



THE KING & HIS KINGDOM

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Our King Who Conquers Evil

Matthew 12:22–32

We have a King who boldly confronts evil so that we might live in His light.

If Christ has exposed the darkness of sin in this world,
why keep the lights dim?

If Christ's Kingdom is advancing,
why are you content to sit on the sidelines?

Matthew 12

22 Then a demon-possessed man
who was blind and unable to speak was brought to him.
He healed him, so that the man could both speak and see.

23 All the crowds were astounded and said,
“Could this be the Son of David?”

24 When the Pharisees heard this, they said,
“This man drives out demons only by Beelzebul, the ruler of
the demons.”

Isaiah 5:20

*“Woe to those who call evil good and good evil,
who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness,
who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.”*

A mighty fortress is our God
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe
does seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Matthew 12

25 Knowing their thoughts, he told them,

“Every kingdom divided against itself is headed
for destruction,

and no city or house divided against itself will stand.

26 If Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against himself.

How then will his kingdom stand?

Matthew 12

27 And if I drive out demons by Beelzebul,
by whom do your sons drive them out?

For this reason they will be your judges.

28 If I drive out demons by the Spirit of God,
then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

Matthew 12

- 29 How can someone enter a strong man's house
and steal his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man?
Then he can plunder his house.
- 30 Anyone who is not with me is against me,
and anyone who does not gather with me scatters.

Colossians 2:15

“He disarmed the rulers and authorities
and disgraced them publicly;
he triumphed over them in him.”

And though this world, with devils filled
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed
his truth to triumph through us.

The prince of darkness grim
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure
for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

Matthew 12

31 Therefore, I tell you, people will be forgiven every sin and blasphemy,

but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven.

32 Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him;

but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the one to come.

Isaiah 63:10

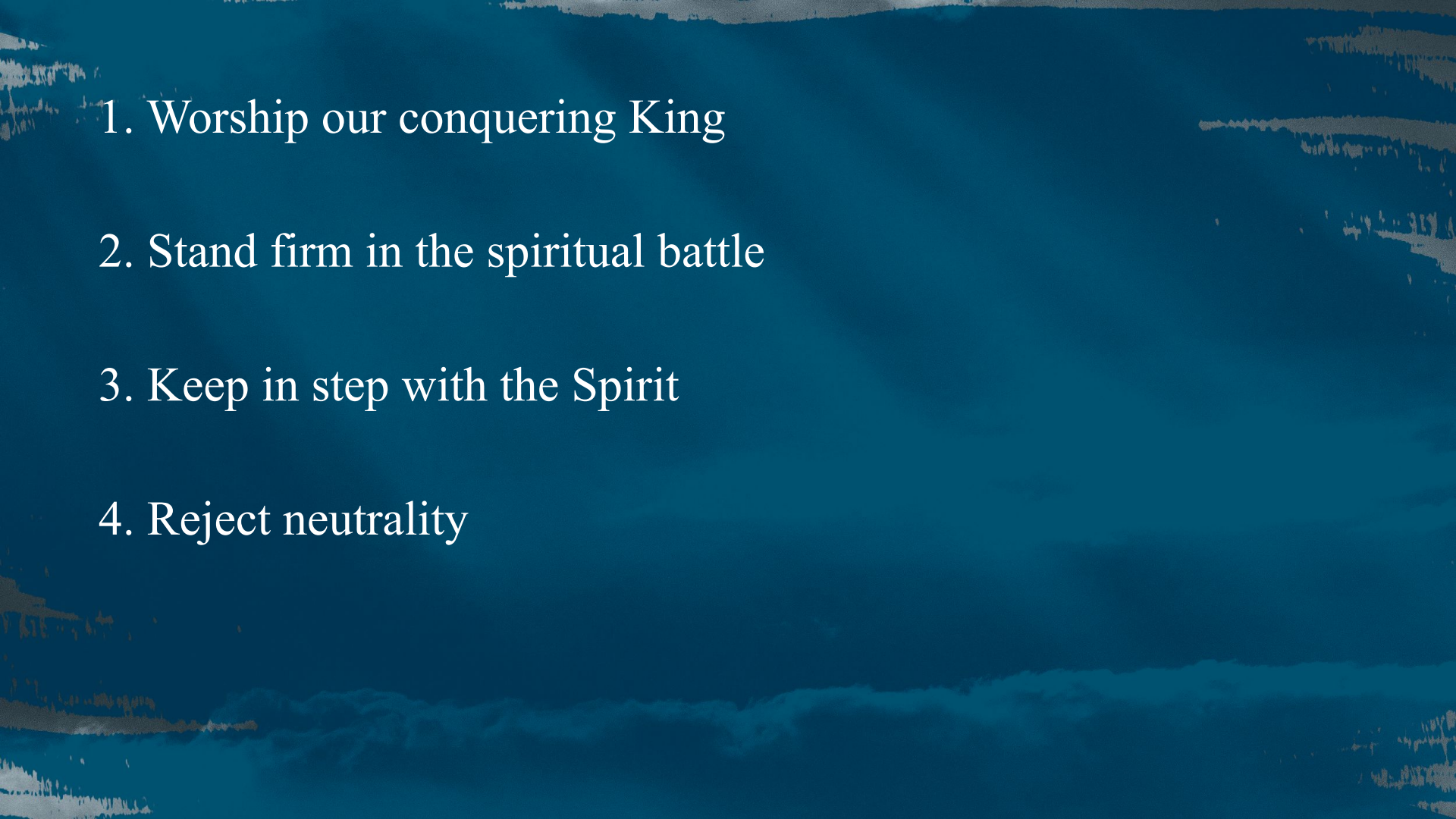
“But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit;
so he became their enemy and fought against them.”

Hebrews 10:29

“How much worse punishment do you think one will deserve who has trampled on the Son of God, who has regarded as profane the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace?”

That Word above all earthly powers
no thanks to them abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever!

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1. Worship our conquering King
 2. Stand firm in the spiritual battle
 3. Keep in step with the Spirit
 4. Reject neutrality