

KINGDOM CULTURE

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I. Kingdom of Heaven or Kingdom Culture!

- A. **Kingdom of Heaven** - *Not just geographical place* - The foundational, principal components of heaven; the system or culture of heaven
1. **Culture** - *Webster* - The set of attitudes, values, goals, and practices of a society, or organization.
 - a) **Kingdom Culture** - The set of attitudes, values, goals and practices of the KINGDOM of Heaven.
 2. We are to model our attitudes, values, goals and practices according to those of heaven or the culture of heaven not the popular culture of society.

II. Matthew 13:24-30 - 7 parables about the Kingdom of Heaven

- A. **V24** - System of heaven is like sowing seed
1. **Sowed** - *spěirō* - To scatter or sow seed for future growth
 - a) **Galatians 6:7-9 (NKJV)** 7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. 9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.
 - (1) **Lose heart** — *ěkluō* - To relax; lose motivation to accomplish a goal; become discouraged or give up
 - b) **Sowing and reaping a harvest requires:**
 - (1) **Intentionality** - Does not happen by accident
 - (2) **Perseverance** - We cannot lose heart
- B. **V37** - Good seed comes from the Son of Man
1. **James 1:17 (NKJV)** 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.
- C. **V25** - While men slept, his enemy came...
1. **Slept** - *kathěudō* - Opposite of alert or awake
 2. **Proverbs 24:33-34 (NKJV)** 33 A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to rest; 34 So shall your poverty come like a prowler, And your need like an armed man.
 3. **1 Thessalonians 5:6 (NKJV)** 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober.
