# BIBLE DISCOURSE

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## Topic: THE CHILDREN OF THE KINGDOM AND CHILDREN OF THIS WORLD (Part1)

## Text: Matt. 8:12; 13:38; Lk.16.8

## Expectedly, today's Christianity is saddled with too many problems because of the last day’s increase of iniquity (Matt.24:12; 2Tim.3:1-5). Nowadays, every person that belongs to some congregation where the names of God and Christ are mentioned claims to be a Christian. However, it’s not everyone that is found in some church organizations that is a Christian or a member of the kingdom of God. In fact, there are whole congregations that have no children of God among them. Furthermore, many are called apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, reverends, men of God, etc. who are not children of God, not to talk of being apostles, prophets, evangelists, etc.

The purpose of this series of Bible Discourse on the above subject matter, among others, is to:-

* Expose the presumptions or impersonations that have filled today's Christendom
* Define who the children of the kingdom are, thereby helping those who come to the visible church determine where they belong or who they are
* Aid those who do not belong to the kingdom of God (though they are in some church organization to enter the kingdom
* Open the eyes of understanding of the children of the kingdom, through the key of the word of God to their great privileges (cp. Eph.1:17-19)
* Show those who may remain children of this world till death, the eternal consequence for doing so

### THE CHILDREN OF THE KINGDOM DEFINED.

The children of the kingdom of God simply refers to people who belong to, or are members of the unseen kingdom of God, though they are yet in this world. This means that they are citizens of the kingdom of God above, yet living in the world (cp. Heb.11:9-10, 13-16; 12:22-24; Phil.3:20).

To illustrate this, let us consider citizens of say, Nigeria, who are living in Canada; though these are residents of Canada, they are nonetheless citizens of Nigeria and could return to Nigeria anytime, to stay permanently.

### THE CHILDREN OF THE KINGDOM: THEIR OTHER TITLES AND THE IMPLICATIONS

Here, we want to consider some of the other titles that have been given to the children of the kingdom and see what those titles depict of those who are so referred.

#### The Children of Light (Lk16:8; Jn.12:36; Eph.5:8; 1 Thess. 5:5)

The children of the kingdom of God are also called the children of light by the Lord and His apostles (see. Lk.16:8; Jn. 12:36; Eph.5:8; 1Thess.5:5). To enable us fully comprehend what this means and what is expected of those called the children of light, let us literally compare the effects of light to those of darkness. In darkness, nothing is recognized; people stumble and fall; people miss their ways, and there is fear in the heart. But in light, the opposite is the case (see. Jn.11:9-10).

From this we see that children of light are those whose lives are ruled by the light of God's word, either in the form of doctrine, reproof, correction, or instruction (see 2Tim.3:16-17; Jn.8:12). Also, they are those whose lifestyles throw light to the people in darkness (see Matt.5:14; Acts 13:47). Besides, *the children of light are those who throw light to the children of darkness by the precepts of the word of God they preach and teach* (cons. Jn5:35; Acts 26:18).

#### The Children of God (Matt. 5:9; Jn. 11:52; Rm.8:16, 21; Gal.3:26; 1Jn.3:10; 5:2)

This is another title for the children of the kingdom. It is one that multitudes claim. Part of their argument for the claim is that God created all things originally (including mankind), so all mankind are children of God.

However, we find that the Bible gives the title, children of God only to the people who have fulfilled some requirements, or have some defined qualities, and not to all people of the world indiscriminately.

In Romans 8:16, the children of God are revealed to be those who have the witness of the indwelling Holy Spirit of God in their hearts; witnessing that they are the sons of God. In 1Jn3:10 and 5:2, it’s shown that the children of God are those who live right, love, and keep God's commandments in all other areas of life (cons. Jas.2:10-11).

So far, we have considered the situation in the church of these last days, the purpose of this teaching, the definition of the title "the children of the kingdom", and the definition and implications of the two other titles that the children of the kingdom have been given. Now, let us go through what follows for further assimilation of the message.

**Question and Answer Session:**

1. Our introduction shows that, more than ever before, Christianity is saddled with a lot of impersonations or assumptions. What does this mean in the context of our study?
2. Give at least ten examples of cases of impersonation or presumption that could be in the church, beginning from the lay members to the workers and to the ministers. What are the effects of these?
3. What is the purpose of these series of teaching/discourse?
4. Who are the children of the kingdom?
5. Having discussed two other titles that the children of the kingdom are given, namely, "the children of light" and "the children of God" (among others), what does the title, the children of light imply? Use other scriptures than those quoted before to support your assertion.
6. Is it possible for one to be in a place where the light of God's word is thrown sufficiently and yet remain a child of darkness (cons Jn.8:24; 12:4-6; 2Tim4:10). If it is possible, then enumerate the causes of such a situation, supporting your views with relevant scriptures.
7. If the children of light are those whose lifestyles are ruled or controlled by God's word and godly counsel, what can you say of those who have the title but have no time for fellowship, for private reading of the word, and for counseling? What Bible-based advice can you give them now?

## Topic: THE CHILDREN OF THE KINGDOM AND CHILDREN OF THIS WORLD (PART 2)

## Texts: Matt.8:12; 13:38; Lk.16:8

Before we progress to this part of the teaching, we must be reminded of *the urgent action that the Lord has bidden us to take, i.e., to develop sufficient interest and faith forthwith in the word of God.*

It is believed that every Watchman Christian wants to partake of those experiences that are included in the package tagged, the ***bright days ahead***”. It is also believed that since the bright days ahead cannot be had, unless we have begun to hallow, delight in, and believe God's word in the Bible, none of us can afford to be sleeping, absent-minded, bodily absent (without serious reason) anymore, while the word is flowing from Watchman pulpits of many colors. Besides, it is believed that we cannot afford anymore to miss reading, meditating, praying, and acting on the word of God every day, thereby developing more and more interest and faith in the word. It is the prayer of the man of God that we all should be partakers of the great and bright days ahead.

Let us come back to this topic - the children of the kingdom of God and the children of this world. We recall that the purpose of the teaching is as follows:-

(i) To expose the presumptions or impersonations that have filled today's Christendom; (ii) to define who the children of the kingdom are, thereby helping those who come to the visible church determine where they belong or who they are; (iii) to aid those who do not belong to the kingdom of God (though they are in some church organization to enter the kingdom; (iv) to open the eyes of understanding of the children of the kingdom, through the key of the word of God to their great privileges (cp. Eph. 1:17-19) (v) to show those who may remain children of this world till death, the eternal consequence for doing so.

So far, we have considered two other titles of the children of the kingdom and their implications. These are (I) the children of light and (II) the children of God. Let us now consider some titles of the children of the kingdom and learn the associated lessons.

#### The Begotten of God (Implied in Heb.1:6; 1Pet. 1:3; 1Jn. 5:1, 18). In the creed titled, "I believe in one God", recited by many in some quarters, there is this assertion made of the Lord Jesus, namely "He was the begotten Son of God, not made”. This means that Jesus Christ was adopted into Sonship by God, not created a Son, as human sons are pro-created by their parents (cons. Ps.2:7; Hos. 11:1; Matt.2:15; 3:17; 17:5; Jn.3:18). It is in this manner that those who qualify to be called the children of the kingdom became the sons of God.

This fact can be illustrated with the following: a man going to the orphanage, adopting a child, and caring for the child as his own biological child; or a man fulfilling some requirements and becoming a citizen of another country that is not his original native country.

It is imperative here that we explain how someone can be a begotten of God. No one is a child of God by birth because of the nature of sin with which everyone was born and the associated/inherent deadness or degeneration of the mind (Ps.51:5; Eph.2:1-3; Rm.3:23). *One becomes a begotten son of God the day one realizes that one needs to make peace with God and goes on to repent and confess one’s sins to God, making Jesus one's personal Lord and Saviour* (Mk.16:15 Acts 2:38; Rm.5:1; Eph.2:13-19; Jn. 1:12). What a great thing to be begotten of God! We shall see the details when we treat the great privileges of the children of the kingdom.

#### **The Born of God (Jn. 1:13; 1Jn.3:9; 4:7; 5:1, 18)**. This is yet another title of the children of the kingdom that implies a lot. To fully understand the meaning of this title, let us consider this remark often used in some cultures, namely, "born of his father". Whenever this remark is made about someone, it means that such a one is a replica of his father, both in character and in physical features. It is in this way that we must understand the title, "born of God". This means that the characteristics or the nature of God, or the seed of God is within and manifested in the person (1Jn.3:9-10). The following are inclusive of the seed of God that is found in and manifested by those who have been born of God: love, faith, humility, kindness, truthfulness, etc. (Gal5:22-23). This nature or seed is usually lodged within the heart of one by the Holy Spirit at the time of regeneration.

#### **QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION**: The introductory part of this teaching referred to the experiences that are included in the package tagged **"the bright days ahead"** for which we were commanded to take urgent action of developing sufficient interest and faith in the word of God. Mention and discuss at least 10 experiences of the bright days ahead which can be the lot of Watchman Christians if they obey the Lord.

1. What does it mean to be begotten of God? Can children who are not reasonable be begotten of God? If they cannot, give your reasons with Biblical proof. What then happens if such children who could not be begotten of God due to lack of perception die? Prove your point with scriptures.
2. Who can be said to have been born of God (Cp. 1Jn.3:6-10)? What can be said of those who purport to be born of God but manifest characters that contradict their claim?
3. At what point was Jesus Christ begotten into the Son-ship of God? (Cons. Ps.2:7, Heb. 1:6). At what point will a man be begotten of God?

## Topic: THE CHILDREN OF THE KINGDOM AND THE CHILDREN OF THIS WORLD (PART 3)

## Texts: Matt. 8:12; 13: 38; Lk.16:8

It is hereby re-iterated that we are in a new dispensation altogether in the history of the Watchman Catholic Charismatic Renewal Movement, an era that will see us practically entering and fulfilling the 3-fold vision of the Ministry or the Lord’s 3 Fold End-Time Project. It is a time that no one can afford to be ignorant in the midst of abundant knowledge or to be knocked down and out, in the midst of great opportunities of knocking out the enemy, or to be in want instead of being in prosperity through the Lord's abundant concern and might, or to be idle while there is a lot to be involved in.

Meantime, it is believed that the much that we have gone through on this subject will have served some of the purposes outlined earlier. Such purposes that would have been served are as follows:-

1. Exposing the presumption or impersonations that fill today's Christianity.
2. Defining who the children of the kingdom are thereby helping those who come to church determine where they belong, or who they are;
3. Aiding those who do not yet belong to the kingdom (though they are in the visible church organization) enter the kingdom.

Right now, those who had not become children of the kingdom of God all this while (though they are in the church), and those who had backslidden from their status as children of the kingdom must have taken advantage of this discourse and recovered themselves. Apart from this, the discourse has thrown some light on the position of unreasonable children in the matter of being children of the kingdom of God.

Let's now progress on this subject and learn more necessary lessons, as we consider some more titles that the children of the kingdom have been given. In due course, we will see the other side of the coin, that is, the children of this world, and then conclude with the great benefits or privileges of the children of the kingdom, contrasted with the eternal reward for those who will remain children of this world till the end of this life.

#### **The Elect of God (Lk.18:7; Rm.6:33; Col.3:12; 1Tim.5:21; 2Tim.2:10; Tit.1:1; 1Pet. 1:2; 5:13; 1Thess. 1:4; 2Pet. 1:10)**.

Before the New Testament dispensation, there were people that had this title. Jesus was the elect of God (Isa.42:1). The good angels also were the elects of God (1 Tim.5:21), as well as the Israelites (Isa.65:9, 22). The title, ***the elect of God*** simply means ***the chosen of God***.

It must be emphasized that God's selection of Jesus Christ or the Israelites is different from God's selection of those who are children of God in the New Testament dispensation. While Jesus Christ (The Word of God Personified) was chosen or pin-pointed in preference to the good angels (Heb. 1:4-5) and the Israelites (through Abraham) from among the then heathen world (Gen 12:1-2), the election of this New Testament dispensation is different. Children of God in the New Testament, though fore-known by God, were not pre-determined and selected (while others were left aside and condemned), as those who teach and uphold the error of predestination believe. The New Testament elect of God has been so-titled because of the following facts:-

1. They have the earnestness of the Spirit, that is the indwelling Spirit of God, which denotes God's ownership of them (1Pet. 1:2)
2. They are sanctified by the Spirit of God that is, set apart or dedicated to the Lord (1 Pet. 1:2; cpJn.17:19).
3. They obey the commandments of God (1Pet. 1:2).
4. As the Israelites of old were ceremonially cleansed with the blood of sacrificial animals (Heb.9:18-22), so are these New Testament elects of God cleansed through the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus (1 Pet, 1:2; Heb. 12:22, 24).

#### **Saints of God (1Sam.2:9; Ps.116:15; Acts 9:32, 41; 26:10; Rm.1:7; 8:27; 12:13; 15:25-26, 31; 16:2, 15; 1Cor.1:2; 6:1; Eph. 5:3)**.

**Saints of God** is a title used in the New Testament and Old Testament dispensations (1 Sam.2:9; Acts 9:13, 32). It is not only a title given to the children of God, but also a term that depicts knowledge of God and implicit obedience or loyalty to the Lord. This means that saints of God are those who live holily, holding tenaciously to what God says (implied 1 Sam.2:9; Ehp.5:3).

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**NOW THE QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION**

1. So far, we have had three teachings/discussions on this subject: The children of the kingdom of God. State and discuss at least ten lessons that have been learned through the discourse.
2. What are the two periods or possibilities ahead of us? According to our introduction, what is the Lord expecting from us?
3. Define the titles, the children of God, and the saints of God. State and discuss the difference between the election of Christ and the election of Israelites and that of the New Testament children of God.
4. What are the things that make believers the elects of God? (1Pet. 1:2)
5. Sainthood, both of the New and Old Testaments, depict some things of those so titled, what are these?
6. What adjustment must we all make today in the light of his teachings/discussion?

## Topic: THE CHILDREN OF THE KINGDOM AND THE CHILDREN OF THIS WORLD (PART 4)

## Texts: Matthew 8:12; 13:38; Luke 16:8; 20:34

## INTRODUCTION:

This part of our Bible teaching on the above subject matter is addressing the ***other side of the coin***, namely, ***the children of this world***. It is wonderful that there is the Bible, the book of books, where the truth on all matters has been put down.

In the past sessions of this discourse, we have dwelt on ***the children of the kingdom of God***. We have surveyed six other titles by which they are known, namely, ***the children of light*** (Lk.16:8; Jn. 12:36; Eph.5:8); ***the children of God*** (Matt.5:9; Rom.8:16,21; 1Jn.3:10; 5:2); ***the begotten of God*** (implied in Heb. 1:6: 1Pt. 1:3; 1Jn.5:18): ***the born of God*** (Jn. 1:13; 1Jn.3:9; 4:7); ***the elect of God*** (Lk. 18:7; Rom.8:33; Col.3:12; 1Pt.1:2) ***and the saints of God*** (1 Sam.2:9; Ps. 116:15; Acts 9:13,32,41; 26:10; Rom. 1:7).

We have also considered all that these titles denote of them that are so-called. In fact, numerous lessons have been learned through the teachings/discussion.

After considering ***the children of this world*** hereunder, we will conclude with ***the great privileges of the children of the kingdom vis-a-vis the eternal reward for those who will remain and die as children of this world.***

### THE CHILDREN OF THIS WORLD (Lk.16:8: 20:34)

In the two places where this title was used in the New Testament, it was used interchangeably to denote ***(i) the generality of human beings living in this world*** (Lk.20:34); ***(ii) human beings who do not have the light of God's word and Spirit or the nature of God in them*** (Lk. 16:8). It is this second usage that we are considering. Put in another way, the children of this world are ***those who are ruled or influenced by the ungodly traditions or trends in this present world, or who love this world and its ways*** (implied in Jn. 17:14-16; 1Jn.2:15-16).

As with the children of the kingdom of God, the children of this world have some other titles by which they are known, namely, ***the children of Belial*** (Deut. 13:13; Judg.20:13); ***the children of the wicked one*** (Matt. 13:38; Jn.8:41.44); ***the children of disobedience*** (Eph.2:2: 5:6; Col.3:6); ***the children of wrath*** (Eph.2:3); ***cursed children*** (2Pt.2:14.) Let us proceed to see the meaning and implication of these other titles.

##### CHILDREN OF BELIAL (Deut. 13:13; Judg. 19:22; 20:13; 1Sam. 1:16).

The Hebrew word for Belial is "Belivaal" meaning, worthlessness, wickedness, evil, and ungodliness. This title was used in the Old Testament sixteen times to denote people who were good-for-nothing, valueless, vile, and ungodly (1Sam.2:12; 10:27:25:17). Furthermore, Belial is used once in the New Testament as an epithet of Satan and all worthless people (2Cor.6:15). So, in light of this, the children of Belial also mean the children of Satan. It, therefore, follows that any persons who have traces of wickedness, worthlessness or vileness are children of Belial.

##### THE CHILDREN OF THE WICKED ONE (Matt. 13.38; Jn.8:41.44; 1Jn.3:10).

This is yet another title that the children of this world are known by. The wicked one is no other personality than Satan himself (Matt. 13:39). This title does not imply that some devils had an affair with these people’s mothers. Rather it means that, though they were born like all other people into this world, when they grew up, they chose the way of sin - lies, hypocrisy, stealing, pride, gossip, cheating, immorality, unbelief, and all other forms of sin. By so doing they automatically plugged themselves into Satan, while pledging their loyalty and sonship to him, whether they know it or not (Cons.Jn.8:39-44).

##### CHILDREN OF DISOBEDIENCE (Eph 2:2; 5:6; Col.3:6).

This title gives us another perspective on the children of this world. They are called children of disobedience because they have nothing to do with, nor do they bother to obey the word of God. Now, any person who is disobedient to God's word in any area of life, or to parents in the things that are not sinful, or to laws, rules, and regulations of traffic or of the nation, in general, is a child of disobedience (comp. Rom.13:1-7; Tit.3:1). All such people are daily being influenced by these fallen or disobedience angels (spirits) (Eph.2:2).

##### CHILDREN OF WRATH (Eph 2:3).

This is another fearful and worrisome title that the Holy Spirit has given to some sons of men. This means that they are daily getting set for God's eventual wrath (whether they know it or not). One or two examples of God's wrath need be relayed here to remind us of what is being expected in hell fire, the final and eternal instrument of God's wrath for the children of this world (cons. Gen.6:5-7; 7:11-22; 19:12-26; 2Pt.2:4-6; Jude 6-7). This is one of the aspects of the doctrines of God that many people who indulge in sin refuse to accept, claiming that God is so good that He cannot have such punishment for His creatures. This they do in ignorance or feigned ignorance, not realizing that God is the God of justice and justice demands punishment for error. Besides, although God is the embodiment of love (1Jn.4:8, 16), yet His mercy shall cease and His wrath revealed when the impenitent departs this world (Rom.2:4-11; 11:22).

##### CURSED CHILDREN (2Pt.2:14).

Here again, is another title of the children of this world that any reasonable person must strip him/her off. In 2 Pt.2:10-19, we find the description of people in this world regarded as cursed children. Note well that such cursed children can still be found in church; however, they are found majorly in the world, particularly among those who hold some pseudo-religious or non-religious.

**NOW THE QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION**

1. Enumerate the other titles by which the children of this world are known.
2. What is the meaning or implication of each title? In other words, what does each title denote of those who are so-called? Use scriptures to support your explanations.
3. What does the Hebrew word for Belial mean? Can religious people be children of Belial? If they can, give Biblical examples.
4. The Lord Jesus said that the children of this world, in other words, the children of the wicked one were planted by Satan (Matt.13:39). Enumerate and discuss a few ways Satan makes and plants his children in the world and in the church.
5. In the light of these Scriptures, Ps.119:104-105; 2Cor.13:5, state and discuss three ways through which someone can discover whether one is a child of Satan or of Belial, or of this world, etc. since generally, everyone is right in his eyes.
6. Who will want to remain a child of this world after this discourse?
7. How can one strip oneself of these terrible titles that have horrible consequences? (Isa.55:7).

## Topic: THE CHILDREN OF THE KINGDOM AND THE CHILDREN OF THIS WORLD (PART 5)

## Texts: Matt.8:12; 13:38; Lk.16:8; 20:34

As an introduction to this final part of our current discourse on the subject, ***the children of the kingdom and the children of this world***, let us be reminded that the knowledge of truth brings freedom from ignorance and all that is associated with it (cons. Jn.8:31-32).

This implies that the truths that have so far been divulged on this subject must have been used to drive away ignorance, error, and sin from our lives, thereby translating the children of this world into the children of the kingdom; reinstating the backslidden into being children of the kingdom and establishing or confirming the children of the kingdom. As before stated, this last part of the teaching/discourse will address the following: - ***(i) the great privileges of the children of the kingdom; (ii) the eternal reward or state of the children of this world***.

##### THE GREAT PRIVILEGES OF THE CHILDREN OF THE KINGDOM

By privilege it is meant, ***special advantage, immunity, permission, right, or benefit granted to or enjoyed by an individual***. So, the great privileges of the children of the kingdom of God imply the ***special advantages, rights, or benefits granted to and could be enjoyed by the children of the kingdom***.

In order to avoid some mix-up, these privileges will be grouped and discussed under the various titles by which the children of the kingdom are known (as we have already seen).

##### PRIVILEGES AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT (Lk.16:8; Jn. 12:36: Eph.5:8; 1Thess.5:5).

In Lk. 16:8-9, even though the Lord Jesus lamented the obvious lack of sufficient wisdom usually manifested by the children of light, nonetheless, they always enjoy the privilege of the Lord's invaluable counsel through His written word or His Holy Spirit (e.g. Lk.16:9; Jn 12:36; Eph.5:8; Thess.5:5; Jn.14:26; 16:12-13). Not only do the children of light have the privilege of the Lord's counsel at all times, but they also have the enablement of heeding such counsel, which thing is lacking in the children of this world, who are rather stubborn and full of arguments (see Jn. 1:12 contrast with Rom.8:7,8).

##### PRIVILEGES AS CHILDREN OF GOD (Rom.8:11, 14-17).

In the above Scripture verses, we have two major privileges (among others) of being children of God, namely: ***(i) having God's Holy Spirit indwelling us and enjoying His witness, comfort, the quickening of our mortal bodies***, etc. (Rom.8:11,15.12.16; Jn14:16,26); ***(ii) being heirs of God and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ our Lord*** (Rom.8:17: Gal.3:29; 4:7: Tit.3:7, Heb.1:14: 6:17).

This means that all (but a few) that Christ could have and enjoy for being the Son of God, we also as children of God could have and enjoy (see 1Cor.3:21-22). Besides, there is the privilege of Father-to-son love, distinct from God's universal love that children of God enjoy in this world (Jn.3:1: Jn.5:20). Not only these, the children of God have this privilege of being like Jesus when they depart this world (1Jn.3:2).

##### PRIVILEGES OF THE BEGOTTEN OF GOD.

The children of the kingdom, being also the begotten of God have two major privileges (among others) as the begotten of God. ***(i) There is the incorruptible, undefiled and non-fading inheritance reserved in heaven for them*** (1Pt.1:3-4); ***(ii) While in this world, they are kept by the power of God from evil through their faith in Him*** (1Pt.1:5; Jn. 17:11-12, 15).

##### PRIVILEGES OF THE ELECT OF GOD.

All the children of the kingdom, who also are the elect of God have the following privileges to enjoy; aside from all that have been outlined before:-

* The privilege of calling upon God and being avenged of their adversaries, or obtaining other forms of answers to their call (Lk.18.7; Jer.29:12; Ps.91:15).
* Having been justified by God through their repentance and faith in Jesus, there is no condemnation of any person that can hold against them (Rom.8:33, 34, 1).
* They have the ability of putting on bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering, and forbearance one towards another, which virtues were impossible previously (Col.3:12-13).

## N.B The privileges of the children of the kingdom, as outlined above are everything, but exhaustive.

##### THE ETERNAL REWARD FOR REMAINING THE CHILDREN OF THIS WORLD

In our study/discourse on ***the children of this world***, we saw the other titles by which they are known, namely, ***the children of Belial*** (Deut.13:13; Judg.19:22); ***the children of the wicked one*** (Matt.13:38); ***the children of disobedience*** (Eph.2:2, 5:6); ***the children of wrath*** (Eph.2:3) and ***cursed children*** (2Pt.2:14). What then is the reward or benefit of those who will choose to remain in the above status till death? Apart from the numerous interim consequences of remaining children of this world or of disobedience, etc., the only eternal benefit is the loss of one's soul in hell fire- the place of torments with fire and brimstone prepared originally for the devil and his angels (Matt.25:41; Rev.21:8). This is what is referred to as ***the coming wrath of God*** (Eph.2:3, 5:6; Col.3:6).

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**NOW THE QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION**

1. Recall or state the reasons underlying this five-piece bible discourse being concluded with the study/discourse in hand.
2. What are the purposes of the discourse, as outlined earlier?
3. Give a summary of the previous four studies.
4. What do you understand by the term, ***privileges of the children of the kingdom of God?***
5. What are the privileges of being ***children of light; children of God; begotten of God and the elect of God?***
6. Explain this privilege of counsel that the Lord gave in Lk.16:9.
7. Enumerate and discuss many other privileges not listed in the teaching that the children of the kingdom can have and enjoy. Support your assertion with Scriptures.
8. What are those privileges that Christ has as the Son of God, which we, though sons of God, will not have, notwithstanding that it says "all things are yours?" (1 Cor.3:21-22).
9. Apart from the eventual and eternal reward of hellfire for those who will remain children of this world or children of disobedience, etc. mention and discuss other consequences that could be the lot of those who continue to be children of this world, in spite of all these teachings and God's wooing? Support your argument or assertion with Scriptures.
10. What are the various forms of decisions which the various categories of people in fellowship today should reach?

*LET US PRAY*