

Luke 22:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me;

Analysis

I appoint unto you a kingdom (διατίθεμαι ὑμῖν βασιλείαν, diatithemai hymiin basileian)—The verb diatithemai means to covenant, to assign by legal arrangement. This is covenantal language: Jesus bequeaths kingdom authority to His disciples as the Father bequeathed it to Him. **As my Father hath appointed unto me** (καθὼς διέθετό μοι ὁ πατήρ, kathos dietheto moi ho pater)—The Father's covenant with the Son now extends through the Son to His people.

This kingdom appointment comes immediately after teaching on servant leadership—reward follows suffering, glory follows humility, reigning follows serving. The disciples would indeed exercise authority, but only after learning Christ's way of the cross. The kingdom is both gift (appointed by grace) and inheritance (received through persevering faith).

Historical Context

Jewish expectations of Messiah's kingdom were primarily political and nationalistic—overthrowing Rome, restoring Israel's sovereignty. Jesus redefines the kingdom in spiritual and eschatological terms: it begins in suffering servanthood and culminates in future glory. The covenant structure echoes God's promises to Abraham and David, now fulfilled and extended through Christ to all believers.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does understanding your Christian calling as a covenantal appointment from Christ affect your sense of purpose and security?
2. What is the relationship between present servanthood and future kingdom authority in your spiritual growth?
3. In what ways do you struggle to reconcile Jesus's promises of future glory with His call to present suffering and service?

Interlinear Text

κάγὼ διέθετό ὑμῖν καθὼς διέθετό μοι ὁ πατήρ
And I appoint unto you as appoint unto me G3588 Father
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μου βασιλείαν
my a kingdom
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Additional Cross-References

Matthew 25:34 (Kingdom): Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

2 Timothy 2:12 (Kingdom): If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

James 2:5 (Kingdom): Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?

Matthew 28:18 (Parallel theme): And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Matthew 24:47 (Parallel theme): Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

Luke 12:32 (Kingdom): Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Luke 19:17 (Parallel theme): And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities.

1 Corinthians 9:25 (Parallel theme): And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

1 Peter 5:4 (Parallel theme): And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

2 Corinthians 1:7 (Parallel theme): And our hope of you is stedfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation.