

Preface

In 2003, I published my first book, *Understanding Job*. It is a reflection on the meaning and purpose of Job's suffering. The book has been warmly received by believers in different parts of the world.

I am thankful for the Lord's provision and undertaking in many ways in relation to that book. I am also thankful for the brethren in different countries who helped in its printing and distribution. I see it as a meaningful expression of fellowship and oneness among God's people in the universal church.

This second book on the kingdom of God and the fallen world is based on eight consecutive messages preached in a local congregation in 1993-94.

Just as for the first book, this book is offered free to God's children. Both books are part of an ongoing project to provide wholesome materials to help Christians grow and serve the Lord according to His revelation in the Scriptures.

You may freely download from the website www.godandtruth.com, for personal use or for free distribution, these two books and other text and audio messages on major issues of the Christian faith.

In my preaching and writing, I have sought to approach the issues in such a way that the hearers and readers can satisfy for themselves that what is being presented is what the Scriptures teaches, rather than merely the assertions and opinions of man. Not only are scriptural references given and the texts referred to, care is also taken to show how the understanding of the issues is arrived at.

The fellowship, encouragement and support of the brethren in the congregation have contributed to my life and ministry over the years. Their involvement in this book is an example. As an expression of church life, many brethren participate in the transcription, editing, proofreading, publication and distribution process.

I would appreciate your prayers that the Lord will guide and undertake the whole project so that it may contribute to the advancement of His kingdom.

Preface to second edition

I have received much encouraging feedback from brethren in different parts of the world on the first edition of *The Two Kingdoms* and my two other books *Understanding Job* and *Man of Faith*.

I am thankful to the Lord for His provision and undertaking in many ways. I am also thankful for brethren in other countries who have helped in the printing and careful

distribution of these books. It is a meaningful expression of fellowship and oneness among God's people in the universal church.

For this second edition of *The Two Kingdoms*, questions have been added at the end of each message for personal reflection and group discussion. This is in response to requests by readers. There is no change to the text of the messages for this second edition.

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