

# The King's Speech

by Andy Baker

Being God's Son, that is, God's chosen King, Jesus made many speeches to help people know what the kingdom of heaven would be like (Matt. 3:17; Ps. 2:7; Heb. 1:5). Matthew in particular details these speeches to help his Jewish audience know about the King and His kingdom. Each speech section ends with: "When He finished these sayings..." (Matt. 7:28; 11:1; 13:53; 19:1; 26:1). Notice characteristics of what Jesus emphasized about the kingdom of heaven:

The King's Speech #1 – Matthew 5-7: Righteousness in the Kingdom. The Sermon on the Mount begins with a blessed character of heart that is molded and shaped by God's will, and the sermon ends with a warning to always hear and do God's will (Matt. 5:1-12; 7:21-27). This type of righteousness stands in stark contrast to the righteousness of the Pharisees as detailed through the main body of this sermon (Matt. 5:20-7:20). Jesus wants His kingdom to know that true righteousness does not consist in an outward show, but rather that right actions will proceed from an obedient, submissive heart to God's will.

The King's Speech #2 – Matthew 10: Preaching about the Kingdom. The main thrust of this lesson is for those (specifically the apostles) who are preaching the good news of the kingdom (Matt. 10:6-8). Jesus very clearly identifies that the preaching of the kingdom will bring persecution, pain, and hardship to those who preach. However, Jesus shows that a steadfast reliance on God, His care, and His promised reward should always be the focus of those who preach (Matt. 10:9-10, 18-19, 28, 39, 42).

The King's Speech #3 – Matthew 13:1-53 – Growth of the Kingdom. The great parables chapter of the Bible is devoted to describing what the kingdom consists of and the growth it undergoes. From something very small, such as a seed, a mustard seed, leaven, or a speck of sand, the kingdom's growth potential is massive. Despite hearts that are not what they ought to be, a ruthless enemy, or difficulty in finding the kingdom, Jesus assures His followers that the kingdom of heaven will grow as it ought if the Word of God is only sown.

The King's Speech #4 – Matthew 18 – Relationships in the Kingdom. Jesus uses this speech section to focus particularly upon the "little ones" of the kingdom (18:3-4, 5-6, 10, 14). The stress is upon the humility of a little child. The King emphasizes that there should be concern for causing someone else to stumble (18:4-10). There should be concern for a brother or sister who has lost their way (18:11-14). There should be concern for right relationships with each other (18:15-20). Forgiveness, compassion, and patience should always be exercised with our brethren (18:21-35).



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8/24/25

## Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshiping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

## Those to Serve

### Today

**Announcements-** Wayne Fowler      **Opening prayer-** Travis Rogers  
**Communion-** Lyle Russell      **Closing Prayer-** Rick Cook  
**Sermon-** Don DeLukie

### Next Sunday

**Announcements-** John Chisley      **Opening prayer-** David Reppond  
**Communion-** Wayne Fowler      **Closing Prayer-** Gary Harris  
**Sermon-** Don DeLukie

## Announcements

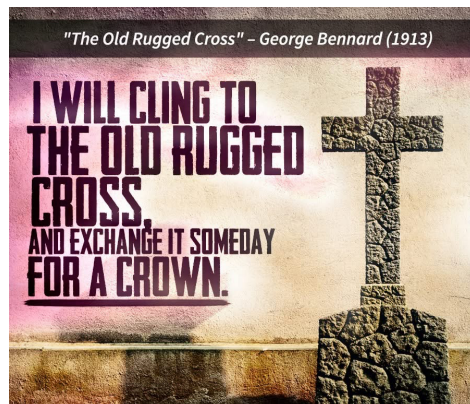
— **Check the bulletin board in the foyer for local events and Gospel Meetings happening in our area.**

— **Question & Answer Series:** Our next Question & Answer Series will be when enough questions are collected. Give your questions to Don.

— **Children's Home Collection:** Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.



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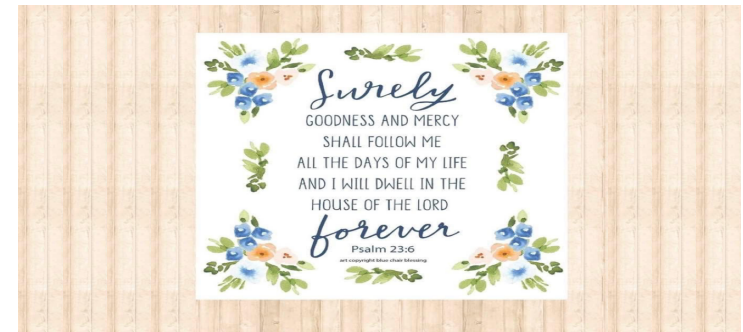
## Please Pray For:

Eli Whipple, Kadee Jo Acosta, Diane Alexander, Phillip, EVELDA & Melissa Simmons, Rhonda Rogers, Billy Granger, Mary Wyatt, Lynn Urban, Debbie Grice, Carolyn Jones, Samuel Costello, Mary Taylor, Luella & Kendle Jacobs, Pam Few, Chuck & Shannon Boyer.

**Bereaved:** Family of Gracie Aaron, Martha Hodge, Virginia Chisley.

## Needing Long-Term Prayers:

Debbie Walker, Carey Day, Leo & Shirley Goodwin, Tommy Franklin, Arthur Binford, Dan Ross Jr, Dena White, Larry & Joanne Randolph, Bettye Flowers, Dave & Linda Garriss, Sharon White-Ross, Bobby Barker, Cindy Smith, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.



### August Birthdays

2 - Larry Silmon  
3 - Branson Wells  
4 - Brenda Fricke  
6 - Sandy Van Loon  
8 - Kaylen Hill  
8 - Mandy Magee  
8 - Travis Rodgers  
20 - Leo Goodwin  
26 - Brandon Rogers  
30 - David Garriss

### August Anniversaries

3 - Paul & Wanda Simpson  
13 - Jerry & Joyce McDonald

