

Lesson 6: Reigning as a King in Life

1. Introduction / Review

Ephesians 1:16-23

Ephesians 2:1-6

When Christ was made alive, we were too.

When He was raised, I was raised.

I am sitting together with Christ in heavenly places.

This is already done. It is completed in the eyes of God!

2. Reining as kings

Romans 5:12-17

This is talking about us (believers).

The Amplified Bible says - reign as kings in life

When do we reign as kings? – Answer:

Definition of REIGN: The root word means "king". It literally means to rule as a king.

You are supposed to rule and reign in this life.

This belongs to you. Even though you may not see this in your life, the potential is there.

You have to decide today if you are going to begin ruling and reigning in this life.

A king:

- Reigns
- There is an important question to ask Where does a king have dominion?

Answer:

You have authority and dominion in your life.

Another person cannot have authority and dominion in your life. You have it for your own life.

This is the problem with many Christians. They do not want to take authority, so they are always getting someone else to acts a "king" for them in their lives.

The North American church has a problem.

- They have failed to know who God is.
- They have failed to know who Jesus is.
- They have failed to understand what Jesus did.
- They have failed to understand who they are in Christ.
- They have failed to understand what belongs to them.

Because of this, when the devil comes, instead of taking authority, they are fearful.

Usually they try to find someone else to help them.

But, the best thing to do, is to reign as a king _____

Jesus conquered the devil, stripped him of his authority, and gave it to us. But many Christians live with a false understanding that God eventually will do something about it. We are waiting for Jesus to help us, but He is waiting for us to use our authority.

If the devil is attacking you there is nothing God can do about it. The authority has been given to you.

There is no place in the Bible where it instructs us to pray to the Father or Jesus to do something about the devil. To do so is to waste your time!

Many Christians have the attitude that they just "give everything to the Lord" to take care of it.

We must realize that there are some things that we cannot "turn over to the Lord". What things are those? – Whatever God has told you in His Word that you are supposed to take care of yourself.

There is no place in the Bible that instructs us to go get somebody else to take care of the devil for us.

The New Testament teaches us to do something ourselves about the devil.

3. What it means to be an heir.

Romans 8:16, 17

Definition of HEIR:

- Someone who receives an inheritance from the family
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What does it mean that we are "joint heirs"?

Answer: _____

That means everything the Father gave Jesus, He gave us.

We have the same authority. We have the same power.

We are to rule and reign as kings in this life because we are heirs together with Jesus!

What else does this mean for you?

- You can stand before the very throne of God without a sense of spiritual inferiority or condemnation.
- It also means that you can stand before Satan with a sense of victory and dominion over him.

Instead of being ruled over by Satan, we are to rule over him.

Romans 5:17

4. Two realms of prayer

When you realize your position in Christ, you will pray with authority and power and begin reigning and ruling in this life.

When we realize we are heirs to everything that belongs to our Father, we will have boldness in prayer to Him.

Hebrews 4:16

John 15:7

In the Greek language this literally means that things will "come into being" for us.

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This is when you reign as a king.

This is when you of being seated with Christ far above all demon powers!

This is when the devil enters your domain and you have to exercise your authority to remove him.

Most Christians only work in one realm. They pray to God, but never confront the enemy.

An example:

- In the area of healing what do you do?
- Do you ask God to heal you? Do you pray "Your will be done"?
- If you do this you are operating in the wrong realm.
- Sickness is the devil entering your domain. You must exercise authority and power over him.

There is not one case where Jesus healed someone by praying to the Father. He spoke to the sickness or gave a command.

In other words, He knew His position and acted accordingly.

God has already done all that He is going to do about healing you.

Matthew 8:17

He took (past tense) your infirmities and sicknesses.

1 Peter 2:24

It is already done.

We should not pray to Jesus for something He has already done. We take our authority over the devil.

5. You were created to live in the presence of God.

Man was created to stand in the presence of God.

Psalm 8:4-6

Look at verse 5 again . . .

Psalm 8:5

Definition of ANGELS:

- The Hebrew word is Elohiym.
- Elohiym is a name used for God. It is the name used for God in the first five chapters of Genesis.

The King James translators put "angels" in here because they could not wrap their minds around it.

You are not made a little lower than the angels. You were created a little lower than God.

That means that God made us as near like Himself as possible.

In Genesis it tells us that we were created in His image and likeness.

6. You were created to act like God.

God created you not only to look like Him, but to _____

He is the King of Kings.

Not only are you created in his image and likeness, you were created to operate like Him.

God is a faith God. He created you to be a faith person.

What does that mean? – _____

This is how He works. He expects us to work the same way.

Mark 11:22

Literally this says "have the faith of God" or "have the God kind of faith".

We see God's faith in action during the creation of the world.

God spoke things into existence. This is faith. This is authority.

God expects His children to operate in faith too.

If we do not do this we cannot even please Him.

Hebrews 11:6

Mark 11:22, 23

After telling us to have the God kind of faith, Jesus talks about believing and speaking.

This is how we were saved.

Romans 10:9, 10

We continue living for God this way – _____

2 Corinthians 4:13

God speaks His Word to see things come to pass and He created us the same way. We are supposed to speak His Word and see things come to pass.

7. You were created to live in the creative realm of God.

John 1:1-3

This is speaking about Jesus and the creative power of the Word.

John 1:4

What is in Him? – Answer:

We could ask instead – What is in the Word? The answer is life.

John 10:10

As a believer you have the life of God inside of you. But that life must be released.

How is it released? – _____

How did Abraham receive the promise of God to have a son? – He discovered this power. He began to act like God.

Romans 4:17

This is the creative power and life of God released through the spoken Word.

This is your place of authority and victory.

Romans 4:20

How was Abraham strengthened? - He was strengthened in faith. He was strengthened through

What was he believing and speaking?

- He was acting like God releasing the creative power of God through his words.
- He was calling things that do not exist as though they did.
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This is exactly the kind of authority God has called you to operate in during your prayer life.