right. Words like authority has to be redefined in their season; even power. They have charismatic definitions to these words. When power is a

natural outflow of an individual, environments recognize this and realign. Just imagine standing in an environment, an environment readjusts itself because of you and now everything submits. Literally, I know that you will see things happen. Things in the environment will go readjusting like never before.

“Malku” puts emphasis on HOW a person reigns.

**Strong's Concordance**  
**malku: royalty, reign, kingdom**

**Original Word:** מַלְכוּת

**Part of Speech:** Noun Feminine

**Transliteration:** malku

**Phonetic Spelling:** (mal-koo')

**Short Definition:** kingdom

Rule or reign has been raised to manage our Father's estate. We have been raised to be heirs over all creation. Against that context I want to speak about how we need to receive the Kingdom of God. It is of critical importance.

1 Timothy 6:13-18

1 Timothy 6:13-16 (NIV) *13 In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you 14 to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 which God will bring about in his own time —God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.*

*Danestes - dunamis comes out of this word.*

My intention is not to attack. Please don't get offended if you have been teaching things about dividing the world into 7 parts. I'm not talking about this. The kingdom cannot be construed by earthly kingdoms. You cannot study earthly kingdoms to know the Kingdom. We are talking about the principles of government, policies, management of territories, peoples, communities, rules through a democrat....we are NOT talking about the judiciary, the legislature, an executive even though Jesus is our lawgiver and our King. We are not talking on the basis in how the world construes things. We are talking about a Kingdom which comes about when He appears. It's something not seen through the exercise of rule which comes through Jesus Christ.

## 2 Timothy 4:1

*(NIV) 1 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge:*

This Kingdom is not from this world.

*John 18:33-40 (NIV) 33 Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"*

*34 "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?"*

*35 "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?"*

*36 Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."*

*37 "You are a king, then!" said Pilate.*

*Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."*

*38 "What is truth?" retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him. 39 But it is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release 'the king of the Jews'?"*

*40 They shouted back, "No, not him! Give us Barabbas!" Now Barabbas had taken part in an uprising.*

The Kingdom of God is a spiritual reality, not a physical one. It may translate into a physical manifestation but it is a spiritual reality. You cannot use any rule presently of what God is saying. Jesus says 3 times, "is this your idea?"

*Luke 17:20-21 (NIV) 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 in your midst."

When the Kingdom comes, if it is invisible, it must come to us first. It cannot be measure or studied by observation, then we must ask, "How does this Kingdom come for us to benefit."

Let me now introduce the Lord's Prayer. The Kingdom of God through the Lord's prayer comes through invitation. It does not come without human invitation. It comes through personal encounter. Jesus in this prayer, invites us, his disciples to ask the Father for certain things including the Kingdom.

**Matthew 6:6-15 (NKJV)** *6 But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. 7 And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words.*

*8 "Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. 9 In this manner, therefore, pray:*

*Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.*

*10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done*

*On earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread.*

*12 And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.*

*13 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.*

*14 "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*

We'll take the word, "Yours is the Kingdom." What is the word Kingdom? The right to rule...the authority to rule. That is the emphasis. When you say, Your kingdom come, you are saying, 'I give you permission to rule through me because the Kingdom is in me. It's not around me. It's first in me. I can't look around me. I have to realize that the right to rule is in me. If you want God to clear up your mess, you must first allow Him to get you right.

In apostolic circles, we have become familiar with words studies. Some of you will be hitting on a word on your gadgets. The word will come out, for example, the word “come.” The word will stand out and will say....” Because we have become so good about isolating words, we have become so good at semantics.

The Kingdom can come but if the conditions are not right, it can go away. This is why Jesus says, you must pray like this...(Lord’s prayer). It is not a permanent fixture; the right to rule is not a permanent fixture unless you create the right conditions. You can pray this prayer and not realize the fulfillment that must come.

Firstly, when you pray this prayer, you just understand that you are praying and asking the Lord to rule in your life. If the conditions are not right, the Kingdom, the right to rule has the ability to withdraw from your lives. This is why some people only have 1/2 breakthroughs because they did not continue in the right conditions. Further, this word is telling us that it is subjective on how you prepare yourself for the rule to come.

**Hebrews 12:18-29 (NKJV)** 18 For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest, 19 and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore. 20 (For they could not endure what was commanded: “And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow.” 21 And so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I am exceedingly afraid and trembling.”)

22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, 23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24 to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel. Hebrews 12:25-29 (NKJV) 25 See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, 26 whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, “Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven.” 27 Now this, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.

28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. 29 For our God is a consuming fire.

There is a past and continuous speaking. Everything is now summarized in verse 28. Therefore "paralambano" to assume an office.

### Strong's Concordance

**paralambanó: to receive from**

**Original Word:** παραλαμβάνω

**Part of Speech:** Verb

**Transliteration:** paralambanó

**Phonetic Spelling:** (par-al-am-ban'-o)

**Short Definition:** I take, receive

**Definition:** I take from, receive from, or: I take to, receive (apparently not used of money), admit, acknowledge; I take with me.

### HELPS Word-studies

**3880** *paralambánō* (from **3844** /*pará*, "from close-alongside" and **2983** /*lambánō*, "aggressively take") – to take (receive) by showing strong *personal initiative*.

When we speak office, we are talking about a place of authority. Some of you are under extreme adverse circumstances. The circumstances should not dictate what the Lord has told us. I know in the black culture, they think "Maybe it can happen in another place, but not here."

We have come into. That is how you step into the city of God. You step into a company of angels. This is how you step into the general assembly. Jesus could have chosen only one name but He chose *ekklesia*.

When we step into this dimensions, we are coming into the right to rule.

### Strong's Concordance

**ekklesia: an assembly, a (religious) congregation**

**Original Word:** ἐκκλησία, ας, ἡ

**Part of Speech:** Noun, Feminine

**Transliteration:** ekklesia

**Phonetic Spelling:** (ek-klay-see'-ah)

**Short Definition:** an assembly, congregation, church

**Definition:** an assembly, congregation, church; the Church, the whole body of Christian believers.

### HELPS Word-studies

**1577** *ekklesiá* (from **1537** /*ek*, "out from and to" and **2564** /*kaléō*, "to call") – properly, people *called out from* the world and to God, the *outcome* being

the *Church* (the mystical *body of Christ*) – i.e. the universal (total) body of believers whom God calls *out* from the world and *into* His eternal kingdom.

[The *English* word "*church*" comes from the Greek word *kyriakos*, "belonging to the Lord" (*kyrios*). 1577 /*ekklēsia*("church") is the root of the terms "ecclesiology" and "ecclesiastical."]

It is a steadfast, when we step into the Kingdom, I am now going to stand in the midst of the driest places in the earth but my rule will not be dictated by the conditions I submit myself. But rather, these things must submit to the position for which I am in.

Second thing, you must receive the Kingdom by having grace. The third thing is by which we may **SERVE** Him; through service. Hebrews 1:28

Luke 18:18-30 (NKJV) 18 *Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"*

19 *So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. 20 You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'"*

21 *And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth."*

22 *So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."*

23 *But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich.*

24 *And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! 25 For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."*

26 *And those who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?"*

27 *But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."*

28 *Then Peter said, "See, we have left all and followed You."*

29 *So He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or parents or brothers or wife or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, 30 who shall not receive many times more in this present time, and in the age to come eternal life."*

We must have the simplicity and the pureness of a child to receive things. We must just believe. We should uncomplicated many things.

To receive the Kingdom, you must believe like a child. I think there's a bit more. A Kingdom is received as a child which implies one's understanding that we must receive the Kingdom as if we are members of a family. When we talk about the Kingdom, we are talking about coming to a place of understanding membership in the family of the Father. Which transcends innocence and purity of the child. Get rid of the baggage and start seeing you are a legal member of the family. Accept it. The Kingdom is given to the members of the Father. If you accept this, you get the benefits.

What is the key here? The key is become we've become incumbent with so many assets, so much baggage, it is prohibiting us from having access to the right to rule as God will have us to be related to. Are you hearing me? It is in that context that Jesus says, we must come to a simple reason that God wants us to rule.

In this context, I want to say, **"The right to rule is service to God."**

**Matthew 4:5-11 (NKJV)** 5 Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written:

'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.' "

7 Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.' "

8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."

10 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.' "

11 Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

**Exodus 4:22-23 (NKJV)** 22 Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the Lord: "Israel is My son, My firstborn. 23 So I say to you, let My son go that he may serve Me. But if you refuse to let him go, indeed I will kill your son, your firstborn." ' "

The devil says to Jesus, worship me. Worship has many definitions. "To pay homage", "to pay respect."

It means to serve another. Bodily service or service for rewards. It takes on the meaning for divine service; or to serve. It also talked about an outward expression of an inward commitment. It also talked about righteous conduct and refers to sacrificial ministry,.

Let's situate that in the Kingdom of God. I want to make 2 points here today....

**Worship is your worth evaluated. Our worth is measured by our bodily service.** Our bodily service is called many things in life - your vocation employment, job description, secular forms of employment. How you work from Monday to Saturday is what you present to God on a Sunday. If you study the OT worship, to come to worship God whether it is a festive Feast like Pentecost, you brought the labor of your hands. That is the measure of the amount of work that you did. When we talk about the right to rule, the authority to rule, your rule and your service equates to your worship. Okay? Are you following me?

**If the worship doesn't balance with your service, then your worship is rendered null and void based upon your service.**

You can do your worship and sing songs but it is rendered null and void if what you do the rest of the week does not measure up. Your whole vocation in life must be carried by grace so that it would be the most accurate expression of God in every facet of your life.

The first example is the story of Cain and Abel. Both men, Cain means "I have gotten" Abel is "I mean nothing." Cain worked the ground and worked hard. Abel was a shepherd and took care of cattle. Both built an altar; they were to present the work of their hands on the altar. They were going to present their work on the altar and both of them were presenting their careers, their careers to the Lord. You know the story,. The one worked for myself and I make things happen. I work the ground. I determine what I give God. The attitude of many people today. He offered his fruits and veg. He placed this value on the offering and God did not accept it. The other one whose name means "I have nothing"; everything I have goes to the Lord and god accepted his offering and rejected he other.

In the Kingdom of God, God is not interested in what you do in the Church. He is invested in how we represent Him 24/7. It is in this context says that our worth is measured by my act of service. What I do 24/7 is what God accepts as an offering. The work of my hands must be equal to my worship of Him. If I don't serve Hm right, He's not interested in my worship.

***Deuteronomy 4:15-24 (NKJV) 15 "Take careful heed to yourselves, for you saw no form when the Lord spoke to you at Horeb out of the midst of the fire, 16 lest you act corruptly and***

*make for yourselves a carved image in the form of any figure: the likeness of male or female, 17 the likeness of any animal that is on the earth or the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the air, 18 the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground or the likeness of any fish that is in the water beneath the earth. 19 And take heed, lest you lift your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun, the moon, and the stars, all the host of heaven, you feel driven to worship them and serve them, which the Lord your God has given to all the peoples under the whole heaven as a heritage. 20 But the Lord has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be His people, an inheritance, as you are this day. 21 Furthermore the Lord was angry with me for your sakes, and swore that I would not cross over the Jordan, and that I would not enter the good land which the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance. 22 But I must die in this land, I must not cross over the Jordan; but you shall cross over and possess that good land. 23 Take heed to yourselves, lest you forget the covenant of the Lord your God which He made with you, and make for yourselves a carved image in the form of anything which the Lord your God has forbidden you. 24 For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.*

Most people are pursuing the wrong.

**Philippians 2:12-16 (NKJV)** *12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.*

*14 Do all things without complaining and disputing, 15 that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, 16 holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.*

Our whole existence in this world is not for us. We may be in His service that He could be working in us. It's fundamentally important that we serve with a good conscious, everything that we do. So whatever I do in my life, am I representing Him or am I caught up in my own thing. You can't offer up a right to rule if you don't live for Him in every aspect of life. Every person in the Body of Christ is in the ministry; the five fold ministry.

Wherever you are, the Kingdom has come become you are there. The right to rule, His presence is there because you are there.