

## **Session 9 Jesus the King of the Nations**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

Tonight we will look at Jesus, the King of the nations. The most amazing thing is that Jesus is the King of the nations as a human being, as a man. We know He's fully God forever, but it's not amazing that God would be over the earth. What is amazing is that a man is over the earth. That's the surprise. Because this was God's plan from the beginning. When He created the heavens and the earth, He wanted humans to rule the earth in deep partnership with Him. Jesus became a man: He won the right to rule the earth, and then, by the Holy Spirit and the new covenant, we're joined together as His eternal companion, His bride, and we rule it with Him under His leadership forever.

We can be so accustomed to the fact that Jesus is the King of the earth that it doesn't strike us. I want you to just take some time and ask the Holy Spirit: "Show me the remarkable reality of one human being with a physical body, one Man, governing the entire earth and owning every single dimension of the earth." It's His; He purchased it and won the right to have the ownership of it. He shares the ownership of it, or rather He through relationship with His people. We have an inheritance and a participation with Him in it forever and forever. It's remarkable: to think that the earth will continue for millions of years, the new heavens and the new earth, and a man will govern it—the same Man forever.

### **GOD GAVE THE DOMINION OF THE EARTH TO THE HUMAN RACE**

The premise of Genesis 1:28 is that God gave the dominion of the earth to Adam and Eve as representatives of the human race. When God gave the dominion of the earth to them, or the authority over the earth, it was an eternal stewardship. In other words, when God said, "Have dominion over the earth," that was a decree that would last forever. God never took it back—never.

The problem—paragraph B—is that Adam sinned; and he came under the leadership of Satan because he obeyed Satan. In doing that, he forfeited his position of authority over the earth and gave it to Satan. It was the tragedy of tragedies. God didn't say, "It's yours until you give it away." No, He didn't say that. He said, "It's yours forever. If you give it away, then it's given away."

The Lord had to come up with a plan. He had the plan in His eternal councils from ages past: He sent Jesus as a man to win it back for the human race. Satan mentioned this principle, this truth, in Luke 4 when he was tempting Jesus in the wilderness and wanted Jesus to worship him. He said, "All the kingdoms of the world are mine, and have been delivered to me" (Lk. 4:6, paraphrased). The implication is, "When I seduced Adam and he yielded to my leadership, he delivered the stewardship of the earth over to me." Why? Because it was really his to give away. Satan was tempting Jesus, saying, "I can give it to whoever I want. It's mine."

Adam could give it to whoever he wanted because it was his by the decree of the Father. It was at that time that Satan became the god of this world (2 Cor. 4:4). He had the stewardship of the earth, the control of the people on the earth. He had a right in that to influence them with darkness.

### **GOD THE FATHER HAD A PLAN TO WIN THE EARTH THROUGH A MAN**

God the Father had a plan. Even from the foundation of the earth, the plan was clear, because the Father knew what would happen. He looked at His own right hand, the second Person of the Trinity, fully God, and He gave

the plan: “Go to the earth; become a human. Defeat Satan as a human, and win the right of the earth back as a human. Then the dominion of the earth will be under man again.”

It’s a very complicated and very involved process: that Jesus became a man, lived in perfect obedience, paid the price for our sin, and legally won back the ownership of the earth. I’m talking about the government of the peoples of the earth.

Paragraph C. Daniel 7. We’re on our way to Revelation 5, which is the grand chapter in the Bible where this whole plan is laid out with some very dynamic details and decrees related to Jesus’ destiny on the earth as a Man.

In the earlier sessions we looked a bit at Daniel 7, this premier prophecy for the Messiah. Daniel saw that there was a man, a human, who came to the Ancient of Days, which is a title for the Father, denoting His eternal nature. We understand that a man can’t approach God in the heavens. That can’t happen. Daniel saw a human. This was so unusual to him. He saw a man. In verse 14, all the nations were given to this Man. Daniel was perplexed and a bit overwhelmed by what he saw in this open vision. How could a man approach God? Because no man can see God and live (Ex. 33:20). What is this? That the earth and all of its leadership is given to one Man, a human?

We find in Daniel 7:13-14 that to Him was given dominion. Remarkable! A human being, one Man, receives the dominion over all the earth. This prophecy, this premier prophecy, is one of the most prominent Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah. Jesus referred to this prophecy more than any other. He called Himself “the Son of Man,” referring to this prophecy: a prophecy that He would have the dominion over the earth one day as a man.

#### **“ASK OF ME AND I WILL GIVE YOU THE NATIONS FOR YOUR INHERITANCE”**

Paragraph D. David had a revelation. I guess it may have been a vision: we don’t exactly know how he received the revelation. He saw a dialogue within the Godhead. He saw the Father and the Son talking. What an unusual revelation, that by the Spirit he could peer into the conversation of the Father and the Son. What David saw was that one of His offspring, the son of David, one of his great-, great-, great-grandchildren—he didn’t know which one—would receive the nations as His inheritance from the Father. David the king saw the Father and the Son talking, and understood, though he couldn’t put it all together, that a man would receive the nations, the government of the nations as His inheritance.

Beloved, you can have an inheritance, but the government of all the nations as your inheritance, the ownership of all the nations? One human being? This is so big. We can become so familiar with these passages that we don’t really see what they’re saying. The wonder of this statement! Who is this Man that we worship? There’s no one like Him. There’s no other man like this Man at the center of the world religions. We want to be obsessed with His magnificence. It takes the Holy Spirit to see this, to see who He is. I’m hungry to see more of who He is. Though I can give the sermon, I barely understand the things I’m saying. I want to feel the power of this more.

#### **THE FATHER DECREED THAT HE WOULD BE HEIR OF THE NATIONS**

Paragraph E. God’s plan for the earth, for the eternal future—I don’t mean just the immediate future, but forever and ever and ever—was that a Man would be King over the earth. His government will never be

disrupted, ever. The righteousness, the love and the peace that's under His leadership, will never be disturbed, ever. We're not only subjects of that kingdom; we're part of the government with Him.

Zechariah 14 tells us that He will be King over all the earth, and the implication is, forever (Zech. 14:9). The Father gives Him the title, "King of kings" (Rev. 19:16). It was the decree of the Father that He would be the heir of all the nations. They would be His inheritance. He would be the leader over all the kings in the millennial earth, and He would be the leader over all the kings forever and forever. Because human kings will continue and be part of the government of the earth forever. He doesn't want to rule the earth apart from humans. Because He gave the dominion of the earth to humans, and Jesus, as a man, will only rule the earth in relationship with other humans forever.

### **OUR MOMENTARY AFFLICTIONS ARE WORKING AN ETERNAL WEIGHT OF GLORY**

Beloved, we're a part of something so exciting, so big. It's so much bigger than our present-day challenges. I don't want to minimize our present-day challenges, but it's something so big that we're a part of. Paul called his troubles "momentary, light afflictions" (2 Cor. 4:17, paraphrased). He was beaten with rods; he was whipped and thrown in prison. He said, "I get the big picture. I don't like to be whipped, I don't like being beaten, I don't like being stoned, but I know this: I get the big picture and I'm a part of something big. It's exciting. In light of that, this terrible pain of my persecution is a lot smaller because I see the big picture."

This isn't just a theological lesson. When this touches our heart, who this Man is and our relationship to Him and the plan the Father has for Him and the grandeur and the greatness of this Man, Jesus, this Jewish King, it does something on the inside of our heart. It changes our emotional chemistry when we take time and meditate long. I call it "long and loving meditation" on these truths. I want to feel the power of who this Man is, not only in the age to come, but now. I want to feel the power of it now. I want to see what Paul saw. I've prayed over the years, "Lord, if You let me see what Paul saw, I can be dedicated like Paul was—if I could see what he saw about this Man."

### **JESUS WON'T VIOLATE RIGHTEOUSNESS OR JUSTICE IN THE SMALLEST WAY**

Paragraph F. Psalm 45. When Jesus takes over all the nations, and He will, He'll replace all the governments of the earth. He'll only do it on the basis of truth, humility, and righteousness. Psalm 45:4 describes Jesus at His second coming. Essentially, it says He'll have victory over the earth. He'll do it for the cause of truth, humility, and righteousness. He'll do it in righteousness and humility and He'll do it for righteousness and humility. He won't violate even one degree of justice when He deals with the devil and when He takes the kingdoms of the earth from the unrighteous men of the earth. When He seizes the governments of the earth, He won't violate righteousness or justice in the smallest way. Then when He dispenses the resources of the earth, because they'll all be His, He'll take them over and then dispense them to His people. He'll do it on the basis of great wisdom. He'll do it on the basis of humility, because He wants love to increase forever and forever. He wants love to increase forever and forever.

Jesus alone is our assurance that love will never diminish on the earth. It's His government and His leadership. Because this Man has the government, we have the assurance that love will never, ever diminish on the earth again, ever.

Paragraph G. The Father promised to make Jesus preeminent in everything. It's not just Jesus as God, though of course He's God forever. It's Jesus as a man, the Head of the body. The emphasis is on the relationship Jesus

has to His people, the Body of Christ, in His humanity. He's the Head of the body. He's a human like we are. God is determined to make a human preeminent. This is so big. This Jewish Man will have preeminence in everything: in the physical, in the supernatural realm, in time and eternity, everything will point to Him. It will all be for Him.

The Father says, "This is My beloved Son. It's all His."

Top of page two. Now we're going to look at the main passage that's the focus of our study tonight: Revelation 5. Revelation 5 gives us details about this great Son of Man prophecy from Daniel 7. Revelation 5 gives us details about what this preeminence will look like for Jesus on the earth as a man. Because we will see the preeminence worldwide. Nothing like this has ever happened in history. The fullness is unimaginable and indescribable: all that's implied in a Man having this kind of preeminence on the earth forever.

### **JESUS WILL ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR GOVERNING THE EARTH**

Revelation 5. It's one of the grand chapters in the Scriptures that reveals the greatness of Jesus—the splendor of who He really is. The Father draws back the veil, so to speak, so that we can take a look behind the curtain. We get insight into His destiny as a man, His destiny on the earth. We get to understand a little what the Father has in His heart when He declared and decreed that He would have preeminence over all things.

What happens in Revelation 5 is that John is recording an open vision he has of the Father holding a scroll in His hand. This scroll is the title deed of the earth. This scroll is what was originally planned for Adam as the representative of the human race. It was within his reach to walk out the full implications of what that scroll was about. The Father has a scroll and it's the title deed of the earth. Jesus, in this amazing vision, is going to approach the Father and take the scroll. He's going to accept the responsibility to govern the earth and to cleanse the earth and to replace all the evil governments on the earth, and restore every facet of society of the earth to the full glory of God. That's a big responsibility! Not only is He going to take ownership of the earth; He's going to take the responsibility to cleanse the earth. That's amazing. Then He's going to replace all the governmental leaders and restore every facet of the earth: the atmosphere, the agriculture, the animal kingdom, all the infrastructures of society. All of this will be fully restored by this Man.

When He took the scroll He said, "Yes, I accept the responsibility. I'm able to fulfill all the expectations of the Father in this." It's a remarkable vision.

Jesus, when this is openly manifest at the time of the second coming, when He comes back to the earth, will own all the cities of the earth, all the property of the earth, all the money, all the banks that will continue on the millennial earth with people with natural bodies. He will own everything. It will all be His. We will have resurrected bodies. There will be people who will continue on for three, four, or five generations, which will take the span of a thousand years. Jesus, as a man with a physical body—a resurrected body, but a physical body nonetheless—on a throne in Jerusalem, will own all the property of the earth. All the leaders of the earth will have stewardship, responsibility, under the authority of Jesus.

### **IN THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER IS A SCROLL SEALED WITH SEVEN SEALS**

John sees this vision. Again it's the implications of the famous Daniel 7 vision, the vision of the Son of Man. Now John sees details Daniel didn't see. Daniel saw that all the governments would be given to Jesus, but John is about to witness some really specific implications. How dramatic!

Revelation 5:1: this dramatic open vision. John sees a scroll in the right hand of the Father—a scroll with seven seals. Think of a round scroll. It had seven seals wrapped around it, securing the contents of the scroll. None could open the scroll: because to open the scroll would require the authority and the capability to walk out all the details that are in the scroll. In order to take the scroll and to open it, you would need to have the power and the ability to fulfill the contents that are in the scroll. No man can do this.

**“WHO IS WORTHY TO OPEN THE SCROLL AND TO LOOSE ITS SEALS?”**

John then sees a strong angel who asks the question, “Who is worthy” (Rev. 5:2)? “What human being?” is the idea. It has to be a human because the earth was given under the dominion of humans. God wouldn’t take it back. The angel said, “Who? What human being could possibly qualify for this kind of responsibility? What human being could possibly have the capability to walk this out?” First, what man would deserve it, but then what man would have the capability to actually follow through on what the contents of the scroll are all about?

Verse 2: “Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals” (Rev. 5:2)? In other words, “Who is able to break open the seven seals?” It’s a very key phrase. Because to break open the seven seals means to take responsibility to release the judgments described in the book of Revelation, the seven seal judgments, that are necessary for cleansing the earth of evil leadership and evil presence. What man has the power to release the judgment of God to cleanse the earth? Who has the wisdom? Who has the purity? Who has the ability to loose the judgments of God. This wouldn’t be any common man. He would have to have purity, humility, and love like no other man. Otherwise he would end up messing up the administration of the judgments and would miss the mark.

The angel asked, “What man could possibly open the scroll and release the judgments in a way that was worthy of God the Father?” There is no such man.

**THE LEADERS OF THE EARTH WILL BE JUDGED BY A JEWISH MAN**

Now, one of the elders speaks up (Rev. 5:5). There are twenty-four elders around the throne. He speaks up and says, “There is One. He’s a lion! He’s as bold as a lion! He’s fierce. He won’t back down for anything. He’s of the tribe of the Judah” (ibid, paraphrased). We know that Judah was one of the twelve tribes of Israel. He’s a Jewish man and He’s actually from this clan, from this tribe. He’s a Jewish man, and you understand that Jesus will be Jewish forever. A million years from now He’ll still be Jewish. You’ll still be whatever your ethnic group is a million years from now.

The leaders of the earth will have the shock of all time when they stand before the Judge and they find out He’s a Jewish man. He’s governing and judging all of human history. A lot of guys are going to be really terrified. They’ll say, “OK, who’s the Judge?”

“A human.”

“Who? Is it Caesar? Alexander the Great?”

“No, it’s a Jewish man. He’s the Judge of history!”

“Ooh, that’s not good for me!” some of them will say.

He has prevailed (Rev. 5:5, paraphrased). He prevailed over Satan. He prevailed in order to pay the debt for our sin. He perfectly qualified. He can open the scroll. He's able to take responsibility over the leadership of the earth to restore it, to cleanse it, to install the new government, and to restore every facet of the earth. He's capable of this. My goodness! What man could be capable? When a nation goes through an economic crisis or a change of government, typically throughout history there is so much turmoil and so much human life is lost. I'm talking about looking over the course of human history. When there's a change of government, so much trouble happens. This Man is going to take every government of the earth, every sphere of society.

He says, "It's no problem. I can manage the entire thing."

That's remarkable, because He's really a man. As Gentiles, we understand that Jesus is God. We get tripped up really grasping His humanity in His reign over the earth. We see Him as God, which is right, but it's not a problem for God to govern the earth. He created the earth.

The Jews see the Messiah as a man, but they trip over the fact that He's God. Gentiles trip over the fact that He's a Man. Jews trip over the fact that He's God. He's both, fully, forever.

### **EVERYTHING IS CLEANSED AND PERFECTED UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF JESUS**

Verse 6: "In the midst of the throne" (Rev. 5:6)—in other words, right next to the Father. A man can't get in that position, by the way. This bold Lion, this fierce, unrelenting Man, is as gentle and innocent as a lamb. He's a lion and a lamb in His personality, never contradicting one or the other.

Verse 7: He walked up to the Father, just as in Daniel 7:13-14, where this Man was brought to the Father and took the scroll out of the Father's hand. This is so big. All the governments of heaven are awestruck. He comes up and takes the scroll. When He takes the scroll, He says, "I assume full leadership and all that's implied in cleansing the earth. I can do it."

### **THE FOUR LIVING CREATURES FALL DOWN OVERWHELMED BEFORE HIM**

Paragraph B. Verse 8. When Jesus takes the scroll, it's such a dramatic event! Imagine a man taking the responsibility from the hand of the Father for this task that's bigger than we can ever imagine. It's not just owning the government of the earth: He has to cleanse it; He has to restore every facet of society, all the agriculture, the atmosphere, the animal kingdom, the sky—everything is cleansed and brought to perfection under His leadership and His power in the whole earth. The oceans are cleansed. Everything is restored under His leadership. He took the scroll. That's the ultimate implication.

When this Man takes the scroll in verse 8, the four living creatures, the top leaders in the angelic realm, who parallel the twenty-four elders in the human realm, fall down overwhelmed. The angelic and the human leadership in heaven are represented by these two groups, and they understand the implications of what He did.

I ask the Holy Spirit, "I want to see a little of what they saw." I don't mean I need an open vision. I have the vision recorded in the Word. "Holy Spirit, let me see a little."

They were overwhelmed by the grandeur and the vastness of the implications of a man doing this. Who is this Man? I want to feel the power of who this Man is. He's my Beloved and I am His.

They sang. Both groups broke out into a song, “You’re worthy to take the scroll. You’re able. You deserve it. You’re capable” (Rev. 5:9, paraphrased). It’s one thing to deserve it and another thing to be capable of following through with the plan. Maybe someone is very noble and trustworthy in his character and he deserves the position, but is he actually qualified to execute the plan when he’s in that position?

Well, *worthy* implies both. He’s capable and deserving. He’s worthy to take the scroll and open it. Again, the next chapter makes clear that opening the seals signifies the ability to administrate the judgments of Revelation 6.

What man can oversee those judgments? Because the judgments of God can’t be too severe, and they can’t be too lenient. They can’t be too early; they can’t be too late. They have to be perfect to produce righteousness in the earth. We would have no idea what to do with the judgments if we had power over them. We would say, “I don’t know. I don’t want to make that decision. I don’t want to push the button. No! Someone else do it.”

Why is He worthy? They give the reason: because He was slain. He possessed all the privileges of God in His preexistent glory; before He became human, He dwelt in eternity past as God in full glory. In His preexistence, in His pre-incarnate glory, when He had all the power, when He had all the privileges of God, He took them and laid them aside. He said, “I’ll become human and I’ll go purchase the human race and the earth and pay the debt of their sin and bring them back to God. Then I’ll invite them to share the government of the earth with Me.”

The government of heaven said, “You’re so worthy because when You had everything, You acted in love and humility, so we know the power won’t defile You at all. You won’t mismanage it ever. You’ll never mismanage this power.”

You’ve heard the famous statement that total power totally corrupts. Someone in England said that. Total power totally corrupts. That’s true, except in the case of one Man. Because He had total glory and He laid it aside to come after us. He’s proven that glory doesn’t corrupt Him at all. When He had all the glory, He laid aside His privileges for love’s sake. Love supersedes everything in His thought process. Humility is in everything He does. He wasn’t in any way distracted or diminished in His humility, love, or righteousness with total power. They said, “That’s the Man who should govern the earth forever. He’s worthy. That’s the Man who should oversee all the judgments of God. Because He has no false motive in the use of the power. He has only love, humility, truth, and righteousness on His mind.”

Beloved, this is the Man we worship tonight. This is the Man who loves us. This is the Man who when we said, “No, I don’t want Your leadership right now,” He said, “Yes, I’m coming after you anyway.”

When we said, “Not now, I have some things to do right now,” He said, “No, I’m coming after you. I love you even more than you love yourself. I’m coming after you.”

### **HE HAS MADE US KINGS AND PRIESTS, AND WE SHALL REIGN WITH HIM**

Look at what happens in verse 10. When He won the right to govern the earth, behold what He does. He shares the leadership of the earth with us. He made us kings and priests to reign over the earth. We said no to Him many times. After we said yes to Him, we still said no many more times after our big yes—after we came into relationship. Think of the compromises that each of us have willingly participated in in our lives. He says, “I want you to govern with Me, the whole earth forever.”

“Why? Why do You want me to rule with You?”

In John 17:24, Jesus said, “Father, I want them with Me where I am” (Jn. 17:24, paraphrased). “Wherever I am, I want them with Me forever.”

That’s how much He thinks about us. Beloved, no matter what the devil says, you have it made. You have it made.

“Well, we have to be practical.”

No, I am being practical. You have it made! The devil is a liar and he exaggerates in a really criminal way the situation that’s really before us. We have it made. I said no; Jesus said yes, came after me and said, “I want you to reign with Me. I want you to be with Me where I am forever in reigning the earth.”

“I don’t deserve that.”

“That’s not a problem. I love you and want you with Me.”

Do you ever think about your life? I’m very serious about this, because you need to. Do you think of your life 500 years from today and five million years from today? You need to dream and picture your life with Him on the earth with a resurrected physical body, on a physical earth. It will change the way you see today and tomorrow. Disconnected from that picture, we can’t make sense of what is going on around us.

### **THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE DEATH OF JESUS**

At the end of paragraph C, I have three things here. The implications of Jesus dying and being slain. Number one: He had to become human to be qualified to save us. God can’t redeem humans in that sense. A human has to redeem humans. The only One who could redeem us was fully God and fully human. It’s the only chance we had.

### **JESUS AGREED TO BE HUMAN FOREVER**

When He said yes to being human, He had to be human forever. That was part of the agreement. He didn’t die for us, rise from the dead and say, “Boy, that was a heavy trip down there. That humanity thing, take it back. I don’t like it. That was heavy.” He’ll be human forever. He had to be in order to qualify to save us.

### **THE INNOCENT ONE BECAME GUILTY THAT WE MIGHT BECOME INNOCENT**

Then He had to be perfectly righteous as a human in order to be qualified to pay for our debt. The innocent One became guilty so that we, the guilty ones, could become innocent. God didn’t overlook sin. He paid for sin. There’s a big difference.

The other religions don’t understand it. They say, “We’re all the same.” No, we’re not all the same. There’s no innocent Man who took the penalty for the guilty. There’s no man in those other religion. There’s no justice that has been paid. There is no other way of salvation besides through this Man. There is no other way that justice has been paid.



**NEVER LESS THAN FULLY GOD, NEVER DID HE ACT AS MORE THAN A MAN**

Equally remarkable, He had to become human forever. He had to be perfect in order to pay. He was never less than fully God—not ever. When He was on the earth, He lived as though He was never more than a man. For example, every time He performed a miracle, He had to depend on the Spirit through prayer and fasting and obedience, just as we did.

An angel could have said, “Jesus, come on. I saw You: You created the heavens and the earth. Why are You asking the Father about the healing meeting tomorrow?”

The answer would have been, “I can’t heal the sick unless the Father gives Me direction in My dependency on the Spirit. That’s how they are, the people I’m saving: that’s how they relate to God. I’ll relate to God that way too, though fully God.”

Jesus, never, ever less than God, lived on the earth as though He was not more than a man. He took the privileges of deity, and He laid them aside; they were always His, He never lost them, but He lived in dependency, like we do, on the Spirit. How different for Him. How humble that He would do that. Why? “Because I can’t save the human race unless I live fully as a human.”

“Why do You want me so badly?”

Because He’s love. He’s the very fountain of eternal love. That’s why He wants you so badly. He loves you far more than you love you. His plans for you are far better than your plans for you.

**“WORTHY IS THE LAMB WHO WAS SLAIN TO RECEIVE POWER AND RICHES”**

Top of page three. I’m out of time and I’m coming to the most important verse. Verse 12 is the most important verse. This is where all the details are laid out. John hears the voice of many angels, describing a man: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power”—that’s the key—“power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing” (Rev. 5:11).

In what sense does Jesus receive power and riches? Who does He receive them from? The answer is twofold. He receives them from the Father. The Father gives Him unprecedented favor over seven spheres of life in the age to come, in the millennial kingdom. I’m talking about people living on the earth with natural bodies. You’ll have a resurrected body and live in the New Jerusalem. The New Jerusalem is coming down to the earth, so you’ll be deeply involved in the earth as well. The Father said to this Jewish Man, “All the power of all the governments of the earth, I give to You.”

He receives it from the Father, number one. That’s not all. He receives it voluntarily from all the peoples of the earth. They yield to His power and give Him governmental authority. They say, “Yes, the Father gave You the decree to have all power. From the earthly point of view, we say yes. We come under Your leadership voluntarily, gladly, happily. We say yes: You’re the head of all the governments of all the earth.”

Imagine if a man stood up, as the Antichrist will do, and said, “I want to be over all the governments of the earth.” The Antichrist doesn’t make it, but that’s his goal. You know what the earth does: they war against the Antichrist. That’s what it says in the book of Revelation and Daniel. They say no. Some say yes, but many say, “No, we don’t want you over us.”

It's different with this Jewish Man, Jesus of Nazareth. All the nations say, "Yes, we will gladly give You all the power in our nation. We submit it to You gladly."

### **GREAT IS THE MYSTERY OF GOD IN THE FLESH**

There's a twofold reception. By the Father's decree, He gives this Man unprecedented favor. The people of the earth respond by taking all that has been entrusted to them and bringing it under His leadership. All the power, all the governmental authority, the Father gives to Him. The nations say, "We agree, be over our nation." That was easy. All the riches, all the money in the millennial earth, He'll be over all of it. The Father decreed it, but the nations will say, "Be over our national economy. Would You run our banking system?" Literally all the riches and all the wisdom will be His. Isaiah says the anointing of the Spirit will rest on Him, even in His millennial reign (Isa. 11:2-3).

He's fully God. There's the great mystery. The Spirit will anoint Him as a Man even though He Himself is a man, though He Himself is fully God. "Great is the mystery," Paul says, "of God in the flesh" (1 Tim. 3:16, paraphrased). We can't understand it. He's fully God, but He's anointed by the Spirit as a man under the authority of the Father. Both of them are true continually.

Then all the men and the women of the earth will say, "Whatever wisdom we have, and the fruit that wisdom has produced, we bring it and submit it to You. All of it is Yours."

All the strength: all the physical labor of all the workforce of the earth, and all that they produce. They come to Jesus and say, "We submit to You. All the strength is Yours. All the strength we have, we give to You voluntarily."

They give Him all the glory. You could take the glory one of two ways. Jesus will be delighted. The nations will glory in Him; they'll adore Him. Or, some people suggest that the glory of God, the power of God will be on Him. I think both views are reasonable. All the power of the Spirit that's on the people in the nations of the earth, and all the fruit that's born by the power of God operating through them, they'll bring the fruit of it and submit it to Him. All the influence they have; all the honor. Ephesians tells us to honor your father and your mother (Eph. 6:1-3). Paul is talking about obedience with respect. All the nations will honor Him. They'll gladly obey Him in all His decrees and all His policies. All His ways they'll obey in all of society.

The Father will honor Him, but the nations will honor Him. It's a twofold thing. All the blessing: the Father will bless Him, but the nations will say to this King of all kings, this world President, "We bless every policy You present. We don't resist anything." He will have the most unified workforce ever in human history, all of them blessing every decree He gives instead of resisting.

### **THE MIRACLE OF THE HUMILITY OF JESUS**

Jesus knew all of this when He walked on the earth through the hills of Galilee. When they resisted Him, He already knew all of this. That's the miracle of His humility. His own disciples corrected Him a few times. I mean, the great miracle wasn't that Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. The great miracle is that Jesus said, "Lazarus" (Jn. 11:43). If He had only said, "Come forth," every grave would have opened. During His prayer time, the Spirit whispered in His ear, "Remember to say 'Lazarus'! We're not ready to open all the graves. That's the authority You have." That's obviously not how it happened.

Page three. You can read it on your own. Here's my point. These seven facets of leadership over the earth will be given to Him by the people of the nations, as well as decreed by the Father. These are real and literal. These aren't figurative blessings. Can you imagine a man who has all the riches? Someone asked me, "All the riches? What does that mean?"

I said, "That means all the riches."

He will be over all the banking systems, own all the land, all the property of the entire earth, and He'll dispense in perfect humility, love and righteousness. How do we know? How do we know this won't turn Him a little? When He had all the glory, He laid it aside and came down to the earth for the sake of love. He has already proven Himself.

### **THREE WAYS TO RESPOND TO THESE SEVEN DECREES**

Top of page four. How do we respond to this sevenfold description of what the Father will give Him and the response of the nations to Him and then, after that, the new heavens and the new earth? This will still continue on. All the riches will be His in the new heaven and new earth, after the millennial kingdom. There are three ways to respond to these seven decrees. "All the power is Yours, all the riches are Yours, all the wisdom is Yours, all the strength is Yours, all the honor is Yours, all the glory is Yours, all the blessing."

There are three different ways we can respond to each one of those seven descriptions of the greatness of His earthly destiny and inheritance. Number one. In your personal life, you can commit to His leadership in all seven of those areas right now. It's only in part, but we say, "Jesus, all the power is Yours. You're over all the governments. I will pray and believe You to affect my government in my city and my nation even now. I will be a part of believing You and working for that." It's a personal response, a commitment. "I'm saying yes to whatever You lead me to do in this area." All the riches. "I will believe You for supernatural increase of wealth, for the release of Your kingdom, and all the money I have, whether a little or a lot, falls under Your leadership. The whole earth will be under Your leadership in a short amount of time."

We can make a personal response in all seven ways even now. Honor: "I will honor You with my obedience even now." Blessing: "Jesus, I'll bless everything You're doing in my city. I won't resist anything in the kingdom out of strife, envy, or jealousy. I'll bless everything that honors Your name."

We can respond to all seven of these right now. That's the first way. Here's the second: we pray for the release of all seven of these right now. Because they're only going to be released in part before He returns. Because what He'll do in fullness in the earth in these seven areas, He'll do in part before He returns. What He'll do in fullness in these seven areas, we can pray and begin to decree right now.

When the Antichrist's kingdom rises in the earth, he'll want to take over all the governments of the earth, but the Church will decree, "All the power belongs to Jesus. You will come down."

When the Antichrist wants to employ the mark of the Beast to run the economic systems of the earth, the praying Church will decree, "All the riches belong to Jesus. We declare failure on your economic system!"

We can pray now and then decree in a more dramatic way when the Antichrist wants to pervert and counterfeit all seven of these in his earthly reign. He will be frustrated and come to nothing after a very short reign.

As I look at these seven facets, they're descriptions of His beauty. I see them just a little now in my own life and in the life of the nations, and I pray for them and I know they'll be fully manifest. I can begin to meditate on the beauty of the Lord related to a man with this kind of capability.

“Lord, show me Your beauty. Show me how big You really are and how grand and wise and humble. Show me more, Lord.”

### **“YOUR EYES WILL SEE THE KING IN HIS BEAUTY”**

Paragraph C. When Isaiah says, “Your eyes will see the King in His beauty” (Isa. 33:17). it's talking about the second coming and the millennial kingdom. It's talking about these seven facets openly displayed on a global level and the nations seeing the beauty of Jesus in these seven areas of leadership.

I want to see it now by faith, a little. I say, “Lord, I can see a little of this. I'm excited about who You are. You're amazing. You're more than amazing. This is remarkable.” Our heart can get fascinated and exhilarated with God, even by seeing where it's all going, though it's only happening a little.

### **THE BRANCH OF THE LORD WILL BE SEEN AS BEAUTIFUL AND GLORIOUS**

Isaiah 4 describes the day of the second coming and the beginning of the millennial kingdom. “The Branch of the Lord” is a term used for the Messiah six times in the Old Testament. He will be seen as beautiful (Isa. 4:2). In what way? In His leadership over these seven areas of life. Well, more than that, but that's a beginning place. He has more beauty than just His leadership. We will see His beauty. All the nations will see the way He administrates riches. All the nations will see how He handles governmental power. All the nations will see how wise He really is. It's the wisdom of Solomon beyond anything we could have ever imagined. His beauty will be magnified. We don't have to wait until we have a resurrected body; we can meditate on it now and feel some of the power ahead of time.

### **HE'S WORTHY OF OUR UNQUALIFIED TRUST**

Roman numeral IV. Coming to a conclusion. In verse 9, they're singing, “You're worthy.” Then, in verse 11, all the angels jump in. In verse 9, it's the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures, the main leaders of heaven. Now, here in verse 11, all the angels jump in: multitudes and myriads. They say, “You're worthy.” They declare the decree of the Lord, “You'll have all the power, all the riches, all the wisdom, all the strength, all the honor, all the glory, and all the nations will bless everything You do and none will resist You.”

This is the declaration of the angels. Beloved, this is our confession right now, as well as our confession in the age to come: “You're worthy.”

Paragraph B. In what way? “You deserve it. You're worthy of being the supreme leader of the earth. You deserve it by the way You've lived and the choices You've made. You deserve it.”

But even more, number two. “Not only do You deserve the position. You're capable. You'll actually fulfill, with excellence, every single thing the Father intended in restoring every sphere of life to the glory of God. You're capable. You're worthy.”

Number three. I really like number three. “You’re worth it, Jesus. You’re worth it.” “You’re worthy” means, “You’re worth it.”

He’s worth what? He’s worth our unqualified trust. “Your leadership is so excellent, You deserve my trust. You’re worth it.” Not just to trust Him when things look dark, but to give even our costly, sacrificial obedience.

If I had to do it over again, I would do it again. I would do it even more. It’s not like, “Well I had to give up my money, then I had to bear this, then people all were against me. Oh goodness!”

No, throw all that stuff out the window. That’s rubbish. “You’re worth it. Are You kidding? You’re worth it. These temporary, light afflictions? You’re worth it.”

The devil whispers in our ear, “You’re getting a bad deal from God. His leadership isn’t good.” That’s the same lie. It’s so effective. He doesn’t need another lie. He uses the same one on every human.

He says, “Just give up. It’s too hard. Quit pressing in.”

We say, “No, He’s worth it. He’s worth it.” We declare our confession now, our confession in the age to come. “You’re worthy to be the supreme leader. You’re capable to restore all things. We have unqualified trust in Your leadership. We don’t need You to give us all the details; we trust You with only a few. We trust Your leadership and we will give You all of our obedience. You’re worth it, Jesus.”

### **MINISTRY TIME**

Amen. Let’s just quiet our hearts and line ourselves up with this grand confession of heaven: “You’re worth it. You’re worth it. Not just worth the obedience. You’re worth it to be a leader that I adore. I hardly know You, but I want to know You. I want to feel the power of who You are.”

Let’s take the next thirty minutes to talk to the Lord: “Jesus, You’re amazing. I have a good deal.” It’s really a good deal! “You want me. Not only to save me; You want me to be a part of Your government. Why? Why would You want me to be a part of Your government?”

“Because I want you where I am,” the Lord says. “I want you, even you.”