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Identity & Purpose

Understanding the Glory of a King

At a Glance

BIG IDEA

In a kingdom, the glory of the king is reflected in the environment and well-being of his subjects. Worship and dependency on the king activate his responsibilities towards his people. This study explores how biblical principles of kingship reveal God's glory and provision.

PRIMARY PASSAGES

Matthew 6:31-33

Exodus 23:25-26

1 Kings 10:1-13

Key Takeaways

- A king's environment reflects his nature and glory.
- Worship is a key to activating the king's obligations.
- God's prosperity is tied to His name and glory.
- In a kingdom, blessings come from being under the king's rule.
- The queen of Sheba's visit to Solomon exemplifies the recognition of a king's glory.

Introduction

The concept of kingship in biblical times provides profound insights into the relationship between a king and his subjects. This study delves into how the glory of a king is manifested through the prosperity and well-being of his kingdom. By examining biblical examples, we can understand how worship and dependency on the king activate his responsibilities and reveal God's glory and provision.

Scripture Reading

- **Matthew 6:31-33** — Jesus emphasizes the king's responsibility to provide for his subjects.
- **Exodus 23:25-26** — Worship leads to blessings on food and water, showing the king's provision.
- **1 Kings 10:1-13** — The queen of Sheba's visit to Solomon highlights the recognition of a king's glory.

Key Points

1. **The King's Environment** — A king's environment is a direct reflection of his nature and glory. This principle is evident in how a king's domain is maintained and the prosperity of his subjects. The story of the queen of Sheba visiting Solomon illustrates how the

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Key Points (cont.)

1. **The King's Environment (cont.)** — splendor of a kingdom can testify to the wisdom and wealth of its king. The well-being of the subjects and the grandeur of the kingdom are indicators of the king's glory.
 - Reflect on how your environment reflects your values and priorities.
 - Consider ways to enhance your surroundings to reflect the glory of God.
 - Evaluate the impact of leadership in your community on its prosperity.

Scripture: 1 Kings 10:1-13

Key Points (cont.)

2. **Worship and Obligation** — Worship is not just an act of reverence but a means to activate the king's obligations towards his subjects. In the biblical context, worship is a key that unlocks the king's provision and blessings. When the people worship, they acknowledge the king's authority and invite his intervention in their lives. This dynamic is seen in how worship leads to blessings on food and water, as described in Exodus.

- Engage in regular worship to strengthen your relationship with God.
- Acknowledge God's authority in your life through acts of reverence.
- Seek to understand how worship can lead to divine provision.

Scripture: Exodus 23:25-26

Key Points (cont.)

3. Prosperity for His Name — God prospers His people not merely for their benefit but to uphold His name and glory. The prosperity experienced by the subjects of a kingdom serves as a testament to the king's greatness. In the same way, God's provision for His people reflects His glory and faithfulness. Jesus teaches that seeking God's kingdom first ensures that all necessary provisions will be added to us.
 - Prioritize seeking God's kingdom in your daily life.
 - Recognize that your prosperity is a reflection of God's glory.
 - Trust in God's provision as you align with His purposes.

Scripture: Matthew 6:31-33

Group Discussion

Tip: Use these questions to guide the group from seeing → understanding → applying.

Observation

- What does the environment of a kingdom reveal about its king?
- How did the queen of Sheba recognize Solomon's glory?
- What role does worship play in the relationship between a king and his subjects?

Interpretation

- Why is the prosperity of a kingdom tied to the king's glory?
- How does worship activate the king's obligations?
- What does it mean for God's prosperity to be tied to His name?

Application

- In what ways can you reflect God's glory in your environment?
- How can you incorporate worship into your daily routine to experience God's provision?
- What steps can you take to prioritize seeking God's kingdom in your life?

Prayer Focus

- Pray for a deeper understanding of God's glory and how it is reflected in our lives.
- Ask for guidance in aligning our lives with God's kingdom priorities.
- Seek God's provision as we engage in worship and acknowledge His authority.

Next Step

Reflect on how your environment and actions can better reflect the glory and priorities of God's kingdom.

Conclusion

Understanding the glory of a king through biblical principles reveals the profound relationship between a king and his subjects. The prosperity and well-being of a kingdom reflect the king's nature and glory. Worship plays a crucial role in activating the king's responsibilities, leading to divine provision. As we seek God's kingdom and align with His purposes, we experience His glory and provision in our lives.

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