



TOUCHING THE INVISIBLE

Part 3 – Game of Thrones
Matthew 6:10

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I. THERE ARE TWO KINGDOMS IN OPPOSITION IN THIS WORLD.

- A. *1 John 5:19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in the power of the **evil** one.*
- B. Jesus came to usher in a **new** kingdom.
- C. A kingdom is a place where a king rules absolutely. The Kingdom of God is where God's will is **perfectly** done.
- D. The Kingdom of God will happen in its purest sense upon earth under the Millennial **Reign** of Christ.
 - 1. *Isaiah 2:2-4 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that ... ³ many people shall go and say, Come let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ⁴ And ... they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, never again will they learn war.*
 - 2. *Isaiah 11:6-9 In that day the wolf and the lamb will live together; the leopard and the goat will be at peace. Calves and yearlings will be safe among lions, and a*

little child will lead them all. ⁷ The cattle will graze among bears. Cubs and calves will lie down together. And lions will eat grass as the livestock do. ⁸ Babies will crawl safely among poisonous snakes. Yes, a little child will put its hand in a nest of deadly snakes and pull it out unharmed. ⁹ Nothing will hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain. And as the waters fill the sea, so the earth will be filled with people who know the Lord.

- E. Part of what Jesus was talking about was that we should pray for that day when **His** reign will come on the earth just as it is in heaven.

II. THERE ARE TWO KINGDOMS IN OPPOSITION WITHIN OUR **HEARTS**.

- A. *Luke 17: 21 ...Behold, the kingdom of God is **within** you.*

There are two natures within the heart of a Christian: The **new** nature we have in Christ and the old nature with which we are born.

- B. The **Old** Nature.

Romans 7:15 I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.

In Romans chapter 7, Paul is admitting four truths about his own lack of control.

1. I am **confused**.
 - a. *Romans 7:15 I do not understand what I do.*
 - b. *Romans 7:19 For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do--this I keep on doing.*
2. I am so **sinful**, I am discouraged.
 - a. *Romans 7:18 I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.*
 - b. *Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?*
3. I am at **war**.

Romans 7:22-23 For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³ but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members.

4. I am **wretched**.

Romans 7:24 What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?

- C. The **New** Nature: *2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!*

1. When we receive Christ into our hearts the Holy Spirit comes to **live** within us.

Romans 8:5-6 Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. ⁶ If your sinful nature controls your mind, there is death. But if the Holy Spirit controls your mind, there is life and peace.

2. What we starve, dies. What we **feed** becomes stronger and wins.
3. God will use three things to bring personal internal victory within our life.

- a. God uses the **Bible** to C.H.A.N.G.E us.

1. *2 Timothy 3:16-17 (Paraphrase) The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives; it **straightens** us out and helps us do what is right. ¹⁷ It is God's way of making us well prepared at every point, fully equipped to do good to everyone.*

2. The Bible changes our **thoughts** so it changes us.

- b. Second, God uses the **Holy Spirit** to C.H.A.N.G.E. us.

1. God’s plan is to show us how to change through His word and give us the power to **C.H.A.N.G.E** through His Spirit.
- c. God uses **circumstances** to C.H.A.N.G.E. us.
1. *Romans 5:3-4 We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are good for us—they help us learn to be patient. ⁴ And patience develops strength of character in us and helps us trust God more each time we use it until finally our hope and faith are strong and steady. (TLB)*
 2. *Hebrews 5:8 Jesus learned obedience through suffering.*
 3. *Hebrews 2:10 Jesus was made perfect through suffering.*
 4. *Proverbs 20:30 Sometimes it takes a painful situation to make us change our ways.*

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