

TAKE ME TO THE KING

Every person has access to the throne room of the King daily.

KEY POINTS

- ❖ A king is a male ruler or monarch of a country or territory who holds the position usually because of his royal birth. According to Baker's Evangelical dictionary, the terms "king" and "kingship" are common biblical words, occurring 2500 times in the Old Testament and 275 times in the New. The terms are not only applied to human rulers but also to God.
- ❖ Abraham was told that "kings" would rise among his descendants (Genesis 17:6). Jacob said that royalty would arise from the tribe of Judah (Gen. 49:10).
- ❖ The Lord knew that the Israelites would ask for a king to rule over them like other nations. Moses mentioned it in Deuteronomy 17:14-20 and gave guidelines for that eventuality.
- ❖ Saul, David and Solomon were the first three kings of the United Kingdom or monarchy of Israel (both Israel and Judah before they were divided).
- ❖ They were expected to observe God's covenant and laws; defend the nation, engaging in offensive war when necessary; and to rule the people with justice and righteousness. God even gave them prophets during the reigns of these kings, who reminded the Israelites of the covenant He made with them and encouraged them to follow after Him.
- ❖ These kings were not the ultimate authority. God's covenant was the authority they needed to live by.
- ❖ The people saw these kings as God's agents or representatives and were expected to respect the office of the king.
- ❖ These kings, at the end of the day, were human beings, and their faithfulness to God was inconsistent. King Saul usurped God's authority and was disobedient to His will. King David committed adultery and caused a man to be murdered to cover up his sin.
- ❖ Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, was so caught up with his many wives and concubines and their gods, that he committed idolatry and sinned against God.
- ❖ People usually go to kings when there is a need or when they are called. It was against the law to go before the king if you were not summoned. Such a step could lead to death.
- ❖ This was something Esther knew when she made her request to see the king. But it had to be done because she knew the life of the Jews rested in her hands.
- ❖ After much preparation Esther went before the king who, not only did not kill her, but also granted her request.
- ❖ Two single mothers came before King Solomon fighting over a living child. They didn't think anyone else could help them but the king.
- ❖ The Queen of Sheba came to visit Solomon—not because she was invited, but because she wanted to see if what she had heard about him was true.

KEY SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 17:14-20

- ❖ Some kings lack wisdom and compassion, like Rehoboam, who made an unwise decision that led to the splitting of the kingdom. So, kings can be merciful or they can be inconsiderate.
- ❖ The kings of this world desire worship. Even people who do not come from royalty want you to worship them. Nebuchadnezzar erected a golden image and then made a decree for everyone to bow down to this image.
- ❖ Not everyone under his authority acknowledged him as the ultimate King (see Daniel 3:16-18), and Nebuchadnezzar soon realized there was a higher authority than himself.
- ❖ When we come before our King, the God of heaven, the Lord Almighty, He must be worshipped. There may be many kings and lords in this world, but our God is the King Supreme and the Glorious King.
- ❖ As mentioned before, people go to the king because they have a need. People may bind together and sign petitions to get the attention of the king or those in authority.
- ❖ We can bring our needs before our Lord and Saviour—our King—because we know that He hears us. We do not need to be timid or afraid. He said we should come boldly before His throne of grace and find mercy to help in times of need (Hebrews 4:16).
- ❖ If anyone needs Him today, they can come before the King who forgives sinners, delivers captives, provides salvation and heals the sick.
- ❖ When we're before our King, we need to offer our worship, present our needs and listen to His direction and guidance for our lives.
- ❖ We have access to His throne room, so we can boldly say, "Take me to the King."

DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. Discuss the following:
 - If there is a set time (or times) in your day that you come before the King and the reason for choosing those times
 - If you have a special place that you go to for this set time and, if so, what are the qualities that make this place a good spot
2. Are there any particular preparations you make before coming into the presence of the King and, if so, what are they? (Eg. Reading a particular scripture, washing your hands, etc.)
3. We are in the presence of the King. Bring an offering (yourself) and worship Him!

Prayer Time

"King of my life, I crown Thee now, Thine shall the glory" and the kingdom and the power be.

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NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week's message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

✓ (Reminds me/Confirms) 💡 (New idea) 🧠 (Think about)

👤 (Do this) ❤️ (Speaks to my heart) ↔️ (Must share)

PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

Go deeper with your Life Group family.
CONNECT-REFLECT-DISSECT THE
WORD

Start-up: Prince Harry said to call him "Harry". If you were to meet the Queen, would you call her "Elizabeth" or even "Lizzy"? Why or why not?