# The Kingdom of God—the Realm of the Divine Life and of the Divine Species

## Monday 4/21

### **John 3:3**

**3** Jesus answered and said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

### John 11:25

25 Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes into Me, even if he should die, shall live;

#### John 14:6

**6** Jesus said to him, I am the way and the reality and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.

#### John 15:26

**26** But when the Comforter comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of reality, who proceeds from the Father, He will testify concerning Me;

## Matt. 16:24-26

**24** Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

25 For whoever wants to save his soul-life shall lose it; but whoever loses his soul-life for My sake shall find it.

**26** For what shall a man be profited if he gains the whole world, but forfeits his soul-life? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soullife?

## Luke 9:24-25

24 For whoever wants to save his soul-life shall lose it; but whoever loses his soul-life for My sake, this one shall save it.

25 For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world but loses or forfeits himself?

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Living in the Reality of the Kingdom of God – Week 1, Day 1* 

## Tuesday 4/22

## John 3:5-6

5 Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he

cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

**6** That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

#### 1 John 5:11-12

11 And this is the testimony, that God gave to us eternal life and this life is in His Son.

**12** He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

#### 1 Thes. 5:23

23 And the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly, and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### 2 Thes. 3:16

**16** Now the Lord of peace Himself give you peace continually in every way. The Lord be with you all.

#### Isa. 30:15

15 For thus says the Lord Jehovah, the Holy One of Israel, In returning and rest you will be saved; In quietness and in trust will be your strength; But you were not willing,

#### Isa. 32:17

17 And the work of righteousness will be peace, And the result of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Living in the Reality of the Kingdom of God – Week 1, Day 2* 

## Wednesday 4/23

## Rom. 8:2, 6

2 For the law of the Spirit of life has freed me in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and of death.

**6** For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.

## Rom. 5:1-2, 17

1 Therefore having been justified out of faith, we have peace toward God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Through whom also we have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand and boast because of the hope of the glory of God.

17 For if by the offense of the one death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of

righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

#### Rom. 8:10-11

**10** But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of righteousness.

11 And if the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.

#### Phil. 2:13

**13** For it is God who operates in you both the willing and the working for His good pleasure.

#### Isa. 26:3

**3** You will keep the steadfast of mind In perfect peace Because he trusts in You.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Living in the Reality of the Kingdom of God – Week 1, Day 3* 

## Thursday 4/24

### **Luke 1:79**

79 To shine upon those sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

## Eph. 4:18-19

18 Being darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance which is in them, because of the hardness of their heart;

19 Who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lasciviousness to work all uncleanness in greediness.

## Gen. 2:9, 16-17

**9** And out of the ground Jehovah God caused to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, as well as the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

**16** And Jehovah God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden you may eat freely,

17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, of it you shall not eat; for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.

#### 2 Cor. 11:2-3

**2** For I am jealous over you with a jealousy of God; for I betrothed you to one husband to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.

3 But I fear lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your thoughts would be corrupted from the simplicity and the purity toward Christ.

#### John 14:27

27 Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

#### John 16:33

33 These things I have spoken to you that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have affliction, but take courage; I have overcome the world.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Living in the Reality of the Kingdom of God – Week 1, Day 4* 

## Friday 4/25

#### Col. 3:4

4 When Christ our life is manifested, then you also will be manifested with Him in glory.

## Col. 2:19

19 And not holding the Head, out from whom all the Body, being richly supplied and knit together by means of the joints and sinews, grows with the growth of God.

### John 15:4-5

4 Abide in Me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.

### 1 Cor. 12:26-27

**26** And whether one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or one member is glorified, all the members rejoice with it.

27 Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.

#### Rev. 22:2

2 And on this side and on that side of the river was the tree of life, producing twelve fruits,

yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Living in the Reality of the Kingdom of God – Week 1, Day 5* 

## Saturday 4/26

#### John 1:12-13

12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to become children of God, to those who believe into His name,

13 Who were begotten not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

#### 2 Pet. 1:4

4 Through which He has granted to us precious and exceedingly great promises that through these you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption which is in the world by lust.

#### John 15:1-2, 6-11

1 I am the true vine, and My Father is the husbandman.

2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes it away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it that it may bear more fruit.

**6** If one does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is dried up; and they gather them and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

7 If you abide in Me and My words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you.

**8** In this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and so you will become My disciples.

**9** As the Father has loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.

**10** If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

11 These things I have spoken to you that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be made full.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Living in the Reality of the Kingdom of God – Week 1, Day 6* 

## Lord's Day 4/27

## Mark 1:1-5, 9-11, 14-15

1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the

Son of God,

**2** Even as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your way,

**3** A voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight His paths."

4 John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for forgiveness of sins.

**5** And all the region of Judea went out to him, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the Jordan River, as they confessed their sins.

**9** And in those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John.

10 And immediately, coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens being parted and the Spirit as a dove descending upon Him.

11 And a voice came out of the heavens: You are My Son, the Beloved; in You I have found My delight.

**14** And after John was delivered up, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God,

**15** And saying, The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God has drawn near. Repent and believe in the gospel.

**Hymn:** #739

## **Further Reading:** *The Kingdom, ch.* 6

Churchwide Truth Pursuit of Genesis
Level 1—Sequential Life-study Reading
Scripture Reading and Copying: Gen. 11:1-9
Assigned Reading: Life-study of Genesis, msg(s).
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## **Level 2—Topical Study**

Crucial Point: God's Command Concerning Eating

**Scripture:** *Gen.* 2:16-17

**Assigned Reading**: Life-study of Genesis, msgs. 11 17

*11, 17* Supple

Supplemental Reading: The Tree of Life, ch. 1; The Tree of Life, ch. 14; The Divine Economy, ch. 5; Enjoying the Riches of Christ for the Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ, ch. 6; Revelation in Genesis: Seeing God's Desire and Purpose in Creation, ch. 6

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