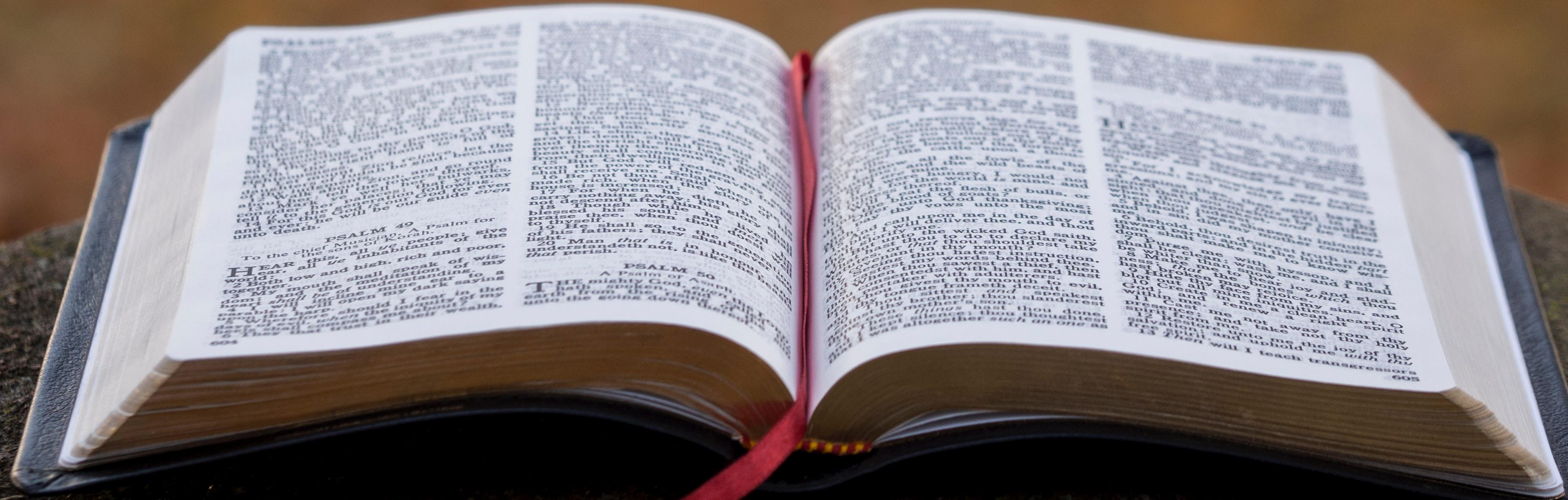


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Lewis Sperry Chafer, "Grace"



The Kingdom of God

- **Soteriological**
 - *Not the same as God's authority over all creation including Satan and demons*
- **Authority**
 - *God*
- **Subjects**
 - *Righteous Humans*
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- **Never by Force**

The Kingdom from the Heavens

- **Governmental**
 - *God's sovereign rule over the kingdoms of men*
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 - *Basest of Men*
 - *Watchers*
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Matthew 3:1-2

1 *In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, 2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

Matthew 4:12-17

12 Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee; **13** And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim: **14** That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, **15** The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; **16** The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up. **17** From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the substance [hypostasis - undergirding substance] of things hoped for, the evidence [elenchos - proof] of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:32-40

32 And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: **33** Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, **34** Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. **35** Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: **36** And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yes, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: **37** They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; **38** (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. **39** And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: **40** God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

Galatians 3:15

Brothers, I speak after the manner of men; Though it be but a man's covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no man disannuls, or adds thereto.

Genesis 15:18-21

18 *On the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying: “To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates -* **19** *the Kenites, the Kenezites, the Kadmonites,* **20** *the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim,* **21** *the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.”*

Daniel 12:2

And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting [olam - eternal] life, and some to shame and everlasting [olam - eternal] contempt.

Hebrews 8:6

But now has he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

Hebrews 8:10

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

Genesis 50:24

And Joseph said to his brethren, “I am dying; but God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land to the land of which He swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

Philippians 3:20-21

20 For our conversation [*politeuma - citizenship, politics*] is in heaven [*ouranos - heavens (plural)*]; from whence also we look [*wait*] for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: **21** Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

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Daniel 4:26

*And whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots;
your kingdom shall be sure unto you, after that you shall have known
that the heavens do rule.*

Galatians 1:4

Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil [poneris - malignantly evil] world [aion - age], according to the will of God and our Father:

1 Corinthians 2:11

For what man knows the things of a man, save the spirit of the man which is in him? even so the things of God knows no man, but the Spirit of [from] God.

Matthew 23:13-14

13 *But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for you neither go in yourselves, neither suffer you them that are entering to go in. 14 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore you shall receive the greater damnation.*

Isaiah 66:1-2

1 *Thus says the LORD: “Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest? 2 For all those things My hand has made, And all those things exist,” Says the LORD. “But on this one will I look: On him who is of a poor and contrite spirit, And who trembles at My word.*

Daniel 7:27

Then the kingdom and dominion, And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And all dominions shall serve and obey Him.'

Daniel 2:35

Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

Daniel 2:44-45

44 *And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. 45* *Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.”*

A bronze statue of a muscular man with a lion's head, wearing a pleated skirt and a crown, standing with arms crossed. The statue is made of a dark, patinated metal, possibly bronze or black patina. The figure is highly muscular, with a broad chest and a very defined, segmented abdomen. He wears a short, pleated skirt or kilt. His arms are crossed over his chest. He wears a tall, ornate crown or headdress with a central face-like motif and a band with circular patterns. The statue is set against a plain white background.

THE CHURCH

THE DISPENSATION OF GRACE

TITUS A.D. 70
TEMPLE DESTROYED



DANIEL 12:11-12

BATTLE OF MEGIDDO

THE RAPTURE

FEET

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MATTHEW 24:4-22
REVELATION 7:14

3 1/2 YEARS 3 1/2 YEARS

TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE
DANIEL 9:27
THE TRIBULATION
ONE WEEK = 7 YEARS

CHRIST'S SECOND COMING •
ROMANS 8:17-22
ACTS 1:11
ZECHARIAH 14:3-4
REVELATION 16:14-16
REVELATION 19:11-16

**MILLENNIAL
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THE DISPENSATION OF THE
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SHEEP AND GOAT JUDGEMENT
MATTHEW 25:31-46

LAKE OF FIRE
REVELATION 20:10

SATAN BOUND A 1,000 YEARS
REVELATION 20:1-3

ISRAEL HEAD OF ALL NATIONS
ISAIAH 60:1-12; 2:1-4

Acts 1:3-8

3 To whom also he showed himself alive after his passion [suffering] by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: 4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of [from] the Father, which, said he, you have heard of me. 5 For John truly baptized with water; but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days hence. 6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, will you at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? 7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father has put in his own power. 8 But you shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and you shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

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Isaiah 32:10-13

10 *In a year and some days You will be troubled, you complacent women; For the vintage will fail, The gathering will not come. **11** Tremble, you women who are at ease; Be troubled, you complacent ones; Strip yourselves, make yourselves bare, And gird sackcloth on your waists. **12** People shall mourn upon their breasts For the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine. **13** On the land of my people will come up thorns and briers, Yes, on all the happy homes in the joyous city;*

Matthew 9:14-15

14 *Then came to him the disciples of John, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples fast not? **15** And Jesus said unto them, Can the children [huios - sons] of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast.*

Zechariah 12:10

“And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.”

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Romans 1:2

1 *“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, 3 To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.” 4 And they shall rebuild the old ruins, They shall raise up the former desolations, And they shall repair the ruined cities, The desolations of many generations. 5 Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, And the sons of the foreigner Shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers. 6 But you shall be named the priests of the Lord, They shall call you the servants of our God. You shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, And in their glory you shall boast.*

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James 4:8-9

*8 Draw nigh **[near]** to God, and he will draw nigh **[near]** to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double minded **[dipsychos - double- souled; split-souled]**. 9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy] to heaviness.*

Romans 14:17-18

17 *For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in **[by]** the Holy Spirit. **18** For he that in these things serves Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men.*

John 16:20

Verily, verily, I say unto you, That you shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and you shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy.

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