

# How The Bible Was Put Together and Why It Is (Still) Our Book

[Week 12]

- Opening Scriptures:
  - **Matthew 19:16-24** (*esp. 21; 23 & 24*)
- THIS WEEK'S Focus:  
**Kingdom of GOD & Kingdom of Heaven**
  - The phrase "kingdom of God" occurs 68 times in 10 different New Testament books, while "kingdom of heaven" occurs only 32 times, and only in the Gospel of Matthew.
    - ✓ Contemporary Variations:
      - Kin(g)dom of GOD
      - Realm & Reign of Christ
      - Kingdom of Light (*also seen in non-canonical, ancient texts*)
- **COMPARE:**  
**Matthew 11:11-12 with Luke 7:28; Matthew 13:11 with Mark 4:11 and Luke 8:10; Matthew 13:24 with Mark 4:26; Matthew 13:31 with Mark 4:30 and Luke 13:18; Matthew 13:33 with Luke 13:20; Matthew 18:3 with Mark 10:14 and Luke 18:16; and Matthew 22:2 with Luke 13:29.**
- ❖ **Following-up on your questions:** HOW do/should we interpret the scriptures?
  - Each genre accordingly (*REVIEW*)
  - Wesleyan Quadrilateral (*REVIEW*)
- **CONTINUING KEY WORDS:** *Hermeneutic; Semiotics; Transmission; Transliteration (vs. translation &/or paraphrase); Pseudopigrapha; Inspiration; Divine Superintendence; Textual Reliability; Exegesis/Isogesis; Anthropomorphism, Polytheism/Henotheism & Monotheism; Eschaton &/or Parousia; Millennialism/PRE-Millennialism/POST-Millennialism/A-Millennialism; Dispensationalism; Covenant Theology*

**NEXT SESSION (?): Symbolism & Apocalyptic Literature**