

**Sermon Notes of  
Assistant Pastor Manuel Hamme's Sermon on April 17, 2016  
"A Tale of Two Kingdoms"**

**[In today's sermon, "A Tale of Two Kingdoms", Assistant Pastor Manuel Hamme contrasts the kingdom of God with the kingdom of Satan.]**

Notes:

Introduction:

- This sermon was inspired by the last two sermons Pastor Glen has given about Jesus and the Kingdom of God.
- Manny began his sermon with some humor by showing humorous pictures depicting anthropomorphism, which is the attribution of human traits, emotions, and intentions to non-human entities such as animals.

Humorous pictures:

- Cat: "I don't want the toys that came in the box – I want the box."
- Cat: "There are two kinds of people in this world – And I don't like them."
  
- Squirrel with jowls bulging: "Who me? I didn't take the peanuts."
- Real mouse on top of a computer mouse: "One, two, three, breathe!" Second mouse: "He's dead, Jim."
  
- Kitten with toilet paper: Caption: Toilet paper – too strong.
- Dog in trash can: "They'll never believe I ate your homework."
  
- A cat holding down a kitten: Caption: The face you make when someone holds you too long.
- When you looking for the remote and touch something weird (a kitten) between the cushions.
  
- Kitten hung up in a coat hanger: "Human: I request your assistance."
  
- Lion King picture: The birth of King Mufasa and Queen Sarabi's son Simba creates envy and resentment in Mufasa's younger brother, Scar, who knows his nephew now replaces him as heir to the throne.
- After Simba has grown into a young cub, Mufasa gives him a tour of the Pride Lands, teaching him the responsibilities of being a king – meaning serving others and not just being served.
- Later that day, Scar tricks Simba and his best friend Nala into exploring a forbidden area.
- This reflects the two types of kingdoms we're going to look at.

## Two kingdoms:

- The Bible explains the two different types of kingdoms

### God's Kingdom – His qualities:

#### **Exodus 5:11 (Amplified Version), O Lord, who is like you among the gods?**

- God is supreme.

**Deut. 10:17, For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe.**

God is honorable.

#### **Psalm 10:16, The Lord is king forever and ever.**

**Isaiah 37:16, “O Lord of hosts, God of Israel, enthroned above the cherubim, you are the God, you alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; you have made heaven and earth.**

- The Lord God is not only King forever but Creator of the universe.

**John 14:30, (Jesus) “I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me.”**

- Jesus tells us that presently, there is another ruler on this earth.

### Satan's kingdom:

**Luke 4:5, And the devil took him (Jesus) up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, 6) and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will.”**

- Satan told Jesus the same thing he told Adam and Eve – “Go my way instead of going God's way – it's better.”

**John 12:31, Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out.**

**John 16:8, And when he (Holy Spirit) comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment ... 11) concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.**

- The ruler of this world – Satan has already been judged guilty.

**1 John 5:19, We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.**

### Compare and Contrast Characteristics:

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### Love & Mercy:

**Deut. 23:5, However, the Lord your God would not listen to Balaam but turned the curse into a blessing for you, because the Lord your God loves you.**

- God has always shown His love for humanity, but this is the first verse that states God's love for humanity.

**2 Chronicles 20:21, When Jehoshaphat had consulted with the people, he appointed those who sang to the Lord and those who praised Him in their holy (priestly) attire, as they went out before the army and said, "Praise and give thanks to the Lord, for His mercy and lovingkindness endure forever."**

- The enemies of Judah were defeated by God because of the trust the people put in God.

### Love and mercy versus Rebellion:

**2 Peter 2:4, For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment.**

**Jude 1:6 And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their proper dwelling – these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day.**

- Satan wants us to rebel against God like he did.

### Truth:

**Exodus 34:5, Now the Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. 6) And the Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth."**

- God revealed to Moses His true nature.

**John 14:6, Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."**

- Jesus is the truth of God.

#### Truth versus Lies:

**Genesis 3:4, But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die.”**

- Satan lied to humanity right at the beginning.

**John 8:44, “You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”**

- Jesus tells us the truth about the nature of Satan.

#### Generosity:

**2 Samuel 12:8, And I gave you (David) your master's house and your master's wives into your arms and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if this were too little, I would add to you as much more.**

- Even though God blessed David, he wasn't satisfied – he focused on what he didn't have.

**Romans 8:32, He (God the Father) who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?**

- The Father's ultimate gift to humanity was His Son.

**James 1:5, If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.**

- Pray for spiritual things more than just physical things so we can become more like God.

#### Generosity versus Selfishness:

**Act 5:3, But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?”**

- Ananias was very greedy and lied about his offering to the church.

**James 3:16, For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder [unrest, rebellion] and every evil thing and morally degrading practiced.**

- Focusing on the self is the exact opposite of what God is like.

Forgiveness:

**Mark 2:10, (Jesus) But that you may know positively and beyond a doubt that the Son of Man has right and authority and power on earth to forgive sins.**

- The Pharisees challenged Jesus about forgiving sins so easily and quickly.

**John 3:1,7 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.**

- Through Jesus, humanity has been forgiven by God.

**John 8:10, When Jesus raised Himself up, He said to her, Woman, where are your accusers? Has no man condemned you? 11) She answered, No one, Lord! And Jesus said, I do not condemn you either. Go on your way and from now on sin no more.**

- The woman caught in adultery was brought to Jesus in order to trap Him.
- The big question is: where was the man involved in this act?
- Jesus, sensing her sorrow, didn't condemn her, but encouraged her to live a life without sin.

Forgiveness versus Accusations:

**Job 2:3, And the Lord said to Satan, Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who [reverently] fears God and abstains from and shuns all evil [because it is wrong]? And still he holds fast his integrity, although you moved Me against him to destroy him without cause.**

- Satan accuses humanity all the time as he accused Job.

**Rev. 12:10, Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom (dominion, reign) of our God, and the authority of His Christ have come; for the accuser of our [believing] brothers and sisters has been thrown down [at last], he who accuses them and keeps bringing charges [of sinful behavior] against them before our God day and night.**

- God is more than willing to forgive each of us in spite of what Satan says.

Freedom:

**Romans 8:21,...that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.**

- God's way brings freedom.

**Gal. 5:1, It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.**

- Christ has set us free from sin.

**2 Cor. 3:17, Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.**

- We now have the freedom to obey God and to become like Him.

Freedom versus Bondage:

**John 8:34, Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.”**

- Jesus tells it like it really is. Sin really does control us.

**Act 10:38, You know about Jesus from Nazareth. God made him the Messiah by giving him the Holy Spirit and power. Jesus went everywhere doing good for people. He healed those who were ruled by the devil, showing that God was with him.**

**Romans 6:6, For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin.**

- Jesus has freed us from sin, because the power of sin and death died with Him on the cross.

Life:

**John 3:14-16, “Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15) that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.” 16) For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.**

**John 6:40, “For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.”**

- God has given humanity eternal life when we believe in His Son Jesus and accept what He accomplished for us by His death and resurrection.
- Jesus constantly reminds us of God’s great love for us.

Life versus Death:

**Romans 6:23, For the wages of sin is death.**

**Romans 6:16, Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death,**

**James 1:15, Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.**

- Sin does separate us from God, not God from us.
- God’s desire is to relieve us from sin and its terrible affects upon us.

God has won = Life:

**Luke 10:18, And he (Jesus) said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.”**

**Hebrews 3:12, Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil.**

- The victory over sin is God's.
- He is not just hanging on trying to win.
- But this isn't how the world views it.

**Romans 8:2, For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.**

**1 Thess. 5:9, For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**1 John 3:8, Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.**

- These scriptures and others tell us that the “works of the devil have been destroyed” as far as humanity is concerned when we rely on God.

**1 Cor. 15:26, The last enemy to be destroyed is death.**

Conclusion:

- Relax – God is in control.
- Let's focus on our true King and our true Savior and not Satan.
- We need to love people by sharing Jesus Christ with them.

**Closing Prayer**