

The Kingdom of God in the Holy Scripture and its Christologic, Soteriologic and Eschatologic Dimension

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Abstract

The theme of the Kingdom of Heaven in the eschatology of the Lord first highlights the worship of Jesus Christ as King and Lord and then allows a greater understanding of our mission of this earth, as members of this Kingdom, on our way to eternal life. We are dealing here with a close association between what the Old Testament spoke about the kingdom of God, the Messiah as King of the new Kingdom, about His Church and about our exaltation in the eternal Kingdom of God.

The Kingdom of God is, in the preaching of Lord, a central theme of His teaching recognized by all Saint Evangelists. Talking about it is particularly important, as we see from St. Mark the Evangelist, who uses this phrase thirteen times, and the Saint Evangelists Matthew and Luke use it twenty seven times. In speeches of the Saviour recorded by St. Matthew and those of St. Luke we encounter again this expression for another twelve times. Then St. John the Evangelist also uses this formula only twice. The Holy Evangelists refers many times to the Kingdom of God by the abbreviated formula "*The Kingdom*". Those statements assure us that the Saviour founded the Kingdom of Heaven, the other elements of His sermon being closely related to it or even subordinated to it.