

Session 5 Jesus Received as King by All Nations (Rev. 5:12)

I. THE FATHER SET JESUS AS KING OVER ALL THE NATIONS

- A. The Father determined that Jesus be king over all nations. His primary message in Psalm 2 is “*I have set My king on My holy hill*” (v. 6). He set Jesus on His throne in two phases.
Phase 1: Jesus was enthroned *in heaven* at the Father’s right hand *at the resurrection* (Eph. 1:20).
Phase 2: Jesus will be enthroned *on earth* in Jerusalem *at His second coming* (Jer. 3:17).

⁶I [the Father] have set My King on My holy hill of Zion [Jerusalem]...⁸Ask of Me, and I will give You [Jesus] the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession. (Ps. 2:8)

¹⁷At that time Jerusalem shall be called The Throne of the LORD, and all the nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of the LORD [Jesus], to Jerusalem. (Jer. 3:17)

We are looking at the great passage in Revelation 5:12 where it says concerning the Lord Jesus that we are all singing that all power and riches and wisdom and strength and glory and honor and blessing belong to the Lord. There is this crescendo of declaring the seven different aspects of Jesus’ leadership that will be openly manifested on the earth. That is the theme of this session. We are going to break down this main verse phrase by phrase. First I want to give the context to Revelation 5:12.

In Psalm 2, which we looked at the other day, where David described that dialogue in the Godhead, he heard the Father and the Son speaking one to another. They were responding in context to the rage of the kings of the earth who were threatening and speaking these statements of disdain against the Lord’s leadership. The Father in Psalm 2:6 declares, “I have already set My King on My holy mountain, on My holy hill,” which means Jerusalem. In other words, “It is already determined in the eternal counsels of the Godhead that My King will be in place. Nothing can stop this from happening.”

Then in verse 8, the Father invites the Son, “Ask of Me. I will give You the nations as Your inheritance.” That is, “It is Your rightful inheritance that You would be preeminent in all the nations and that You would have the full authority, power, riches, wisdom, and strength from all the nations. It would be Yours.” He says, “Even the very ends of the earth”—every sphere of society, every strata of society, all the infrastructure of society—would obey Jesus and serve His purpose. The fruit of their labors would be bringing honor and glory to Him. All the spheres of society, the very ends of the earth.

So the Father in verse 6 says, “I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion.” Jesus is set on His throne in two installments. He was enthroned in heaven as a man; we are talking about being “set” as a man. It is not unusual that God the Son would be King. For God to be King is a reasonable reality. That makes sense. What is unusual is that a man is King. Though we know Jesus is fully God and fully Man, it is the humanity—the “Son of David” dimension—that makes it such a startling statement. As a man, Jesus was enthroned at the resurrection, enthroned at the right hand of the Father. The day is coming when He will be enthroned in Jerusalem on the earth. It says in Jeremiah 3:17 that Jerusalem, the city of Jerusalem, will itself be called the throne of the Lord one day. Because the throne of Jesus will be the most prominent, glorious feature of the city of Jerusalem, that is why the city will be called the throne of God. The throne will be so prominent and will be the center of everything that happens in that city, the throne of glory, Jesus’ throne. All the nations will be gathered to Jesus in Jerusalem for 1000 years on the earth called the Millennial Kingdom.

- B. Jesus, as a Man, will be recognized by all on earth, as the king over all the earth.

⁹*And the LORD [Jesus] shall be King over all the earth. (Zech. 14:9)*

¹⁶*On His robe...a name written: KING OF KINGS... (Rev. 19:16)*

Jesus, as a man, will be recognized by everyone. Everyone in the nations will see Him, a man, as King over the earth. One man, King over all the nations. Zechariah 14, “the Lord”—it is speaking of Jesus Himself, the Son of David—“shall be King over all the earth.” That is the great theme of Zechariah and also the great theme of the book of Revelation. Jesus returning to the earth to be King of the nations is the great theme of the book of Revelation: the Kingship of Jesus. We do well to focus on that theme and grow in our understanding of it.

- C. Jesus’ kingship is manifested on earth *in part* in this age and *in fullness* in the millennial kingdom. The Millennium is a 1,000-year period in which Jesus will rule this world in righteousness (Rev. 20). *Millennium* is from the Latin word *mille*, meaning a thousand. At that time the kingdom of God will be openly manifested worldwide, affecting every sphere of life (political, social, agricultural, economic, educational, media, arts, etc. (Isa. 2:1-4; 9:6-9; 11:1-16; 51:1-8; 60-62; 65:17-25; Mt. 17:11; 19:28; Acts 1:6; 3:21). IHOPKC holds to the **historic premillennial** view of the end times with a post-tribulation rapture and emphasis on a victorious Church (Eph. 5:27; Rev. 19:7; 22:17).

⁴*And they [the saints] lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years...⁶but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years. (Rev. 20:4-6)*

²¹*Truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD. (Num. 14:21)*

Jesus’ Kingship is manifested on the earth in part in this age. We see evidences of the kingdom of God all throughout the earth where Jesus is obeyed, where Jesus is magnified. It is only in part that we see the evidences and expressions of the kingdom. In the age to come, the kingdom of God will be fully displayed. Every eye in the natural will see the evidences and expressions of the rule of Jesus in every sphere of life in every nation of the earth. Revelation 20 references this. It talks about the time when the saints will reign with Christ for 1000 years. Christ will reign for 1000 years on the earth. After that is the new heavens and the new earth.

So after this age there is that Millennial Kingdom for 1000 years. Millennium means 1000. After that, the Father’s throne comes to the earth. The Bible calls it the new heaven and the new earth. There is a 1000-year period during which Jesus will reign on the earth. There will be people with natural bodies living in the nations. The believers of history will have been raised from the dead or raptured if you are alive when the Lord comes. You will be raptured and get your resurrected body right there in the air. If you are with the Lord through history you will get your resurrected body. The saints will live in the New Jerusalem, but the New Jerusalem will come down to the earth. There will be this fluid interaction.

There will be this connection between the saints with resurrected bodies in the New Jerusalem and the people with natural bodies on the earth. The nations will continue for 1000 years. Satan will be in prison, and the kingdom of God will be displayed. Natural life will go on. The people—the unsaved survivors of the Great Tribulation—will be born again. They will honor the Lord. Then they will have children who will need to be born again. The kingdom of God will be flourishing. The garden-of-Eden kind of conditions will progressively expand and fill the earth.

It is in this context that all the power, riches, wisdom, strength, glory, honor, blessing of Revelation 5:12 are openly manifested before all the nations, that it all comes to Jesus and magnifies Him. It is all under His leadership, openly before the nations in the earth with a natural realm. We will be living in the New Jerusalem. It has come down to the earth. We are reigning on the earth. There is this effortless interchange between resurrected saints in the New Jerusalem and their position of reigning on the natural earth in the Millennium.

Just like angels can move in and out of the heavenly realm and the earthly realm effortlessly now without any barriers of time and space and distance, so the saints with resurrected bodies will be able to do that for a 1000-year period. At this time, for 1000 years, the kingdom of God will be openly manifested in every sphere of society. That is the subject of Revelation 5:12, that all power, riches and wisdom are openly seen as belonging to Jesus.

Here, as a leadership team, our position is historic premillennialism. That is our view of the end times. Many of you know what that means. Some of you may say, “I do not know that term.” I am going to skip it right now, but I just want you to understand our view. Along with that our view is a post-tribulation rapture with a victorious church significantly walking in the power of God in the midst of the tribulation period and being present when the Lord returns and ushers in that new age called the Millennial Kingdom.

D. The Father promised to make Jesus preeminent in all things.

¹⁸He is the head of the Body...that in all things He may have the preeminence. (Col. 1:18)

*The Father has promised that He will make Jesus preeminent in everything. He will be preeminent on the earth. He will be preeminent in the New Jerusalem. He will be this as a **man**. It is not only Jesus as God. He is fully God. I do not minimize that. That is one of my favorite truths of the Word of God—the deity of Jesus. He is eternally God. He is the uncreated God like the Father and the Spirit. There was never a time when the second person of the Trinity did not exist. He is uncreated like the Father and the Spirit. The drama that unfolded is God became man. It is the human dimension where it is the son of David becoming preeminent. A human is preeminent. A man is. He is preeminent in the New Jerusalem, and He is preeminent on the earth. Those two realms are merging together—the natural realm and the spirit realm—as we have covered in the classes previously to this session.*

E. God gave the dominion (authority) of the earth to Adam as a representative of the human race. Genesis 1:28 is an “eternal stewardship” given to the human race that God has not reversed.

²⁸God said, “...Have dominion over...every living thing that moves on the earth.” (Gen. 1:28)

⁶You have made him [man] to have dominion...You have put all things under his feet. (Ps. 8:6)

To really understand the heavenly drama of Revelation 5, when the Father gives the Son the title deed to the earth as a Man, to understand that drama that we will look at in a moment, we have to go back and get the context from Genesis 1. In chapter 1:28, God gave Adam and Eve dominion over the earth. When He gave Adam and Eve dominion over the earth, it was not just giving it to those two, but to their offspring as well. In other words, He was entrusting the earthly realm to humans. This was an eternal stewardship that God never reversed. When Adam sinned, God’s plan for humans to have dominion over the earth was not cancelled. I believe it is an eternal stewardship, that the human race will always have dominion over the earth. It is only the redeemed, who are connected to Jesus and under His leadership, part of His body, who will fulfill this. As He rules as King of kings, His people, redeemed through history, will rule under Him. With Him, they will rule the earth forever and forever.

In Psalm 8:6, the Holy Spirit spoke this truth to David again. After Adam had sinned, after Israel had sinned, after David had sinned, God said, in effect, “I want to reiterate again that I have not revoked the human mandate. I have given it to the human race. It has always been My purpose that I would manifest My glory through humans and My glory would fill the earth through My people. This is My eternal plan.”

- F. By sinning, Adam forfeited his authority over the earth to Satan (Lk. 4:6). Jesus, as a man, referred to as the last Adam (1 Cor. 15:45), came to earth to win the dominion of the earth back from Satan.
- ⁵*The devil...showed Him all the kingdoms of the world...⁶and said...“All this authority I will give You...for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.” (Lk. 4:5-6)*

The problem was that when Adam sinned, he yielded to Satan in the temptation and forfeited his place of authority. He gave it to Satan. A dimension of that dominion over the nations was now Satan’s legal right. When Jesus was tempted in the wilderness in Luke 4, and the devil appeared to Him, the devil showed Jesus all the nations of the world or all the kingdoms. He said to Jesus, “I have Adam’s dominion that has been forfeited, and I have the legal right over a dimension of the nations. It has been delivered to me.” When Satan said to Jesus, “The authority of the nations has been delivered to me,” he meant by Adam. “He gave me his place. He forfeited his place.” He looked at Jesus, “I can give the authority of the nations, that particular place of authority, to anyone I want. If You will bow down and worship me, I will give it to You.”

Jesus’ answer was, “No. No, I will worship the Lord My God, and I will only worship Him.” Satan was offering Jesus authority over the nations as a man without going to the cross. Jesus said, “No, no. I will go through the cross. I will defeat you. I will defeat death. As a man I will win the right to rule the nations. I will pay the debt of sin. I will be the rightful heir of the earth as a man. I will triumph over you visibly. It will be manifested before all the nations.”

Satan was desperate to get Jesus to take the shortcut. “I will give to You what Adam gave to me.”

Jesus said, “No, no. I will win it rightfully from you. I will pay the debt. I will defeat you and death as a man. I will bring My people into their rightful place, and I will win it all back, all that God originally intended when He created Adam and Eve, all that was lost in a temporary way as Satan became the god of this age as 2 Corinthians 4:4 says.

II. THE GRAND DRAMA IN HEAVEN: JESUS TOOK THE SCROLL (REV. 5:7)

- A. Revelation 5 describes Jesus’ destiny to rule the earth as a man. John saw the Father giving the title deed of the earth to Jesus (5:1-8). Jesus manifests His power openly over all the earth and throughout society *in part* in this age and *in fullness* in the Millennium.

¹I saw in the right hand of Him [the Father] who sat on the throne a scroll...sealed with seven seals. ²Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming...“Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?”...⁵...one of the elders said to me, “...the Lion of the tribe of Judah...has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.”⁶...in the midst of the throne...stood a Lamb as though... slain. ⁷...He...took the scroll out of the right hand of Him...on the throne. (Rev. 5:1-7)

1. *The scroll* (v. 1) speaks of the title deed of the earth and God’s plan to cleanse the earth of evil (Rev. 6-19) and replace all its national governments (Rev. 20:4-6). By taking the scroll (v. 7), Jesus accepts responsibility to cleanse and rule the earth forever.
2. *Loosing seven seals* (v. 5) means that Jesus will release the judgments described in the book of Revelation (Rev. 6-19) to cleanse the earth of unrighteousness.
3. *Who is worthy?* An angel asks which man deserves and is able to own and cleanse the earth and lead it. Jesus prevailed over Satan by His obedience, death, and resurrection.

4. **Lion and Lamb:** John saw a Jewish man from the tribe of Judah (v. 5) who had the boldness of a roaring lion along with the meekness of a slain Lamb (v. 6).

Here is the drama we look at now: the grand drama in heaven where it describes the resurrected Christ, the second person of the Trinity, but in His humanity. His deity is not minimized at all. Jesus was never, ever less than God at any time during the process. There is a great drama that comes to this crescendo in verse 12 when all of the spheres of society, all the authority, the power, all the riches and glory are seen and openly demonstrated as being under Jesus' authority. Revelation 5 describes Jesus' destiny to rule the earth as King and to rule the earth as a man. Again, this is so amazing! Because, while it is not unusual that Jesus as God would rule, it is as a man, the son of David, the heir, one of David's great, great, great, great grandchildren He is ruling. John in an open vision saw the Father giving the title deed, the scroll, to Him. Many Bible scholars through history agree that the scroll that was in the Father's hand included the title deed for the rightful ownership of the planet and several other things as well.

John saw the Father giving this scroll to the Son. He saw the Son in His humanity as the last Adam taking this scroll and taking the responsibility to cleanse the earth of evil and rule the world in love and righteousness. Let's look at this drama, this familiar passage in Revelation 5. John said, "I saw in the right hand of Him," and when he says the right hand of Him, he means the Father, "I saw a scroll." Again, in that scroll is the title deed of the earth. "The scroll was sealed with seven seals." One of the reasons why scholars and theologians through history believe it includes the title deed of the earth is because at the end of the opening of the scroll, all the dimensions of the nations are seen as under Jesus' leadership in verse 12, the verse we are focused on, the verse we are getting to. The end result of the scroll being opened is everything is attributed to obeying Jesus, under His authority, and honoring Him.

In verse 2, John said that he saw a strong angel. This strong angel is in the presence of God. He cries out the great question of the hour, "Who is worthy to open the scroll?" The question is not, "Is God worthy?" Of course God is. The question is "What man is able to do this?" So he cries out, "What man is able to do it? What man deserves this place of honor and authority? Of all the human race, is there a man who is capable of this level of leadership, who is deserving of this level of leadership?" The cry goes forth, "Who is worthy? What man could take the scroll from the Father?"

In verse 5, "One of the twenty-four elders spoke up, 'There is a man. It is the lion of the tribe of Judah. He is a Jewish man.'" When it says He is of the tribe of Judah, it means He is human. He is from the lineage of Judah, one of the twelve sons of Jacob. He is a Jewish man. He is a human. The elder said, "He is worthy." It is not only that He is a human. It is the statement that He is from the lineage of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He is Jewish, and He is lion-like in His character. He is fierce. He is powerful. He is unrelenting in His zeal when it comes to love and righteousness. "He has prevailed." He has conquered all the opposition. He prevailed over the temptation of Satan. In the way Adam fell, Jesus triumphed. Then He paid the debt of sin. He paid the rightful debt so in the court of God justice was satisfied. He prevailed over death. He prevailed over Satan. He prevailed in all these ways. "Yes, He can open the scroll." The idea of opening the scroll is then He could walk out all that the scroll contained, all the privileges, all the authority and actions that are implied in that scroll. Jesus is able to walk that out and carry that responsibility.

Verse 6, "In the midst of the throne"—right in the very presence of the Father where this drama is unfolding—"stood a Lamb as though slain." A lamb with the wounds of death in His body is the idea. This fierce lion is also a gentle and humble lamb. He is fierce in His zeal in that He will not let anything stop Him from love, righteousness, and justice filling the earth, but He is not only fierce as a lion. He is gentle and humble like a lamb. He has the marks of death in His body. A lamb as though slain meaning a lamb with the wounds in his

body. This lion-like man who is like a lamb in His meekness with wounds, verse 7, “He stood up and took the scroll out of the hand of the Father.” A man going to the Father and taking the scroll from the Father’s hand. There is no other who could approach the Father like this and take something from the Father’s hand.

When He took the scroll out of the Father’s hands, He was assuming the responsibility that was implied in the contents of the scroll. When He took the scroll, He was saying, “I can cleanse the earth of evil. I can drive the evil one off the planet through My plan. I have the capacity to rule the world in righteousness.” When He took the scroll He said openly before the court of heaven, “I am able and I am worthy for the task.”

B. The living creatures (angelic) and the elders (human) represent the government of heaven. They express their agreement with the Father’s decree to give the leadership of the earth to Jesus.

⁸When He [Jesus] had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb...⁹They sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals [release God’s judgments]; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God [You proved Your leadership and love] by Your blood out of every tribe...and nation,¹⁰ and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth.” (Rev. 5:8-10)

Verse 8, “When He had taken the scroll”—when this man, this lion-like man with the meekness of a lamb, took the scroll from the hand of the Father and accepted the responsibility to cleanse the planet of evil, to drive Satan off the planet and to rule the earth in righteousness—“the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down,” overwhelmed. They fell down before the Lamb because they saw the intention of God for the human race, that in which God had ordained originally for Adam and Eve and their offspring to walk, the leadership of the planet under the Father’s authority to the Father’s glory. That plan that seemed to fail and seemed to be forever gone was now fully recovered by this man. They fell down before the Lamb and sang a song directed to Him, overwhelmed that the original intention of God had not been lost, but was fully restored and recovered by a man.

They sang, “You are worthy to take the scroll. You are worthy to open its seals.” When they said, “You are worthy,” they were declaring, “You deserve this authority. Nobody else deserves this preeminence, this all-inclusive position of total authority. You deserve it.” That is what they were crying when they said, “You are worthy.” They were saying more than, “You deserve it.” They were saying, “You are capable.”

Beloved, what if a whole nation gave you total authority over that nation. What an overwhelming task! What a daunting task, to take responsibility for one nation! This man will take responsibility for all the nations, settle all the problems, bring the full purpose of God to completion and sustain it forever and forever. He is worthy. He is capable. He is not like any other man. Not only is He deserving of that preeminent position, that all-inclusive position of total power, not only is He capable, but He is not going to stumble. He has the wisdom. He has the love. He has the sustainable righteousness to do this forever. When the living creatures and the elders cried out, “You are worthy,” they were saying, “You are worth it. You are worth it. You are worth our giving You our unqualified trust. You are worth it that we would trust Your leadership and give You our sacrificial obedience. We will obey You. We will trust You. You have proven Yourself worthy of our obedience, of our trust. You are worth it.”

When we sing the song—many worship songs that have the phrase, “You are worthy”—I love to say, “You are worth it. Lord, if I had to do it over again, I would do it again. I would obey You more. I would trust You with greater zeal.”

I have talked to believers over the years. I understand this. I am not saying this in a negative, put-down way. I hear it all the time as a pastor. “It is just not worth it anymore. I cannot continue.” That is one of the big lies of the devil. “I cannot continue anymore. It is too much.”

I ask them, “Do you know what the options are?”

They say, “What do you mean?”

“Obeying Jesus or not obeying Jesus. The options are bad. You do understand there is no such thing as a ceasefire in the spirit. You cannot say, ‘Satan, I have had it for a while. Just give me a little vacation time.’ There is no ceasefire. It does not exist. When you say, ‘I cannot take it. It is not worth it anymore,’ you are saying, ‘I am going to lay down my weapons and get slaughtered by Satan.’ You cannot. We are in a warzone right here.”

Apart from the fact that the options are really bad, when people say it is not worth it, I reply, “Do you really realize what the result is of not going after the Lord?” There is no ceasefire. There is no ‘doing my life over again.’ Like, ‘I wasted those twenty years. Lord, give me those twenty years over again.’ He will restore things but you cannot make those twenty years up. They are wasted forever.” I go on, “You really don’t want to go down that old, familiar path that it is not worth it. Beyond the fact that the options are bad, He really is worth it. Do you know who He is and what He did and how He feels about you? Do you know what is His plan for your life forever? Do you know who you are to Him and who He really is to you? He is worth it. He is worthy. He is deserving. He is capable, and He is worth it.” If we had to do it over again, we would do it over again, but with greater focus and greater zeal.

Revelation 5:9, they sang the song, “You are worthy.” The reason You are worthy, because “You were slain.” That is number one reason He is worthy. He was slain. Number two reason. “You redeemed us.” You paid the price and then You made us kings and priests and invited us into the rule of the earth and only You deserve to rule. What the living creatures and the elders are singing, they say, “You were slain,” as in “When You had all the power, when You were fully God”—He is forever fully God—“When You had all the privileges of deity, You laid aside the privileges and became a man. When You had Your power, You used Your position to manifest Your love for us. When all the authority was Yours, You laid down the privileges, took the form of a man, bore the wrath of God, and included us by Your free grace. You are worthy.”

Often when another man has all the power, he wavers with what he does with it. He does not always do with it what he set out to do before he had the power. With Jesus it is the opposite. He had all the power on the front end and laid down the benefits of walking in that power to become a man. He endured many things for our sake. Beloved, His track record is clear. We can trust Him. He is deserving of this position. When He had everything, He proved that He was thinking of us. We can trust this man.

He not only deserves to rule, He includes us in His rule. Imagine that! It is you and I. It is weak and broken people. It is the redeemed of history. People like us do not deserve to rule the earth forever. It is this extravagant, outrageous grace, as one man said, beyond human comprehension. We have a destiny to rule. We are in the aristocracy, the ruling class. We are in that family forever. Beloved, He is worth it. He is worth whatever we are going through to obey Him, to seek Him, to go against the grain of our unrenewed emotions, hostility, and challenges. It is worth it because of who He is. Who we are to Him and who He is to us. They proclaimed the song in the court of God, verse 9, “You are worthy.” Verse 11, they proclaim it again, “You are the worthy One.”

- C. **You were slain:** Jesus proved His worthiness to rule over all in that when He possessed all the privileges of God in His preexistent glory, He laid them down by becoming human (forever) and dying to pay for our sin (Phil. 2:6-11). He took upon Himself the wrath of God to cleanse His people and the earth from sin. He includes the saints in His earthly reign because of His love and humility.
- D. **You are worthy:** We declare Jesus' incredible worth in three practical ways:
1. *Jesus deserves it:* He is worthy of continual praise as the supreme leader over the earth.
 2. *Jesus is capable:* He is the only man with the supernatural ability to drive evil off the earth, restore all things to God's original plan, replace all governments, and fill the earth with glory.
 3. *Jesus is worth it:* He deserves our unqualified trust and sacrificial obedience.
- E. The Father gave Jesus an unprecedented measure of favor in seven spheres of leadership over the earth. Jesus "receives" this from the Father and in the response of people on the millennial earth.

"I heard the voice of many angels...¹²saying..."Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!" (Rev. 5:11-12)

The angels weigh in. Before, it was the elders and the living creatures, which I understand. They represent the highest government of heaven. The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures are saying to the Father, "We agree with giving that man all the authority."

What if a man were presented in our nation, and they wanted to have a vote to give him total authority over the whole banking system, over all the property of the land, over the military and the education. One man, no counterbalance of government, give it all to one man. We would shout, "No, no, no! Please do not. Do not do that. That is a disaster for our nation. The communist countries have tried that, and it really goes bad when one man has all the authority."

The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures say, "He is worthy. We agree, Father. We are fully confident because of the man's resumé. Look at His history. He has proven what He will do when He has all the power. He shed His blood for those whom He loves. That is what He does when He has all the power."

The angels, the myriads of angels say, "Can we weigh in? We agree with the elder and the living creatures. We agree with You, Father. That man deserves the scroll. He is the only one who is capable and worthy of the scroll."

Then they proclaim. Really it is a prophetic declaration. They are prophesying His earthly destiny. They are talking about what this man, the son of David, would experience even on the earth. They said, "Worthy is the Lamb! Worthy is this man who died to receive"—and they give seven spheres of the leadership of society on the earth—"He is worthy to receive all the power. He is worthy to receive all the riches." God already has all the riches. We are not talking about God having all the power and riches. God already has all the power and riches. We are talking about a man receiving all the power and riches on the earth with all the nations witnessing it. This is a grand statement. This is the future of the earth. This is the destiny of the human race in the balance of this declaration of the angels, because they are just proclaiming the Father's decree that "My Son is My King and I have established Him on My holy hill."

That is what these angels are agreeing with: Psalm 2:6. When God the Father said, "I have already set My King upon My hill," this is what the angels are agreeing with in essence.

“All the wisdom.” God already has all the wisdom. Why would God receive wisdom? He has all wisdom. It is not talking about God. Again, Jesus is fully God. But in His humanity, all the fruit of all the wisdom would come under Jesus’ leadership, and it would serve His purposes on the earth forever and forever

“All the strength, the honor, the glory, the blessing.” This word “receive,” I remember my early days reading this. Although I understand a little bit of it now, at that time I said, “How can God receive power and riches? Doesn’t He already have all the money? What does that mean?” Here, as the human King, Jesus is receiving this from the Father. It is not only that He is receiving it from the Father. There is more to this proclamation. He is going to receive it from the leaders of the nations as well. When He is ruling in Jerusalem, all the nations of the earth will gladly give this to Him as well. It is one thing when the Father gives Him all power. When the nations give Him power, it means that they are bringing the fruit of their sphere of influence or the fruit of the power they have and they are submitting it to Him, to His leadership, to magnify who He is. There is a twofold receiving that is going on. He is receiving it from the Father, but He is also receiving the response of the nations saying, “All the power we have, we are giving the fruit of it to You. We are giving the leadership of it, and we are giving the onus of it to You. We will obey You with the sphere of authority we have on the earth.”

- F. In the Millennium, Jesus will receive the fruit of all **power** (political/spiritual), **riches** (money and natural resources), **wisdom** (insight and intellectual property), **strength** (physical strength, including the labor force and human resources), **glory** (praise and love), **honor** (all will esteem Him by their obedience), and **blessing** (agreement with His policies with unified cooperation).
- G. **Power** (political/spiritual): Jesus will receive political authority, and the fruit of it, over all nations. He will replace all evil leadership with new leaders and laws in every sphere of society (politics, economy, education, agriculture, media, technology, environment, social institutions, etc.). Jesus has all spiritual power and will release the power of the Spirit in fullness in the midst of His work.

*Let’s look at each one of these. Just sixty seconds on each one. The idea I want you to get is that though Jesus has all of this authority right now from the Father and through born-again believers through history, where there is a Christian governor who says, “The power I have, I am submitting my office to You. I am going to seek You and obey Your will,” in that limited sense, power in that sphere is being offered to the Lord in the human sense right now, there is a day when it goes beyond partial like it is in this age. There will be a **full** demonstration. **All** the nations will give these seven things to the Lord. I mean the leaders of the nations and the individuals of the nations, both the national governments as well as the individuals and families, will all offer these seven things. This is a colossal statement. The implications are beyond anything we can really picture.*

The future security of the earth in love, righteousness, and humility is bound in one man having the total authority over all seven of these spheres, these realms of human life. First of all, all the power will be His. He will receive it from God the Father. The Father will ordain that all the political power over the nations will stem from Him. That is a decree of the Father.

It is not only political power; there is also the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit. The Father says, “I have anointed this man with the Spirit without measure. All the power is His.” This issue of power does not stop there with the Father decreeing it and saying, “Yes it is My will, and it is My plan from the beginning.” It is when Jesus is on the earth. The political kings of the earth, it says in Revelation 21, will bring the glory of their nations to Him and submit it to Him. It is not only that God the Father gives Jesus all the political power. Those who are on the earth that have a sphere of political power, the fruit of that power, the influence of that power, they will consciously bring to Him and submit it to Him. Every sphere of power on the earth. This is a huge statement. There is nothing like it in history.

H. **Riches** (financial): All the money and natural resources on earth will be under Jesus' leadership.

It goes beyond the political and spiritual power. All the riches, all the financial resources, all the banking institutions of the Millennial Kingdom will be fully under the authority of Jesus. The leaders of those institutions in all the nations will fully submit the influence, authority, and fruit of all they have to Jesus to honor Him. They will come to Jerusalem. They will say, "I am over the bank of this nation or that nation, but it is all Yours. You tell me, and I will do whatever is in Your heart. Whatever I can do in my wisdom and leadership under the grace of God, I will bring the fruit of that to submit it to You that You would be glorified in it." All the natural resources of all the nations will be given to Him. Not just all the banking systems, but also the natural resources. The oil, the gas, the water, all the resources of the earth, they are all under His authority. This one Man will not only have the authority over it from the Father, but the men and women on the earth who are actually over these resources in their city, their region, their nation, will bring their sphere of influence and its fruit to submit to Him. All the wealth of all the nations—this is a massive statement! We could spend an hour on each one of these phrases to begin to break down the implications of what that would look like.

I. **Wisdom** (intellectual): Jesus has all wisdom and will bring every sphere of life to the fullness of the Father's original intention. He will have leadership over all the intellectual property forever.

Next, all the wisdom. Jesus has all the wisdom. He is the greater Solomon. He has all the wisdom to govern every sphere of life on the earth in the age to come. Of course He has the wisdom now, but when He is ruling as a man with a physical, human body—a resurrected body, but a human, physical body—on the earth in Jerusalem, He will have enough wisdom. The greater Solomon beyond measure, He can bring every sphere of society to God's full original intention. What God had in His heart from the beginning, this Man Jesus will understand how to bring that forth in the nations.

*Isaiah 2 says that all the nations of the earth will go to Him to learn of His ways. They will go to Jerusalem. I am talking about those with natural bodies. I am not talking about those with resurrected bodies living in the New Jerusalem. The nations will be populated with people with natural bodies having children, their offspring becoming born again. The devil is in prison. Righteousness is filling the earth. The glory of God is covering the earth literally. These leaders of the nations will come to Jerusalem where Jesus will teach them of His ways. He will not only teach them the ways of morality, He will not just define purity and how to walk out purity, He will also teach them about technology. He will teach them about agriculture. He will teach them about environment. He will teach them about banking. He will teach them about every sphere of life. We are talking about the greater Solomon. They will have conferences in Jerusalem, then go back home to implement what they have learned as all the nations come to Jerusalem to learn the ways of God from one man. Who is this man? **Who** is this man? Beloved, this is the Man we worship tonight.*

J. **Strength** (physical resources): All the strength, including the labor force, human resources, and influence of all nations, will be submitted to Him and serve His plans to establish love on earth. The nations will gladly offer the fruit of their strength to Him. They will love Jesus with all their strength and resources, including their time, money, energy, and influence (Mk. 12:30).

All the strength. All the physical resources. When it says, "Love the Lord your God with all of your strength," I believe that means your physical energy and that means your economics. That means all your human resources. The nations will gladly offer the fruit of their strength to Him. Whatever their strength produces, they will say, "You have the leadership, and we want to serve what is in Your heart."

They will love Jesus with all their strength. All the nations, all through the earth, billions of people. They will love Him, and they will use their time, their money, their energy, and their influence for Him. Those are all

dimensions of strength. All the strength will be given to Him. What that means in this context is that the fruit of the labors of the nations would be given to Him. Now He is God, so He already has strength. He spoke and created the earth. He does not need muscles. That is not what it is talking about. It is talking about the fruit of the strength of the nations being submitted and brought to Him. As in Revelation 21:24 where the kings of the earth will bring the glory of the nations, the strength of the nations will also come to Him.

- K. **Glory** (relational): All people on earth will “glory” in Jesus by giving their love, adulation, and praise to Him with great delight. He will be the magnificent obsession of all the nations, preeminent in their minds, affections, and conversations. The fame of His name will cover the earth. The saints will boast, or glory, in Jesus’ leadership as Paul “gloried” in Christ (Phil. 3:3, NIV), children “glory” in their father (Prov. 17:6), and God’s people “glory” in His name (Ps. 105:3; 43:4).

All the glory. There are several ways to take this word, glory. Each one of these includes so much more than I am talking about tonight, more than I understand. There are layers to each one of these. I am just wanting to give us a different picture of the future, a different picture of this Man and who He really is. He is not just the God of heaven. He is the God and the King of the earth. This is the Man we will be ruling and reigning with. I am creating a specific picture from the Bible of what the future will look like, and your involvement on the earth will be forever and forever.

The word, glory, can include several different things. When you see the word, glory, in the Scripture, there are four or five different meanings you could use. I am just picking one of them. I love the phrase in Philippians where Paul says, “I glory in Christ Jesus.” I love that phrase. That they would glory in Him. In Proverbs it says that children glory in their father. That is one application of the word glory. There are several applications that are biblical.

All the people of the earth will glory in Him. That is, they will give Him their love and their adulation. They will praise Him with great delight, not because they are forced. They will freely say, “We glory in You. We are so filled with affection and delight and adulation for You.” The fame of His name will cover the earth. The saints will boast in Him. They will glory in Him. They will be preoccupied with Him, with love and affection. Meaning, He will not only be a sovereign that they find it is wise to obey, but He will be a sovereign they delight to obey, they delight to be near. There are examples of great leaders in history. Leaders to whom the people of that nation said, “Yes, we can embrace your ways.” This is more than that. They will glory, they will boast in Him. This man will be the magnificent obsession of the peoples of the earth.

- L. **Honor** (obedience): All will honor Jesus with their obedience in practical ways. To honor in this sense is to obey and serve His agenda. Paul speaks of honoring parents with respectful obedience (Eph. 6:1-2). Jesus will be the most obeyed, respected, and listened-to person on earth.

All honor will be brought to Him. Honor, like glory, can have three or four biblical applications. I am picking just one. Paul instructed in Ephesians 6, “Honor your parents.” When he used the word, honor, in that context, it meant honor your parents with respectful obedience. Honor means more than that. That is one facet of honor I am highlighting here. Jesus will be honored through all the nations in practical ways. The nations will obey His Word. They will not just enjoy Him and be filled with adulation; they will actually obey Him in practical ways in their life and in the nations. They will serve His agenda. Jesus will be the most obeyed, respected, listened to person in history, not just on the earth in that time. In all of history, there will be no man more obeyed, respected, and listened to than He.

- M. **Blessing** (social): All will bless (agree with) Jesus' policies and plans and cooperate fully with His leadership in every sphere of society. Such enthusiastic cooperation will result in the most unified, joyful, and effective workforce in history. The social impact will bring great benefit to the nations.

The final declaration of the angels is that all blessing will be His. Like the words, glory and honor, the word, blessing, has four or five applications in the Bible. I am picking only one of them here. I want to give a brief snapshot of where this thing could be going. When we talk about blessing the plans of a leader or their agenda, it would mean to be in cooperation with it. All the nations will bless everything He proclaims rather than resisting Him. There will be no opposition party. Rather than over in the corner trying to subvert, resist, and neglect what He is saying, the nations will be blessing Him. He will say, "We are doing it this way and that way," and they will say, "Yes and amen." All the blessing of the nations will be His. Such enthusiastic cooperation will result in the most unified, effective workforce in history. The social impact of the nations in unity blessing every one of His policies and ways will be huge. No opposition party. No revolutions rising up against Him. No resistance to Him. This will bring great benefit to the nations of the earth.

- N. We can respond to Jesus' exaltation now in three ways:

1. **By seeing His beauty:** We see His beauty as we understand more of His majesty and destiny.

We will end with this. We can respond to this sevenfold exaltation of Jesus. What do we do with the declaration of His supremacy and preeminence in these seven ways? Number one, as a worshiper, I read these and think on them, and I ask the Holy Spirit to teach me more. I search out the Scripture, and I search out what other Bible teachers have said about it, gleaning anything I can about this. I say, "Lord, show me."

I am struck by the beauty of this Man, His majesty, His destiny. I say, "You are amazing. It is amazing." Though I cannot fully picture what it will all look like then, as He has that authority from God right now. It is partially from His people; they are giving Him this kind of response partially even in this age. When I picture the fullness, I think, "Ah, who are You? Remarkable. Amazing. The Branch of the Lord is beautiful and excellent," Isaiah 4:2. Isaiah said that in that day, the Branch of the Lord, the Messiah, would be seen in His excellency across the earth. The nations will see His excellency. We can see that in part even now. I study these themes, and I am filled with adulation of His beauty.

2. **By committing to His leadership:** We yield to Him all that we possess in our personal lives—power, riches, wisdom, strength (resources), glory (love), honor, and blessing (cooperation).

Number two. When I look at these seven spheres of honor and authority in society, I say, "Lord, I want my money to obey You now. I want my strength to obey You now. I do not want to wait until then. Whatever wisdom You have given me and whatever fruit comes out of that wisdom, I want that to be submitted to You now. I want to glory in You now. Not just then."

3. **We work to establish His kingdom:** We partner with others in our prayer, labors, and giving.

Number three. We want to work together. We want to partner with others. We do not want to give just our personal lives and our hearts to Him. We want to labor with others in prayer, in giving, and in working to see all these spheres, whatever level of authority God gives us or influence, brought it to Him now. We are working to see Jesus honored in all of these arenas of life now.

I tell you, the nations of the earth one day will all echo what the angels cried, "Worthy is the Lamb! It is good for the nations, it is good for us, that all of the power and the riches and the wisdom, all the strength and honor and glory, all of it, it is good for us that this Man has it all." Beloved, that is how we are giving ourselves to the

Lord even now. This is the message of the King that we are proclaiming even now, and it will be fully manifested in the Millennial Kingdom.

III. PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS OF JESUS' EXALTATION IN OUR PERSONAL LIFE

- A. **Power** (political/spiritual): Jesus will have authority over all the leadership in all society.
 - 1. **Seeing His beauty**: Seeing the vastness of His power makes us worship and trust Him.
 - 2. **Committing to His leadership**: We submit whatever authority we may have in society to Him.
 - 3. **Working for His kingdom**: We work for His will in government and society in our city/nation.
 - 4. **Intercessory decrees**: We pray for righteousness to replace unrighteousness in my city/nation.

- B. **Riches** (financial): All the money and natural resources on earth will be under Jesus' leadership.
 - 1. **Seeing His beauty**: Seeing the vastness of His wealth makes us worship and trust Him.
 - 2. **Committing to His leadership**: We submit all our finances to Him to build His kingdom.
 - 3. **Working for His kingdom**: We work for kingdom prosperity to fund His kingdom.
 - 4. **Intercessory decrees**: We pray for God's favor on finances (our personal life/others).

- C. **Wisdom** (intellectual): Jesus has the wisdom to bring every sphere to the fullness of God's plan.
 - 1. **Seeing His beauty**: Seeing the vastness of His wisdom makes us worship and trust Him.
 - 2. **Committing to His leadership**: We seek His wisdom and submit good fruit to Him.
 - 3. **Working for His kingdom**: We seek for and implement His wisdom in our lives.
 - 4. **Intercessory decrees**: We pray to be filled with His wisdom (our personal life/others).

- D. **Strength** (physical resources): All the labor force and human resources will serve Him.
 - 1. **Seeing His beauty**: Seeing the vast strength under His authority makes us look to Him more.
 - 2. **Committing to His leadership**: We submit whatever strength or resources we have to Him.
 - 3. **Working for His kingdom**: We work to increase the kingdom resources that He entrusted to us.
 - 4. **Intercessory decrees**: We pray for God's favor on our strength (our personal life/others).

- E. **Glory** (relational): All nations will glory in Jesus by giving their love, and praise to Him.
 - 1. **Seeing His beauty**: Seeing love for Him increasing in the nations moves our heart.
 - 2. **Committing to His leadership**: We commit to making the first commandment first in our lives.
 - 3. **Working for His kingdom**: We work to see others walking in the first commandment.
 - 4. **Intercessory decrees**: We pray for the harvest and that love for Jesus would abound.

- F. **Honor** (obedience): All people will honor Jesus by their obedience in the Millennium.
 - 1. **Seeing His beauty**: Seeing loyal obedience to Jesus increase moves us to marvel at Him.
 - 2. **Committing to His leadership**: We submit every area of our life to Him in full obedience.
 - 3. **Working for His kingdom**: We work to make disciples who will walk in full obedience to Him.
 - 4. **Intercessory decrees**: We pray for the harvest, and that obedience to Jesus would increase.

- G. **Blessing** (social): All will agree with Jesus' plans and fully cooperate with His leadership.
 - 1. **Seeing His beauty**: Seeing the unified work of others causes us to rejoice in His leadership.
 - 2. **Committing to His leadership**: We bless and do not resist His work in the lives of others.
 - 3. **Working for His kingdom**: We work with a servant spirit and honor others who are involved.
 - 4. **Intercessory decrees**: We pray for unity to abound in the kingdom and for understanding of God's heart for others that we may bless them without a competitive spirit (Rom. 12:10, 14).

*Amen and amen. I want us to respond to the Lord right now. Whatever sphere of power you have—maybe you are over a little part of a school system. Maybe you are over a little part of a business. Maybe you are a leader of a business. Maybe you are an elder in a church. That is part of the sphere of authority. Maybe you are the head of your household. That is a sphere of authority—you want to say, “Lord, I want to bring it to You. I want to make sure You are honored in it now.” Your riches. “Lord, I want You to govern my money, my wisdom. Whatever fruit I have produced in my life, I want to bring it to You.” On and on and on. Let’s end this by giving ourselves in a fresh way to the King of the nations. He is My King **now**, not just then. He is King now over my life and your life. Worthy is the Lamb!*