



# SEEKING THE KINGDOM

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# MORNING READING

## Exodus 20: 18-23 New King James Version

**18** And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off.

**19** And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die.

**20 And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not. 21 And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was.**

**22 And the LORD said unto Moses, Thus thou shalt say unto the children of Israel, Ye have seen that I have talked with you from heaven.**

**23 Ye shall not make with me gods of silver, neither shall ye make unto you gods of gold.**

## **2 Samuel 22:14-15 NIV**

**14 The LORD thundered from heaven; the voice of the Most High resounded.**

**15 He shot his arrows and scattered the enemy, with great bolts of lightning he routed them.**

## **Exodus 20: 19-23**

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# MAIN READING

## Mark 10: 17-31 King James Version

17 And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?

18 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God.

**19 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother.**

**20 And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth. 21 Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take**

**up the cross, and follow me.**

**22 And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions. 23 And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! 24 And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the**



**kingdom of God!**

**25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.**

**26 And they were astonished out of measure, saying among themselves, Who then can be saved? 27 And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.**

**28 Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee.**

**29 And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,**

**30 But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions;**

**and in the world to come eternal life.**

**31 But many that are first shall be last;  
and the last first.**

## **John 14:6 New International Version**

**Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.**

## **Isaiah 7:14 NLT**

**All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means ‘God is with us’).**

## **Mark 10: 17 King James Version**

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## **Matthew 7:7-8 - King James Version**

**7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:**

**8 For every one that asketh receiveth  
; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him  
that knocketh it shall be opened.**

### **John 5:24 New International Version**

**24 “Very truly I tell you, whoever hears  
my word and believes him who sent me  
has eternal life and will not be judged but  
has crossed over from death to life.**

**WE NEED TO KNOW THAT WE KNOW,  
THAT WE KNOW, THAT IN CHRIST WE ARE  
SAVED FROM CONDEMNATION, AND WE  
WILL HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.**

**Mark 10:18 New International Version**

**18 “Why do you call me good?” Jesus  
answered. “No one is good—except God  
alone.**

## **Mark 10:19 New International Version**

**19** You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.

**21** Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.



## **Mark 10:21-22 New Living Translation**

**21** Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for him. “There is still one thing you haven’t done,” he told him. “Go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

**VERSE 22** At this the man’s face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

## **Ecclesiastes 2: 18 – 20 –**

**18 I hated all for which I had toiled under the sun, because I must leave it to the man who comes after me.**

**19 And who knows whether that man will be wise or foolish? Yet he will take over all the labor at which I have worked skillfully under the sun. This too is futile.**

**20 So my heart began to despair over all the labor that I had done under the sun....**

## **Deuteronomy 8:18 NIV**

**But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.**

## **New King James Version**

**“And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.**

## **Proverbs 8:12 King James Bible**

**I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.**

## **MARK 10: 23**

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## **MARK 10: 24 -26**

**24** And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God! **25** It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. **26** And they were astonished out of measure, saying among themselves, Who then can be saved?

## **MARK 10: 27**

**And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.**

## **John 3:15-17 King James Version**

**15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.**

**16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,**

**that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**

**17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.**

## **MARK 10: 28-31**

**28 Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee.**

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An aerial photograph of a vast, rugged landscape, possibly a mountain range or a large valley. The terrain is covered in dense vegetation, with varying shades of green and brown. A bright light source, likely the sun, is positioned in the upper center of the frame, creating a strong lens flare and illuminating the scene. The overall atmosphere is dramatic and expansive.

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