

**WHOLE HEARTED  
ADHERANCE  
TO THE BIBLE  
AS GOD'S WORD**



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# God's Big Picture

## Week 3 - The Partial Kingdom

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**NEW ERA**

# Scope:

Genesis 12, Exodus, Leviticus, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings.

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# Context:

What God is revealing to us about himself and who He is;

What it means to us today.

.... “so what?”

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# The Kingdom of God:

GOD'S  
PEOPLE 

in,

GOD'S  
PLACE 

under & enjoying,

GOD'S  
RULE &  
BLESSING 

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# God loves us:

From the beginning God has demonstrated His love;

We cannot comprehend the entirety of God;

“God in three persons, blessed Trinity”

- God The Father;
- God The Son;
- God The Holy Spirit.

God consistently demonstrates His grace;

# God is Holy:

*“Free from sin and evil, morally and spiritually perfect and unsullied.”* The Shorter Oxford English Dictionary

Father God makes promises & covenants;

- His promise to Abram
- He keeps His promises;
- He is faithful - even when people aren't;
- His timing isn't always ours.

# Place is important to God:

Land speaks of belonging & identity - commitment;

- obedience;
- development of character;
- right time / right place to do His will.

God cares about how we come into His presence.

*“But the king replied to Araunah, ‘No, I insist on paying you for it. I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing.’ 2Sam24:24 NIVUK*

## Kingdoms need monarchs:

Father God's plan was that He would be Israel's King;

The people ask for an earthly king;

God warns them of what that will mean;

The people suffer because of the sins of their kings;

If God isn't on the throne then someone (something) else is.

# God's rule & blessing:

Being under God's rule, brings blessing;

God The Son chose to be the ultimate sacrifice;

- God The Son intercedes for us with Father God;
- God The Father sees us as washed clean;
- We can come right into the presence of God;
- We can know a relationship with God each day.

*"And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom."*

Matt27:50-51 NIVUK

# Summary:

God's covenant with His people required sacrifice;  
God The Son chose to be the ultimate sacrifice;  
God cares so deeply that He chose to die for me;  
God The Father hears our cries for help;  
He puts us in specific places at specific times;  
He uses flawed people;  
If Jesus isn't on the throne of our lives, someone else is;

*"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."*

2Peter3:9 NIVUK

# Summary contd/:

Our words have power:

- in our prayers: who is that we're speaking to?
- as we take Communion: are we celebrating the continuity of God's plan?

God's grace is a free gift for every one of us...

*“These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken,” and, as another scripture says, “They will look on the one they have pierced.””* John19:36-37  
(cf Ex12:43-46 / Num9:11-12)

# Home Groups:

1. Take a look at: Matthew 26:26 - Mark 14:22 - Luke 22:19 - John 19:36-37 - 1Corinthians 11:23-24

Read them in different translations e.g. NIVUK & KJV.

Do the translations speak to you about how you share Communion?

2. How do the following scriptures speak to you about the nature & role of each member of the Trinity / How might that affect the way you pray?

- Deut6:4 - 1Peter1:1-2;
- 1Cor8:6;
- 1Cor15:24-25 - Phil2:5-8 - 1Cor15:24;
- 1Cor6:19.