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Welcome to Gods Promise, I'm Dr. Kiley and I'm here to help you apply God's promise to your life.

This week we are looking at The Promises of God's Living Word. Yesterday we looked at the impact of the promise when it is received and applied to our life. Today we are closing the week with the Implication to further apply the promise to your life this weekend.

Few television broadcasts exceed in viewership those concerning the British royal family. People are fascinated with royalty, so much so that the true purposes of royalty are often overlooked. Hebrews 1:3 reminds us of the purpose for which the Servant-King, Jesus, came to earth.

Hebrews 1:3 says, "The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven."

Does any other realm on earth know how to display the pomp and ceremony of royalty like the British? The traditions of rule by monarch, maintained for centuries, are still practiced, though primarily for ceremonial purposes. There are royal jewels, royal castles, royal protocols. Countries without a royal family to watch and envy seem to live vicariously through Great Britain's.

Often, what a monarch does gets lost amid the fanfare of who the monarch is. There is a danger in viewing a royal leader and his or her entourage as entertainment for the people rather than as expeditors of policy. And this can be true in the spiritual realm as well. Take the coming to earth of Jesus Christ. He came for a purpose, to be sure. But His coming from heaven to earth, and His dramatic resurrection and ascension from earth back to heaven, sometimes overshadow the simplicity and purity of what He came to do.

Take Hebrews 1:3, for example. Is this not a description of royalty? Jesus radiates God's glory and represents Him exactly. He sustains God's kingdom by His powerful and authoritative word. When He returned to heaven from earth, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty. An entrance and exit fit for a king! But as we sometimes do while watching the British royalty, let us not forget the purpose of His coming. The Word made flesh came to provide "purification for sins." Bookends of eternity support the window of time in which Christ came to earth to make His subjects pure-pure now and pure forever. If we miss His death on our behalf, we miss the purpose of His appearance. Because He came as a humble servant-king, many royalty watchers have failed to see His true glory. May the purity that He provides reflect His glory through us to those who have yet to see Him.

God's Promise: God's Son came to earth to purify you from the stain of sin.

