

I. PREVIOUS SESSION REVIEW

A. Pastor's Session 7 Review:

- Died with Christ
- Raised with Christ
- Seated with Christ
- **John Macmillan:** *"Lord, we humbly accept thy gracious word. I believe that thou hast thus wrought for me. In humble faith I do now take my seat in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus at thy right hand."*

II. The Safe Place

A. John Macmillan: *"But with this courage must be a continual and close abiding in God, a spirit that is alert to every urge and check from Him and a mind that is steeped in the Word of God."*

1. The ONLY place of SAFETY is the occupation of the seat itself. It is "FAR ABOVE" the enemy. If the believer abides steadfastly by faith in THIS LOCATION, he cannot be touched.

2. We are to **COME UP** to our seat!

3. God is calling the Church to take their seat!

Pastor Dale: *"I can hear the Lord calling His Church: 'Come up here! You are so busy focusing on everything down there. Let Me remind you, you are seated up here!'"*

B. Jesus prepared a place.

1. John 14:1-4

NKJV "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. **I go to prepare a place for you.** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know."

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2. John 14:19-20

NKJV “A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. At that day you will know that I *am* in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.”

NLT “When I am raised to life again, you will know that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.”

PASTOR’S NOTE: *This passage is often used to represent our going to heaven as our final destination. While we will be in heaven with Jesus one day, it is likely that Jesus is also referring to our SEAT / SEATED POSITION in Him that is now made available to us through His resurrection and ascension.*

3. Jesus prepared a **spiritual place** for us in the heavenlies—a **seat of authority**.

a. We must STAY “heavenly position minded”—keep your seat!

- **Colossians 3:2**

NKJV “Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.”

AMP “Set your mind *and* keep focused *habitually* on the things above [the heavenly things], not on things that are on the earth [which have only temporal value].”

b. The believer is to **keep in mind** WHERE they are SEATED, which is ABOVE ALL THINGS in Christ—“*I am seated above.*”

C. Walking in the Spirit

1. **Galatians 5:16** and **Galatians 5:25** speak of walking in the Spirit / living in the Spirit.

a. We do not live out of our earthly identity (or seat).

b. Once saved, we are SPIRITUALLY SEATED **above** all of that—if we LIVE from the realm of the Spirit vs. the realm of the flesh.

c. To live in the Spirit is to **come up higher**—taking your seat—in the heavenly places.

D. The Safe Place

John Macmillan: *"The only place of safety is the occupation of the seat itself."*

Pastor Dale: *"The reason so many in the local church live beneath victory / beneath health / beneath provision / always 'under' the circumstances is because **great multitudes in the Church do not see themselves seated ABOVE; they are always struggling BELOW!**"*

1. We must think of ourselves HIGHER!

- **Psalm 18:1-3**

NKJV "I will love You, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies."

- **Psalm 18:16-19**

NKJV "He sent from above, He took me; He drew me out of many waters. He delivered me from my strong enemy, From those who hated me, For they were too strong for me. They confronted me in the day of my calamity, But the Lord was my support. He also brought me out into a broad place; He delivered me because He delighted in me."

- **Psalm 18:37-42**

NKJV "I have pursued my enemies and **overtaken them**; Neither did I turn back again till **they were destroyed. I have wounded them**, So that **they could not rise; They have fallen under my feet**. For You have armed me with strength for the battle; You have **subdued under me those who rose up against me. You have also given me the necks of my enemies**, So that I destroyed those who hated me. They cried out, but *there was* none to save; *Even* to the Lord, but He did not answer them. Then I beat them as fine as the dust before the wind; I cast them out like dirt in the streets."

- **Psalm 18:47-48**

NKJV "*It is* God who avenges me, And **subdues the peoples under me**; He delivers me from my enemies. You also **lift me up above those who rise against me**."

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PASTOR'S NOTE: *David saw himself ascended higher than his enemies—seated ABOVE the enemy who pursued him. The Lord has lifted **us** ABOVE EVERY ENEMY. We are not UNDER the circumstances. We are not UNDER anything. We are seated FAR ABOVE ALL.*

2. We must stay seated and allow nothing to move us!

John Macmillan: *“Consequently, the enemy puts forth all his wiles to draw him down in spirit, for once out of his seat, his authority is gone and he is no longer dangerous, and further, he is open to attack.”*

Smith Wigglesworth: *“There is a place in God that Satan dare not come, this is the place, seated with Him at the right hand of the Father”.*

Pastor Dale: *“The believer that continues to see themselves seated far above all the power of the enemy in Christ will prevail over the circumstances in life.”*

- a. We must not allow anything to **DRAW US DOWN** from our seat.
- b. The enemy will stop at nothing to get you to vacate your seat of authority.
 - Unrighteousness.
 - Unworthiness.
 - Attempts to work everything out by fleshly means.
- c. **Romans 5:17**
NKJV “For if by the one man’s offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.”
 - However, the believer **who allows himself to be unseated**—although saved, ready for heaven, and forgiven—**will not** reign in life.
 - They will be overcome by the enemy when it comes to life in general, never overcoming, never getting ahead, always being set back.
 - This is NOT the will of God! **STAY SEATED!**

E. Kenneth E. Hagin: *“As a result of my studies, I concluded that we as a church have authority on the earth that we’ve never yet realized—authority that we are not using. A few of us have barely gotten to the edge of that authority, but before Jesus comes again there’s going to be a whole company of believers who will rise*

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up with the authority that is theirs. They will now what is theirs, and they will do the work that God intended they should do.”

F. John Macmillan concerning the last days: *“The rapidly approaching end of the age is witnessing a tremendous increase in the activity of the power of darkness. To meet the situation, the CHURCH OF CHRIST needs a new conception of prayer. The urgent call is for men and women, wholly yielded to the Lord, whose eyes have been enlightened to see the ministry in the heavenlies to which they have been called. Such believers may in union with the great HEAD of the BODY exercise an authority to which the power of the air MUST give place wherever challenged.”*

G. We are it! We are God’s plan on the earth.

- We are His Body on earth.
- We are His presence on earth.
- We are His dominion on earth.
- We are His answer to the issues on earth.
- We are His hands, feet, and voice on earth.
- We are His victory in the face of defeat on earth.
- We are hope in hopelessness.
- We are His authority in the earth.
- **As long as we KNOW OUR SEAT—and STAY IN IT!**

H. The Local Church Authority

- **Matthew 18:18-20**

NKJV “Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you lose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. **For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”**