

“DOCTRINE THAT DANCES”

STUDIES IN THE MAJOR DOCTRINES OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

Revelation 3:20-21; 20:4-6

“THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM AND THE REIGN OF THE SERVANT KINGS”

INTRODUCTION: What do you really understand about the future, and what will you be doing for the rest of eternity? Is there a difference between heaven and the Kingdom about which Jesus spoke? Is there a difference between the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Heaven?

BACKGROUND: Throughout the Old Testament history of Israel, there was this sense of expectation as they looked for their Messiah and King to establish a Kingdom with Jerusalem as the headquarters. (Matthew 3:1-2) (Isaiah 65) (Zechariah 14) They did not know when that Kingdom would be established, and since it was promised, one day it will be visible on earth. Should we be looking for an earthly kingdom

I. SOME BELIEVERS ARE FOCUSED ON THEIR INHERITANCE. WHERE IS YOUR FOCUS? (Mark 10:17-32) (1st Peter 1: 3-5)

A. We are blessed to be heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ. (Romans 8:17) What exactly will we inherit? (1st Corinthians 6:9-11) (1st Corinthians 15:50) (Ephesians 1:11)

1. First we *take a seat*, then we *walk worthy*, then we *stand and fight*!

2. Christ lived, died, and was resurrected. We have to first be resurrected, then die, and finally we get to live!

II. SOME BELIEVERS ARE LOOKING FOR CROWNS. WILL YOU BE WEARING ANY?

1. The Victor's Crown (1st Corinthians 9:25-27) (Hebrews 12:1)

2. The Crown of Rejoicing (1st Thessalonians 2:19)

3. The Crown of Righteousness (2nd Timothy 4:8)

4. The Crown of Life (James 1:12) (Revelation 2:10)

5. The Crown of Glory (1st Peter 5:4)

III. SOME BELIEVERS EXPECT TO BE REWARDED. WHAT ARE YOU EXPECTING? (Matthew 19:23-20:16)

A. Do not seek the best positions. Seek to be the best you can be for the Lord!

B. We will reign and rule with Christ. We will serve others in the Kingdom while in our glorified bodies as they remain in their natural bodies. (John 21)

C. Many believers struggle to understand that rewards during this lifetime are not the best rewards that God can provide. Abraham wanted descendants more than anything! (Genesis 14-15)

IN SPITE OF WHAT WE MAY OR MAY NOT RECEIVE IN THIS LIFE;

NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND ABOUT THE FUTURE;

***REGARDLESS OF WHAT REIGNING AND RULING IN THE KINGDOM INVOLVES
(Luke 19:17-19)***

***THE ONE REWARD THAT SHOULD MOTIVATE OUR ACTIONS IS KNOWING OUR
LORD CONSIDERS US AS HIS INHERITANCE, THAT HE WILL LOVE US FOREVER,
AND HAS PREPARED A PLACE FOR US IN HIS HEART AND IN HIS HOME.***

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