Bless the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us take time to reflect on Scripture together.

Is Jesus truly the King in your life? If your attitude fits any of the following descriptions, then He is not yet your King, no matter how much you may claim otherwise.

If you seek Jesus primarily for your own physical or material benefits—such as wealth, a spouse, children, fame, or any other earthly gain—then understand this: He is not truly your King. It doesn’t matter if you publicly declare Him as your King; if He does not truly reign in your heart, He isn’t.

Where do we see this in Scripture? Let’s consider a well-known passage that reveals His heart.

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand and Avoids Being Made King

John 6:10-15 (NIV)
“Jesus said, ‘Have the people sit down.’ There was plenty of grass in that place, so the men sat down—about five thousand in all. Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. When they had all had enough to eat, He said to His disciples, ‘Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.’ So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. After the people saw the sign Jesus had performed, they said, ‘Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.’ Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make Him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by Himself.”

This passage is very telling. Even after performing a miraculous sign, Jesus avoids becoming a political or earthly king. The people wanted to crown Him king because they expected Him to deliver them from their physical problems, build a political kingdom, and provide material prosperity. But Jesus deliberately withdrew.

Jesus’ Kingdom is Not of This World

John 18:33-36 (NIV)
“Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus, and asked Him, ‘Are You the King of the Jews?’ ‘Is that your own idea,’ Jesus asked, ‘or did others tell you about Me?’ ‘Am I a Jew?’ Pilate replied. ‘Your own people and chief priests handed You over to me. What is it You have done?’ Jesus said, ‘My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, My servants would fight to prevent My arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now My kingdom is from another place.'”

Jesus makes it clear: His kingdom is not an earthly one. It is a spiritual kingdom, heavenly and eternal. If His kingdom were worldly, His followers would fight for Him, but instead, He willingly submits to the cross.

The Danger of Seeking Earthly Benefits

Later, the crowd tries to find Jesus again, not because they truly want Him, but because of the miracles and benefits He provided.

John 6:24-27 (NIV)

“Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor His disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed the lake to Capernaum in search of Jesus. When they found Him on the other side, they asked, ‘Rabbi, when did You get here?’ Jesus answered, ‘Very truly I tell you, you are looking for Me, not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on Him God the Father has placed His seal of approval.'”

Jesus challenges the crowd—and us—not to seek Him for temporary, perishable things but for eternal life.

Jesus Christ is Unchanging

Hebrews 13:8-9 (NIV)
“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace, not by eating ceremonial foods, which is of no benefit to those who do so.”

Jesus’ nature and character do not change. He is the same loving King who invites us to surrender fully to Him, not just to seek His blessings.

What Does It Mean to Truly Have Jesus as King?

If Jesus fled those who wanted to make Him an earthly king, He will also flee those who approach Him for selfish reasons. If He will deny those who perform miracles in His name but whose hearts are far from Him, how much more will He deny those who ignore His lordship despite the blessings they receive?

Receiving Jesus as King means:

- Repenting sincerely of sin

- Abandoning sinful habits and worldly attachments

- Surrendering every part of life—mind, body, possessions—to His reign

This means practical steps: If you struggled with addiction, leave those environments. If you lived in sin, turn from it fully. Remove worldly distractions that hinder your walk with God.

The Invitation to New Life

If you have not yet received Jesus as Lord, know the door of grace is still open—but not forever.

Now is the time to believe in your heart, confess with your mouth, and commit fully to following Him.

After repentance and baptism by full immersion in Jesus’ name, God promises to fill you with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38), who will guide you into truth and empower you to live victoriously.

Final Blessing

May the Lord richly bless you as you choose to follow Him with your whole heart.

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