Covenant Life

- Our next prayer meeting is <u>TODAY</u> at 3pm. We plan to have Children and Youth ministries.
- After our next prayer meeting on December 8th, we will have a **CCGD Christmas** dinner sponsored by the CCGD Youth Ministry. Please make plans to stay after the meeting and enjoy the food and fellowship.
- So far, we have heard from 25% of our members regarding our 2025

 Stewardship Promise & Recommitment Drive. We want to hear from everyone (we also welcome those who are not yet a member). Please click here: 2025

 Promise.
- GodsDelight.org has prayer meeting audio, summaries, transcripts, and teachings.
- Your ongoing financial support to the Community is sincerely appreciated. Please donate online here or mail your donations to P.O. Box 225008 Dallas, TX 75222.

Reflection

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. All the readings today point us toward the reality of God as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords...literally the King of the Universe!

Not being raised in a monarchy, the term king may be one that is hard for us to connect with. Worse it may be one that we associate with so many poor examples of kingship. This makes it important for us to mediate on these passages and invite His Holy Spirit to inspire our response.

One truth that emerges is that God desires His kingdom to reign in every way, in our hearts and souls and for us to invite Him to enter in and reign in every aspect of our lives. God desires to be king over our thoughts and actions, our passions and desires, our hopes and dreams. He is our beginning and end and the more we invite Him to reign in every aspect of our lives the more we will be able to cooperate with His good and perfect will for our lives.

Another truth is that God desires for His kingdom to grow. First this must happen within our hearts and minds and then for each of us to work to conform every aspect of our society to come into accord with God as King of Kings. We need only open the daily paper or turn on any news case or open any news app on our phones to realize that we have such a long way to go for God to be recognized as our

society's King. We are not to be discouraged by this but rather to 'light one candle' and do our part to bring heaven to earth. Our desire is that everyone recognize God as their king so that we are all contributing to the upbuilding of His Kingdom.

We do our part not by trying to force conversion but rather through our witness so that hearts and minds turn toward God and the conversion of others happens from within.

Let us reflect on what is our duty today to bring forth the Kingdom of God? How can I allow His kingdom to grow within me and my family? How can I help others do the same? Jesus is King of Kings and He desires to reign in everyone, how can we cooperate with Him in bringing about His Kingdom? It begins with asking for the power of His Holy Spirit to empower our response.

Let us pray, "Heavenly Father, I choose You as my king! I turn over complete control of every aspect of my life to You. It is my true desire for You to be the Lord over my life! I request a special outpouring of Your Holy Spirit today to reveal to me any area of my life that I have not yet surrendered and then the fortitude to persevere in surrendering it to You. Use me to bring about Your kingdom so that You will reign in the universe that You created. May Your kingdom come and Your will be done!"

God Bless, David