



## ***“The Clash of Kingdoms”***

Mark 10:17-31 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon  
July 10, 2022

***Introduction*** – *Jesus’ encounter with a rich, young ruler prompts Jesus to talk about the Kingdom of God.*

### ***I. The Clash of Kingdoms.***

- A. The rich young ruler is operating under the world’s “merit” system (having).
- B. Jesus challenges him to give priority to heaven’s “merit” system (giving).
- C. The kingdom of God and the kingdom of the world have their greatest clash over the issue of money.
- D. It’s not really a clash of things. It is a clash of kings.
- E. The first distinction of the two kingdoms involves who I am ultimately loving and serving – God or me?
  - 1. The world’s values focus on self-advancement.
  - 2. God’s values focus on self-denial.
- F. Jesus then teaches a second distinction between the two kingdoms.
  - 1. The world’s kingdom is focused on self-reliance.
  - 2. God’s kingdom is dependent on what God does on our behalf.

- G. This highlights a third distinction between the two kingdoms.
  - 1. The world’s kingdom operates on “sight.” Riches now.
  - 2. God’s kingdom operates on faith. “Treasure in heaven.”

### ***II. The Balance Sheet of Heaven.***

- A. A fourth principle of God’s kingdom – God is a rewarder of those who seek Him and a debtor to no one.
- B. Jesus’ promise to those who believe in Him and follow Him. - - -
  - 1. They will receive 100 times as much in this life. . . .
    - a. Houses
    - b. Brothers and sisters
    - c. Mothers and children
    - d. Farms
    - e. Persecutions
  - 2. What does that mean?
  - 3. “and in the age to come . . . “
  - 4. “eternal life.”
- C. The final promise and principle of God’s Kingdom –(Mark 10:31)

### ***Conclusion***