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## Kingdom of God

### Lord

‘Lord’ is one of the most commonly used words in Scripture as well as in our Christendom.

We don’t find this word used in the democratic society we live. The closest we use this word in the context of land as ‘landlord’. The one who owns a piece of land is known as ‘landlord’

The concept of lord is one of the fundamental principles of a kingdom. Kingdoms must have a king and every king is automatically a “lord.”

What makes the difference between the elected leaders of a country and kingdom is the ownership. The President/ Prime minister may have authority subject to the mandate, but they are not owners.

Lordship of king makes that king unique.

What’s the difference between a king and a lord?  
The word king refers to his authority and his power.

The word lord refers to the territory/ the property/ the geographical area over which his authority extends.

A king exercises authority over a specific geographical area

A Lord owns that area where his authority is absolute.

Until a king becomes a lord over the property or territory, he is not a king to exercise his authority.

- ✓ Kingship has to do with authority
- ✓ Lordship has to do with ownership

You cannot be a king unless you own property. It is not the same by the President or Prime minister of a country who exercise rule and authority over a geographical region.

Presidents exercise authority

Prime exercise authority

Governors exercise authority

But none of the presidents, prime ministers, and governors do not own the territory over which they rule!

Kings personally own the physical geographical area over which they reign, and that is what makes them not only kings but also lords.

So, king and property go together. And the word lord defines the king's identity as "owner" of his territory.

As lord, a king literally and legally owns everything in his territory.

Three important lessons you should know!

Since we grow up in democracy most of us not aware of the implications.

1. King owns everything that includes you!
2. You are a steward not owner
3. Kings choses to give whoever he wants

### **1. King owns everything**

In the kingdom the kings own everything, you, me, animals, mountain, rivers, ocean, whatever in his territory belongs to him. King has the absolute authority over everything.

### **2. You are a Steward not owner**

Since everything belongs to king and you are his citizen then you don't own anything. Whatever you have got you are not the owner, but you have been given the responsibility of a steward.

### **3. King choses to give whoever he wants**

King can give anything to anyone at any time according to his own sovereign choice.

In a democracy, if the prime minister or the president gives you property as a personal favour, it is called corruption.

When a king gives you property, it is called royal favour. And none can question it or protest it because as owner, it is his prerogative to do what pleases him.

## **KING AND LORD**

God is the King of heaven and earth by divine right of creation. He is King of all because He created all. Every king is automatically a lord, the King of all is also the Lord of all. God owns everything because He made everything.

In the Bible the Kingdom of Heaven identifies God as King and Lord of all.

‘Adonai’ is the Hebrew word mostly used to refer God in Old Testament. ‘Adonai’ means “owner” or “Proprietor” in our English Bible its translated as ‘Lord’.

The personal name for God, YHWH, (Yahweh), can be translated as Master, Owner, or Lord.

**Deuteronomy 6:4-5**, *“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! <sup>5</sup>You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.*

God is the Lord!

The Jews were commanded to recite every day to remind themselves that God is the Lord and owner of everything.

But the same God given the authority of earth to men.

**Psalms 115:15-16**, *May you be blessed by the Lord, Who made heaven and earth. <sup>16</sup>The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's; But the earth He has given to the children of men.*

Remember that the king can give away whatever he wants to whoever he wants.

God as Maker and Owner of heaven and earth, God could give any portion of it to anyone He chose. He chose to give the earth to man, not for man to be owner but a Steward/ ruler/manager.

Let us look at some scriptures to show you the rightful ownership of God's Lordship over the property of earth.

**Psalms 24:1-2**, *The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein. <sup>2</sup>For He has founded it upon the seas, And established it upon the waters.*

**Psalms 47:7-9**, *For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with understanding. <sup>8</sup>God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne. <sup>9</sup>The princes of the people have gathered together, The people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is greatly exalted.*

**Exodus 7:5**, *And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I stretch out My hand on Egypt and bring out the children of Israel from among them.”*

**Psalm 8:1**, *O Lord, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth, Who have set Your glory above the heavens!*

**Psalm 16:2**, *O my soul, you have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, My goodness is nothing apart from You.”*

**Psalm 22:26-28**, *The poor shall eat and be satisfied; Those who seek Him will praise the Lord. Let your heart live forever! <sup>27</sup> All the ends of the world Shall remember and turn to the Lord, And all the families of the nations Shall worship before You. <sup>28</sup> For the kingdom is the Lord’s, And He rules over the nations.*

**Psalm 24:7-10**, *Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. <sup>8</sup> Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, The Lord mighty in battle. <sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. <sup>10</sup> Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory. Selah*

**Haggai 2:8**, *The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,’ says the Lord of hosts.*

The Old Testament reveals God as King and Lord and Owner of all, the New Testament reveals Jesus Christ as Lord and Owner of all.

The Greek word 'kurios' translated as "lord," is applied to Jesus repeatedly in the New Testament. Kurios signifies having power. It also means one who possesses ultimate authority.

Everything the Old Testament says about God as Lord; the New Testament says about Jesus.

Jesus came announcing the arrival and reestablishment of the Kingdom of heaven on earth! This is something only the King Himself can do. Because a king is automatically a lord, this means that Jesus is Lord also.

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***We do not "make" Jesus Lord; He is Lord by creative right, whether we acknowledge Him or not!***

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Jesus was known as 'Word' pre-existed before He came to earth. Jesus was the source of creation as Word in creation.

Compare these verses:

**Genesis 1:1**, *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

**Genesis 1:3**, *Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.*

**John 1:1-3**, *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.*

**John 1:14**, *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*

**Hebrews 1:1-3**, *God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; <sup>3</sup> who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,*

Jesus is the eternal Word was responsible for the creation of the universe and for sustaining it!

Let me show you couple of examples:

**Matthew 21:1-11**,



- ✓ No prearrangement with the owner of the colt.
- ✓ No one permission was sought.
- ✓ “Bring me the colt.” Jesus orders
- ✓ When challenged, reply “The Lord needs it.”
- ✓ The owners released the colt.

### **Mark 14:12-16,**

- ✓ Go to the village
- ✓ Find a man with water pot
- ✓ Follow him
- ✓ Ask him the upper room
- ✓ Room will be ready
- ✓ Prepare the Passover meal there

## **Lordship of Jesus over you**

Lordship in a kingdom protects the citizenship from competition with their fellow citizens for national resources. In a true kingdom, the lord owns all resources and distributes the same as he determines. Whenever he gives resources to a citizen, it is never for ownership but for stewardship. Submission to a king as lord positions the citizen to receive from the king

What does it mean to live under a “lord”?

The only experience we have with a lord of any kind is with a landlord. Some point in time surely you would have ever lived in rental property, you know that the landlord is the landowner. The landlord is the person you pay rent and to whom you are accountable for the way you treat his property.

Why?

Because you do not own the property, but the landlord does.

If you say, "Jesus is Lord," you are acknowledging His authority over you as well as your responsibility to obey Him. There is no such thing as lordship without obedience.

**Luke 9:23**, *Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.*

**Matthew 10:37-38**, *He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. <sup>38</sup> And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.*

**Matthew 8:21-22**, *Then another of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." <sup>22</sup> But Jesus said to him, "Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead."*

**Luke 6:46**, *"But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?"*

You cannot call Him Lord and then start making excuses for not obeying Him.

Obedience is NOT a choice!

You can't claim that He owns you and then go ahead and do what pleases you.

In the Kingdom of Heaven there is no such thing as a "weekend citizen." You do not follow Him one time and not another depending on your preference.

If Jesus is Lord, you cannot live for Him on Sunday and rest of the week for yourself.

Jesus is either Lord of all, or He is not Lord at all.

The Lordship of Christ is a 24/7 proposition.

There is no other schedule.

## **Conclusion:**

King personally owns everything in his territory and there is no private ownership.

Use of anything in a kingdom is a privilege granted the king.

A king can give or distribute anything to anyone in his kingdom since he owns it. He can shift things around any way he pleases

when we know this it will help us not to hold onto “our” possessions.

Things are not really ours sometimes the King will test us by telling us to give up something He has given us.

Our response

- Obedience or
- Disobedience

This will reveal whether or not we really believe He is Lord.

If we obey, we show that we believe He owns everything and that He not only can replace what we give but even multiply it.

Submission to a king’s lordship means that we have no right to ourselves.

The greatest confession we can ever make is the confession, “Jesus Christ is Lord.” The moment we say those words, we are acknowledging that we have no more right to our own life and we now belongs to Christ. We have put ourselves willingly under His control and direction.

Obedience is acknowledgement of lordship. When we obey the King, we are simply saying to Him, “You are Lord and my life is Yours. Your wish is my command.”

Thanksgiving is an acknowledgement of the King's Lordship. Daily thankfulness for food, water, clothing, shelter, and other daily needs reveals that we believe that the King owns all and is the source of all we have.

The word "Lord" can never be used with the word "but." Those two words are impossible together. We cannot say, "I love You, Lord, but..." or else He is not Lord.

We cannot claim Him as Lord and then make excuses for not obeying Him. The only appropriate word to go with "Lord" is "Yes!"

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