

Session 10: Millennial Kingdom: Every Nation Will Be Fully Disciplined

Why Study the Discipline of the Nations

One of the reasons we are looking at this subject—and I say this humbly—is because it has simple Biblical foundations but there is an amazing amount of confusion over what it means to disciple a nation, when it is disciplined, how it is disciplined, and what we are supposed to be doing right now. I hear a lot of guys, even intercessors and prophetic people talking about it with all kinds of confusion from a Biblical point of view. Many are mixing up things that belong to the age to come with now and are putting things that belong now in the age to come.

One thing I have done over the years is talk to people and press them for information. I find there is a lot of confusion though it is actually a quite simple, straightforward subject if you get what Jesus said about it and what the prophets said about it. I am giving this teaching because I believe it really helps us to get a Biblical perspective so we can interpret the Bible from Genesis to Revelation on this subject in an accurate way instead of having confusion and endless debate over it.

Review of Millennium

Paragraph A: just by review, the millennial kingdom is a 1000-year period in which Jesus rules in righteousness the whole world in person, from Jerusalem. It is when the Kingdom of God is made manifest. I do not mean figuratively or secretly. Every single institution of society will be fully Christianized—from political, to agriculture, to economic. This is what the prophets said over and over in Scripture. This was their dream. Jesus came to introduce the reality of the age to come and lay the foundation for it at His first coming.

In Revelation 20:4-6 (paraphrased) it says that, “the saints will reign with Jesus for 1000 years on the earth.” This is indescribably glorious. There are people who have a foundational understanding about the millennial kingdom and believe in it, and still it does not move them often. It is kind of an intellectual fact. We are not talking about an anointed prophet coming to host a big conference in your area. We are talking about a resurrected Man with a resurrected body coming to the earth permanently with the authority to put Satan in prison. I am talking about an

anointed Man, He is fully God, but as a Man He takes authority to bind and loose, puts Satan in prison and calls the New Jerusalem to the earth. Then the glory of God breaks out like a tidal wave across the earth. Beloved, I believe this is going to happen in the lifetime of people in this room right now.

Again, this is indescribably glorious. We are not talking about a revival center and a hot series of conferences. We are talking about a new age breaking in, the age to come. I believe that it will happen even in the next couple decades, maybe sooner, maybe a little later, but within the lifetime of people here. This is an amazing reality and I have found that even though people believe in it they have a curious kind of passivity about what is going to happen. This is huge.

Paragraph B: what is the Millennium about? What is the 1000-year reign about? The end game, so to speak, or the goal of Jesus' Millennial reign is to prepare the earth for the Father to come to the earth.

In Revelation 21:3—one of the ultimate statements in Scripture in terms of the height of glory—it says (paraphrased), “The tabernacle of God is with men and He will dwell with them.” Beloved, this is not talking about God dwelling with human beings in heaven. He already does. This is something so startling, so remarkable, that it is beyond exaggeration. We are talking about the throne of the Father coming to this earth. Jesus is coming for 1000 years to prepare the earth to receive the throne of the Father.

Beloved, if the earth is not ready, it will disintegrate in the presence of the Father's throne. The Father can only make an eternal habitation on the earth, in the natural realm, after the nations are obeying Jesus and the Father's Word and coming under God's authority. If they were not it would destroy the earth if the Father came. The Father can trust none other besides His only beloved Son, fully God and fully Man, to come and lead the charge as the ultimate forerunner to prepare the way for Him.

That is what the Millennium is about. It is about preparing the nations for the Father. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus' coming to Israel for three and a half years. The prophetic Church at the end of the age is preparing the way for Jesus to come globally for 1000 years. Jesus, with all the kings of the earth in unity, is preparing the way for the Father to come to the earth forever.

There is a three-fold progression. As John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus to come for three and a half years to one little country, so the prophetic end time Church in every single nation of the earth and under the anointing of the Spirit in bridal intimacy will cry out, “Come Lord Jesus.” Jesus will come for 1000 years to the earth with a tidal wave of glory preparing the way in unity with all the governmental leaders of the earth. Then, the disciplined nations, all the leaders of the nations, the kings of the nations, and the born again and Spirit-filled body of Christ together with the resurrected saints will cry out for the Father to come to earth. That is what the Millennium is about. The Father will not come unless He is beckoned through covenant invitation. He will not come to the earth except all the nations beckon Him and they line up in righteousness to receive Him.

The question could be asked, “How will this happen?” It is going to take a witness of the Gospel in every nation crying out to get Jesus to come. It is going to take the full unified governments of every nation in unity with Jesus, lining up with righteousness, making a covenant invitation, “Father come. Father come.” Under Jesus’ leadership the Father will come. Beloved, we will live on this earth. Yes it will be cleansed with fire. At the end of the millennial kingdom the earth is going to be rinsed thoroughly with fire. Even with all the righteousness that is happening there will still need to be a purging with fire before the Father comes. It will be this actual earth. It will be like the top layer, so to speak, is shaved off and rinsed with fire.

It will actually be this earth and we will be in the natural realm with the full properties of the supernatural, resurrected dimension, with physical, material bodies. We will be resurrected, but we will have a resurrected body that is physical and material on the earth, forever on the earth with the Father’s throne on the earth. It is going to be so exciting. We are at the very beginning of the beginning of the beginning of human history. We are still in the basement years of human history. Sometimes I will see a news show like CNN and they will say, “The end of the world.” Beloved, the end of the world will never happen. There is no such thing as the end of the world. The world is never going to end. It is the end of the age, not the end of the world. It is the end of a season of how the earth is governed. That is what changes—the age changes. We do not believe in the end of the world.

They say, “Is the end of the world going to happen in the next few years?”

Never. A billion years and the world will not be ended.

Paragraph D: the earth is going to be filled with the glory of the Lord. That is mentioned several times in Scriptures. Isaiah 11:9 is one of the favorite verses, “The earth is filled with the glory.”

It is okay to claim that verse now, but to claim that verse now, you have to understand that at most we’ll get about five or ten percent of this. I will just throw out a perspective. I am not claiming these numbers are accurate but I will give you perspective. The book of Acts entered into about a one percent factor of the glory hitting the earth. Maybe a one percent factor of the nations being discipled. The end time revival will hit a ten percent. It will be ten times the book of Acts. People who do not know the Bible will think this is that. They will think it is the ultimate and the end.

When Jesus comes, they will say, “Wait a second, I had no idea how good, good could be.”

We look at the book of Acts and say, “We want ten-fold.”

Beloved, the book of Acts is still only about ten percent of what is in the Father’s heart for the earth. The glory filling the earth does not mean some fiery conferences and revival centers. We are talking about the thick glory of God covering the earth. Do not reduce this to something that we can make fit our ministries right now. That is not going to happen. It will take Jesus, Himself, for this to happen on the earth. We can get a down payment of it. I want a down payment of it. You can claim it if you want. I claim it but I understand that I just want ten times the Book of Acts. That is not near the fulfillment of these promises. In their context these promises are clearly in the time when Jesus is on the earth leading the charge.

Completing the Great Commission

Roman numeral two: completing the great commission. “Fully” that is the key word. “All” is the second. Fully discipling all nations—that is the vision and that is what will be required for the Father’s throne to come to the earth.

Jesus in Matthew 28:18-20 said, “All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.” This charge, this commission, called the Great Commission, will be operative until the end of the millennial kingdom. Here is the definition of discipling a nation: teaching the

nation to observe everything that Jesus commanded. The discipling of a nation does not happen with evangelistic outreaches. That is the beginning of it, but a nation is not disciplined, there has never been a disciplined nation ever.

Israel kind of got us as close to it as they could through Moses. They were stuck out in the wilderness and they still rebelled. Then under David, there was still a lot of falling short. Even David's generation was a high mark in history of a nation getting close to being disciplined.

To disciple a nation does not mean the majority are saved. It means far, far more than that. It means that every institution in that nation is obeying the Word of God; that is what a disciplined nation means. My point is not to discourage us to how far we have to go. It is to encourage us that we do not have to somehow spiritualize this.

Let's keep the vision high, let's get a long-term perspective, and let's build today knowing that the seeds, which we sow, will fully flower in the days to come. We are going to establish, under Jesus leadership, righteousness in every sphere of life and in every nation—the agriculture, the economy, the media, the technology—because there will be people living with natural bodies even after we are resurrected and have resurrected bodies.

There will be many that live on into the millennial kingdom. There will be hundreds of millions and then billions over the 1000-years. People with natural bodies getting married and having babies.

Three Groups of People

Remember the three groups that we go over so often—the three groups that are present on the earth when Jesus appears in the sky. The saints get raptured and get a resurrected body. We get refashioned to rule on the earth, not to go far away. We get refashioned, mobilized, and re-tooled to stay on the earth. Heaven is coming to the earth—we are not going away to Heaven, heaven is coming to the earth forever. That is where we are going.

The second group is the group that takes the mark of the beast. They cannot be saved.

The third group is the group I am talking about. I call them the resisters. They resisted the Antichrist, not because they loved Jesus but because they hated the Antichrist. It will be like the people in Europe who resisted Hitler. Not because they loved Jesus, but because they hated Hitler and loved their country. There will be unsaved resisters of the Antichrist. Those are the people—they do not get raptured and they are not swept away in judgment when Jesus returns—that will still live out their lives on the earth into the millennial kingdom. They will have a little time getting readjusted. There are new things happening.

Common Mistake

Paragraph A: one of the areas that is commonly confused is the Great Commission. It is often mistaken that the Great Commission is the divine mandate to give a witness of the Gospel of the Kingdom to every nation. These are not the same things at all. Jesus said in Matthew 24:14, “The gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations and then the end will come.” Some people read that, the gospel of the kingdom as a witness to all nations, they go, “Wow, the Great Commission will be solved.”

The Great Commission will not be completed when every nation has a witness of the Gospel. That just means there is a witness. The nations are not discipled until every institution is obeying the Lord fully. There will be a group of people in every nation of the earth that is on fire for Jesus and prophetic. That is what is going to fill up the intercessory ranks in the nations. This is great revival.

There will be a witness in every single nation of people under the anointing of the Holy Spirit saying, “Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus.” Jesus is not coming unless He is beckoned by representatives—covenant legal representatives—that are in the will of God in their country. Jesus will not come until His people from every nation of the earth beckon Him.

There are several reasons for this witness.

Number one, so that people get saved. That is good in itself but people getting saved is not the end of the story—there is a bigger vision. Jesus wants an intercessory invitation from every nation in the earth before He comes to invade that nation and take it over. It is a covenant, legal invitation that He requires.

The second reason there is going to be a witness in every nation is because Jesus is so committed to justice. He is about to destroy wickedness in every nation and He

is giving them a warning because, as it says in Amos 3:7 (paraphrased), “He does nothing except telling His prophets first and they proclaim it.” The witness to the nations has to come to get people saved, but that is not the end. To get an intercessory people crying out in a covenant way for Jesus to invade that nation and take it over is the end because He will not come without an invitation.

Number three reason for a witness is to give a justice warning so that God is never charged with injustice in bringing judgment to a nation as in Ezekiel 33: He will pronounce it first. Also in Amos 3:7 (paraphrased), “ He does nothing without first revealing it to His servants.” We know that every nation or ethnos means every ethnic group. I was talking to some missions’ guys who study the demographics of ethnic groups and they say there are 6000 different people groups. All 6000 of them must have a prophetic intercessory church crying out for Jesus to come and crying out the Word of God for the sake of righteousness to the leaders that are resisting God

Those are three reasons why the witness must be there. Beloved, the witness is not the discipling of the nations. Those are completely different subjects—entirely. “The witness of the gospel of the kingdom”—notice the words. It is a very important phrase. What it is not—it is not just an offer of forgiveness. The gospel today in most places that I am aware of, I am sure there are places that I am not aware of, has been reduced to an offer of forgiveness. Forgiveness is not a witness of the kingdom—it is an offer for people to get forgiveness. It is a great offer, but it is worse than that. It is an incomplete message. It is an offer for forgiveness without even requiring repentance—it is not even a true offer. The witness of the kingdom is much more than offering people forgiveness. That is the doorway into the kingdom, free forgiveness. It is based on our responsiveness to the grace of God with a heart of repentance. Our repentance is weak and immature the day we get saved and it is the work of the Holy Spirit stirring us and helping us, but that repentance must be there.

What is the gospel of the kingdom? It is more than being forgiven and going away to heaven—because we are staying on earth. We are going to invite a new King to take over every government of the planet. It will be—I mean this seriously—a hostile take over. The governments of the earth will be radically opposed and Jesus will kill them. It is true. It is startling. It is funny that it is startling because the church is almost entirely illiterate on this subject, but it is a very serious subject.

Islam is the counterfeit and they get it. It is a counterfeit and it is based on hatred and aggression. They believe that they are going to take over the earth, etc. etc. etc. and there will be conflict. I assure you when Jesus comes, He is not coming to rapture us and take us away. He is coming to take over every government of the earth and the governments of the earth (there will be exceptions) will be against Him. They will not say, “Oh wow, and now that you are here, take over.” They will not say that. They will gather their armies to fight Him and they will be killed. This is really offensive. It is really offensive, but it is the gospel of the kingdom.

It is a message that a King is coming to confront and replace every single authority structure on the planet because the planet is His. He is unashamed to claim that it is His.

Here is what is exciting—that message will be preached—not just the offer of forgiveness with no repentance, it will be the offer of forgiveness with repentance—the full message of the kingdom. A King is about to oppose every opposing power on the planet and He will replace them with His own people. It is so offensive to the natural mind—strange, bizarre.

I say this with trepidation—Adolph Hitler sort of understood it. He was a deceived man full of demons and I am not saying he understood it fully, but Adolph Hitler’s charge to the Jews that fueled the Holocaust was this, “The Jewish prophets say that the Jews are going to take over every nation including Berlin and Germany. That is what they say.”

It enraged Nazi Germany, “How dare them.”

The believers say, “Jesus is coming and He is going to take over Berlin. A Jewish King is taking over Berlin.”

Hitler had that one part right and it made him angry.

This is a really serious message. It doesn’t seem to matter right now because most folks are more focused on making life work and sort out things in their own personal life, money, and where their ministry fits. This thing is going to escalate. It is going to be intensely political, there is going to be massive bloodshed and a conflict of kingdoms. The prophetic church is going to preach the gospel that a King is coming to replace all the governments of the earth.

That is not where the mind of the church is right now, but it will be before the Lord comes. The Lord is not going to take over the nations except when His people who have an understanding of the Word beckon Him knowing what that they are beckoning to come take over.

“Lord, come be King of our nation. Come Lord Jesus. Take over the government of America.”

He will say, “Do you understand what that means to the people in America who do not want me to take over?”

It is serious. This is a very serious message. Most of the apostles were martyred when they preached the Kingdom. In Acts 17:7 it was said of the Apostles by the unbelievers that, “. . . these are all acting contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another king—Jesus.” The unbelievers were getting what Paul was saying. They understood that Paul believed another King was going to replace Caesar. It was tyranny against the Roman Empire—that is what this message is. There is another King coming. He is coming in the sky and He is going to land on the earth. He is going to reign permanently on the earth.

Paragraph D: we need to preach the whole counsel of God. We cannot draw back. We have to strongly preach the message of free forgiveness but require repentance. Then we have to tell the nations about a King who is going to take over and replace the governments of the earth. It is not just pie in the sky stuff. It is real.

Kingdom of God

Paragraph E: what is the kingdom of God? The Kingdom of God exists in any sphere in which God’s rule, His government, authority, or ways, triumph over mans. The government of God exists anywhere where God’s ways are being implemented. If it is down the road at the bank, if only one teller in the bank is walking in righteousness and they are handling their money and transaction in righteousness, the Kingdom of God is being expressed in their life right there in that bank. Maybe the other bankers are not, but it is in that person’s sphere. If a farmer is treating the land and the animals rightly and obeying God’s laws, the kingdom is expressed in his farm.

Wherever the ways of God are being expressed, anywhere in life there is the Kingdom of God. The Church is the family that comes from all these spheres of life. We gather together in a room, from the banking and agriculture, and all the spheres of life. They gather together for training, for nurture, and for mobilization to go back out to the spheres. The Church is the family entity that gathers from all the spheres to get trained in the Word, to get mobilized so we move in unity together, and to be nurtured in our relationships together to go right back out to the world to proclaim the kingdom. An institution like the bank in total does not have to be Christianized for one person to express the kingdom in that bank. But, we want the whole bank Christianized or the whole farm. Whenever any person does the will of God, the Kingdom is present there. When it is the will of God, it is healing over sickness or it righteousness over sin, or it is unity over division—unity on God’s terms. There is a lot of unity going on that is not on God’s terms. That is another subject for another day. The church is the vehicle of the Kingdom.

The kingdom happens all through life. The student at the university that is living in righteousness, studying and taking their tests, relating in integrity, there the kingdom is being manifest. It is not the institution of the Church, but rather the kingdom of God being manifest.

The Kingdom: Already But Not Yet

Paragraph F: the kingdom is present today, but only partially and only a little bit. It is going to come in a much greater way when Jesus comes. The popular theological phrase that you have heard—George Lad a professor from Fuller Seminary is the one who popularized it—he said, “The kingdom is already here, but not yet.” Jesus came and announced the kingdom. It is only here a little bit. It is in the earth—I am just throwing out a number and I do not have any claim of accuracy—about one percent. About one percent of all the transactions of the earth are righteous. That is a completely made up number. I have no way of knowing. I know it is really low. One percent sounds like a possible exaggeration. I am talking about the transactions relationally, economically, motives, plans, everything—everything is a transaction—they are probably less than one percent of the whole planet.

The kingdom is here in the transactions of those who are living in righteousness. Yet, it is not here in fullness until Jesus comes. The New Testament talks about the kingdom here and the kingdom yet to come.

You think, “Which is it? Is it here or is it coming.”

It is both. It is here in part. It is here already, but it is not all here in substantial ways. It comes fully at Jesus' coming. It is both/and. It is a simple concept and we do not need to be confused. Jesus commanded the church to disciple the nations. He fully understood that this mandate would reach over into the age to come and that we would need His physical presence to get the job completely done. We are still making an impact in this age and our impact has continuity.

What we are doing matters to the nations being discipled, even when the Lord comes. If we establish righteousness in any sphere of life, it can stand up through the testing and it does not need to be replaced. That sphere of life. If we get abortion turned around in any government of the earth, when the Lord comes, He does not need to turn it around—it is already turned around in that nation. Wherever there is righteousness in a nation, the Lord does not need to turn that law around. It really matters and the Lord cares.

There is continuity between our labors now and then. We are not going away on a cloud to play a harp with a spirit existence. We are going to be on the earth transforming nations with physical, material, resurrected bodies, with the full capacities of the resurrection.

Three Stages of the Kingdom Being Released

Paragraph G: the three stages of God's kingdom on earth.

Stage one is partial. It is good what we are doing now—it is the one percent, which is substantial. Our lives are different because of it. There are a million people in Kansas City that do not think much about the kingdom. There are tens of thousands of us that do. It really matters. I am glad we are doing it, God remembers it forever, and it really is good. It is partial. It is mostly in the hearts of people, it is expressed in a few institutions, and we want to press it to get it in more.

The second stage is the Millennium—it is substantial. Even when Jesus returns, there will still be sin in the Millennial Kingdom. It will not be absolute, but it will be substantial. It will be far beyond anything we get in the end time revival.

Then it is ultimate after the Millennial Kingdom, it is absolute in the new heaven and the new earth. There is no sin at all. Nobody has a natural body. We all have physical, material, and resurrected bodies. There is perfect righteousness and there is not a trace of sin at all. It is ultimate or absolute after the Millennial Kingdom.

To confuse those three when you are reading end time prophecy just gets you into hopeless confusion. Verse one looks like one thing and verse two looks like another. It is not a difficult thing to have this grid when you are reading end time prophecy. Mostly it is clear what stage it is talking about.

Cultural Mandate

I am going to say the same thing very abbreviated. In Genesis 1:26 (paraphrased), the Lord said to Adam before he sinned, “Let him have dominion. Let them subdue the whole earth.” That is often referred to as the cultural mandate or the dominion mandate. There are books about that use that language—the cultural mandate or the dominion mandate.

That is what God mandated to Adam. He repeated it to Noah in Genesis 9:6-7. The Great Commission is actually the New Testament version of the cultural mandate. The Great Commission is Genesis 1:26 said through the New Testament lens. The first Adam before he sinned was fully operating in the Great Commission, so to speak, in the Old Testament it is referred to as the cultural mandate by theologians. Some call it the dominion mandate.

Paragraph A. What happened is that Adam by sinning forfeited his right to dominion, his authority, by giving it to the devil. God is so committed to justice that He said in essence to Adam, Psalm 115:16, “The heavens are the Lord’s; but the earth He has given to the children of men.” The heavenly arena—the Lord says, “I rule here. The earth I will rule through your covenant invitation. I give it to you and I will not ever take it back from man. Never.”

Adam really had the mandate; he had the title deed and the real papers. Because Adam blew it and forfeited his place, the Lord did not say, “Oh no, this is a mess. You know what, let’s redo this thing again.”

He says, “No, I really gave it to you. It is for keeps and it is forever.”

In Luke 4:6, when the devil showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the earth, this is what the devil said, “I will give you the kingdoms of the earth.”

He was telling Jesus, “You can have the Millennium without the cross.”

He says, “All this authority I will give you.”

Why?

“It has been delivered to me.”

By Adam.

This was not a lie. The devil was not trying to fake Jesus out.

He said, “It was delivered. You saw it Jesus and I can give it to who I want.”

Jesus could say, “There is truth in this. It has been legally handed to you.”

That is why Satan is called the god of this world in 2 Corinthians 4:4 and a dozen other places. Adam gave him that legal position. Jesus comes now as the second Adam, in the same role as the first Adam. He obeys the Father, defeats the devil in the temptations in the wilderness. As a matter of fact, the three temptations in the wilderness in Luke 4 were the same three temptations in the Garden of Eden.

The second Adam obeys and defeats Satan in his own personhood. Then, He goes to the cross and defeats Satan for the human race. Jesus defeated Satan as a Man in the wilderness when He stood in the same temptations as the Garden of Eden and He obeyed the Father.

He said, “I do not want dominion without You Father. I do not want it that way.”

He won. He defeated Satan in His individuality as a Man and then at the cross He defeated Satan in terms of paying the price for our sin and the Father’s presence and removing the guilt that was justly upon us. It was a two-pronged deal going on. Jesus won the right back to have the government back as a Man. He had the right as a Man, the same right that Adam had, Jesus got it back as a Man.

He is fully God; this is in no way minimizing His deity. The church is really focused on His deity. Where we get messed up is that we have Him so in the deity realm—which is good because you cannot be more God than fully God—but we end up disconnected from how human and how much of a Man He really is. He is really a Man forever. It is just glorious beyond anything we can imagine. He is

human forever from the Incarnation. As a Man He is winning the right of the government of the earth—that is what He did at the wilderness, cross and resurrection. He ascended to the Father and He said, “Now I give it all to You.”

For 2000 years, Jesus has been orchestrating church history so there is an end time army in every single nation of the earth crying out, “Come Lord Jesus” —in covenant invitation—“We want your leadership over our government. We want every single ethnic group in the earth.” Every people group will have a person in covenant with Jesus, under the anointing, beckoning His leadership to come and take over the earth.

He says, “Okay good. It took 2000 years to get the witness to every nation.”

He said, “I will not come until there is a witness in every nation.”

There is a justice dimension to that. There is an intercessory dimension, not just a redemptive dimension of people getting saved. That is very important, not in any way minimizing that, but that is always emphasized. Jesus comes. He is being beckoned. He is coming as a Man to take over the earth, to take over all the governments of the earth. That is what Adam was supposed to set up. He was going in that direction.

Two Conversations

Paragraph D: two amazing conversations—I mean really amazing. David had two of these conversations, not many people get to have one of these. He overhears or eavesdrops by the Holy Spirit—not the best way to say it—into a dialogue within the Trinity. The Father and the Son are talking; he picks up and hears it twice.

Could you imagine the Father and Son talking and by the Spirit of prophecy you get to hear it and you are told to tell it?

Psalm 2 is one. He is hearing the Father and the Son conversing.

The Father says in verse 8, “I will give you all the nations Jesus. All of them, but you have to ask me for them through intercession. You have to ask me for them.”

Jesus, “I am going to raise up a prayer movement in every nation of the earth that is going to be involved in this.”

The Father says to the Son, “I will give you full possession of every nation.”

232 nations, undoubtedly it will be reorganized. It could be more or less. Who knows? Every nation Jesus will utterly possess. I do not mean He will have one guy preaching in it. I am talking about the entire nation being under Jesus’ leadership entirely. It is in the Millennial Kingdom that this happens. It happens a little bit now. We pray that even now Jesus would get His inheritance in the nations.

What we mean is that some people get excited. That is a good way to use this verse. It actually means that, but it is only a small percent of what it means now. If a million people get saved, that is awesome, but Jesus wants a billion people to get saved. When He returns He wants whole nations saved and entirely obedient in every area. That is what it means for Him to possess every part of a nation.

So David hears that. Then, in Psalm 110, he hears a second conversation. Imagine; imagine David’s friends when he says to them, “I heard another one.”

“Come on David.”

“No, I heard another one. This is for real.”

“David.”

If one of my friends told me, “I heard the Father and Son talking about their eschatological purposes and their roles, I would say, “Maybe not. Maybe not.”

If they came the second time and said it, that would be a stretch. We are not just talking about God talking to God. We are talking about God talking to God about their distinctive roles and the summing up of human history in the natural.

He does. David hears it twice. Psalm 110. He hears the Father say to Jesus, “The LORD said to my Lord”—David is all confused by this. He says in essence, “One of my offspring. One of my great, great, great, great grandsons is going to be my Lord. How is my great, great, great, great grandson going to be my Lord and I am going to worship Him and obey Him? My great, great, great, great grandson.”

The reason He is David's Lord is because He is Lord. The reason He is David's son is because He is a Man. David was thinking, "Hmm, I have to figure this out."

This could have been a real puzzle when he came out of this experience and told his friends, "David, it is not possible for a great, great, great, great grandson to be the one you worship. It does not work that way."

Jesus used this with the Pharisees, "How can David's son be his boss, his Lord, and his God?"

The Pharisees could not answer it because the answer is that He has to be fully God to be David's boss and He has to be fully Man to be David's son. He has to be God and Man and nobody got that yet. They are looking at Jesus who is saying, "How can David's son be his Lord?"

"Huh, we never thought about that."

He goes, "Think about it."

The incarnation is the only possible way. Psalm 110:1 talks about Jesus sitting at the Father's right hand until all the enemies are made a footstool. Jesus is at the right hand of the Father for 2000 years from the cross to the second coming. Then Jesus is on the earth for the next 1000 years. It is a 3000-year "package deal" so to speak. 2000 years at the right hand of the Father through the praying Church and 1000 years on the ground leading the troops with His own present leadership.

The goal of it is in Psalm 110; He is going to rule until every one of His enemies are defeated. When they are all defeated, He is going to take His primary position as top governor of the earth and He is going to hand it to the Father.

He is going to be subservient to another Person who is coming to the earth into the natural realm—it is the Father. That is what is going on here. David is listening to this and realizing that Jesus is going to rule "until".

You go, "Rule until? He is going to sit at the right hand until? How does this work? Rule in the midst of the enemies? This is interesting. How this is going to work?"

You put a couple Psalms together to get the whole picture. Again, Jesus is ruling at the right hand of the Father, subduing enemies through the praying church for 2000 years of Church history. Then, Jesus is on the earth in Jerusalem for 1000 years with ground troops that He is leading. Then at the end when all the nations are obedient and every enemy is gone, He gives the leadership of the natural realm to One who now comes to the natural realm, the Father. He gives it and Jesus is no longer the top leader on the earth. His Father is. That is what is in Jesus' heart from the beginning—that is what Psalm 110 is pointing at. It is so magnificent.

Paragraph E: no Jesus is down on the earth. In Psalm 110:1-3, He is up in heaven moving through the praying church for 2000 years.

In verses 5-6, He is on the earth for 1000 years. Look at what He is doing with His own hands and His own edicts—He is executing the kings of the earth. He is ending the Armageddon campaign. He has come back and is executing kings; He is judging all the nations in person. He is filling the place with dead bodies. What? That is in the Bible? What? Wait a second.

Beloved, the Jesus of Christmas is the only Jesus a lot of Americans know. Honestly. We need to know the Jesus of Christmas and the Jesus of Armageddon. We really do. We need to know the Jesus who is King of kings and the political leader of the earth. There are many faces we need to know of this Man we love. The Jesus of Christmas is not enough for Western Christianity.

Anyway, Jesus is going to fill the geographic area where all the armies are gathered around Jerusalem with the dead bodies of those who live through that period in opposition to Him. He will execute the heads of many countries.

What? David is peering into it as a mystery but because we are 2000 years later in Church history we know through hindsight that Jesus was ruling at the right hand of the Father through the praying Church. But, He is going to rule on the earth and will execute the political leaders that will not accept His leadership. The reason He is going to do it is because He has to see righteousness in every nation. He wants righteousness in every nation for many reasons but there is one premier reason—He wants to prepare the earth to invite the Father back to the planet. The Father is not just walking in the cool of the day as with Adam before sin. The Father puts His throne on the earth and never leaves ever again. That is what is on Jesus' mind

because that is what the first Adam was supposed to set up, but he fell. Jesus as the second Adam picks up where the first Adam dropped the ball.

Colossians 1

We will end with this. Colossians 1 is one of the premier passages. Oh my goodness, Colossians 1—you want to master Colossians 1 although, there is no such thing as mastering it in this age. We think we have got it and then we meet Jesus and realize, “Oh I did not understand it at all.” You really want to go after it. Verse 18, here is the Father’s commitment to Jesus. The Father is going to cause Jesus to have preeminence in every way on the earth. It is the same as Philippians 2:9-11 where every knee bows and every tongue confesses that Jesus is Lord. Jesus is going to be preeminent on the earth—through the Millennium He is the preeminent person on the earth.

It says in Revelation 5:12 and Revelation 7:12 (paraphrased), “All the nations are saying, ‘glory and honor’” and they are saying it to Jesus as ruler over the earth, to He who is fully God and fully man. They are saying, “All the power, all the riches belong to that man.” That is talking about all the riches of all the banks and all the governments of the earth belong to one Man so that He can run the earth with the wealth.

Beloved, that is preeminence. He is the one Man the whole earth is talking about. He is the one Man who is the head of the whole government. It is a theocracy. All the nations are under one government under a righteous, kind King. He is preeminent. He does not just have the authority, money, and wisdom. He has far more than the wisdom of Solomon. We are talking about a preeminent man on the earth. There is none like Him. He has the first place of the affections of the nations. The nations talk about one Person. This Man. They love Him, they obey Him. All their authority points up to Him.

Every single part of authority, every bit of authority, is linked to Him and His throne in Jerusalem. Every single little bank or library anywhere in the earth, is traced back to one government of the earth from Jerusalem. It takes over Berlin—just to throw that in. Preeminence. I love that. What does Jesus do with that preeminence?

Paragraph A. What does He do with the preeminence? As a Man He takes the preeminence and in 1 Corinthians 15:28 it says, “. . . all things are made subject to

Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.” Everything is subject to Him—all the governments, even Death is driven off the planet. You will read in verse 26, He even overcomes death. Every demon is in the lake of fire—the Millennium is now over—Satan is in the lake of fire and death has been vanquished.

What did Adam do when he was the head guy? He opened the door for death to come in. The second Adam drives death off the planet forever. Death cannot ever have entry again to the human experience. Never. The first Adam brought death, Romans 5:12, the last Adam drove death off the planet, 1 Corinthians 15:26.

What does Jesus do as a Man with all this authority and all this preeminence with every enemy subjected to Him? Jesus subjects it all to the Father. He says, “Father, it has all been brought under me. I give it to you. I only wanted You to be the preeminent one. Father come to the earth and take the primary role of the government of the earth—in the natural realm on the natural earth, not through the vision of the invisible. Come down to the earth where they see you. Take my role and I will take a step back and serve you forever on the earth.”

He subjects Himself to the Father. Why? It is because He wants His Father to be All in All, not Himself.

Colossians 3:11, Jesus is All in All.

Ephesians 1:23, Jesus is All in All.

He goes, “Thank you. I want to be All in All, but for one reason, so I have the right to give it to you Father.”

What Jesus earned through obedience, He gave freely to His Father.

He said, “Father, you come down. That is what You wanted all along.”

The Father arranged a wedding for the Son and the Son prepared a family for the Father and we dwell together in the natural and the supernatural together on the earth forever in perfect righteousness. Revelation 5:9, “You are worthy because you were slain and you purchased men for God.” Oh, Jesus purchased men because He wanted them out of hell because He loved them.

He said, “Father, I am not purchasing them so I can be the preeminent one. I know I will be the preeminent one because you promised that I would be and I have earned it. But I am purchasing them to give them to you Father. I want you to be the preeminent one. I am talking about on the earth in the view of everybody. On the earth forever.”

The crowns on the elders in Revelation 4 are not just ornaments; they are the fruit of the godly decisions they have made throughout their earthly lives. These elders are humans with crowns that are the fruit of their sacrificial obedience. They take them and they cast them.

They go, “We really give them to you. This is not a make-shift deal. This is not a show. We give the fruit of our entire life as our gift. It is yours. It is yours.”

Where did they get that? That is the spirit of what Jesus does to the Father in the Millennium. He takes all the kingdoms and He casts them down. All the atmosphere in heaven is in vibrate with this spirit of humility.

Psalm 45

Paragraph B: Psalm 45. This was probably the most sang Psalm at IHOP-KC for nine years in our worship with the Word. Psalm 45 is at the top of the list. It is the love song that the Father is singing over His Son. It is the Father’s words to Jesus. Behind the Psalmist is the Father speaking. The writer of Hebrews in chapter 1 tells us that it is the Father talking to the Son in Psalm 45. Hebrews 1:8 it says, “To the Son the Father says...” and then He quotes Psalm 45. Beloved, it is the Father talking to the Son throughout Psalm 45. What does the Father say when He looks at His humble Son?

Verse 1, “My heart is overflowing with a good theme concerning Jesus.” This is the Father speaking. The psalmist is captured by it, but I tell you, there is one greater than the psalmist.

The Father says about Jesus when He looks across the earth, “You are more beautiful than any other man. No man ever obeyed like you did. Grace is poured upon your lips, therefore I bless you forever my Son. I bless you forever.”

It says in Proverbs 10:1, “A wise son makes his father’s heart glad.” I tell you, there was a wise Son who made His Father’s heart glad. The Father is the one who beckons Him.

This is an Armageddon passage, when the Father says in Psalm 45:3, “Gird your sword, draw it.” It is clearly in context. It is about the Armageddon campaign and Jesus’ return at the second coming. He is a man on the earth as a King. He is at war with the armies of the earth surrounding Jerusalem—That is the context.

Verse 4 (paraphrased), “In Your majesty, because You are a man of such truth and You have profound humility Jesus. I know what You are going to do with Your victory. I know Your heart so well.”

Verse 5, “Let your arrows strike Your enemies and I will bless You because I know what You are going to do.” When the planet is righteous and clean, then He hands the government to the Father, because it is His right to do. He does it because He is the only one with the right to the government of the planet.

He says, “I give it to you because I delight to do your will. I delight to honor you.”

Jesus is humble. He delights in humility because it is His eternal being, His nature forever. Jesus is not there at the crisis moment after He went to the cross, 2000 years working through the church, and 1000 years subduing the earth saying, “O Father, I paid a huge price. I have scars in my human body. You do not have a human body. I do.”

He did not do that. He said, “Father, thank you. Thank you. This is what I want to do. I am the only one with the right to it. It is Yours. Here it is.”

Here Jesus is in the process, verse 5, and the Father is saying to Him, “Your arrows will strike your enemies and I am behind you.” Right through the Millennial Kingdom.

Of course we can borrow it for this age. “Your throne O God,” this is God the Father talking to God the Son. “Your throne is forever.” Jesus says, “I know, but I want it subservient to your throne on the earth.”

Jesus reigns forever, but something new happens. He is second on the earth when He was first on the earth for 1000 years in the eyes of everyone. It is dynamic and it is real. He was always under the Father’s authority, but He has all authority on

the earth. He is the only one who could do anything with the kingdoms of the earth that He wanted.

Satan bargained with Him when He met Jesus in the wilderness. Jesus says, “I know exactly what I am going to do when I subdue everything. I am going to give it to the Father.”

Verse 7 the Father says, “You love righteousness. Therefore I have anointed you with the oil of joy.”

Now the Father is talking to us ahead of time. He goes in verse 10 (paraphrased), “Listen o daughter, incline your ear. Let me tell you something. Forget your people and your father’s house. That is what my Son did. He forgot His Father’s house. He left the throne of glory and came to the earth. Let me tell you something about my Son”—verse 11—“He will desire your beauty. I know Him and He forsook everything. I know what moves Him. He did it.”

This is the Father talking. Not the psalmist. Hebrews 1 tells us the Father is doing the talking in Psalm 45. I look at this and I go, “Father, I know Jesus loves me. I know that He has given me grace and forgiveness and He has given me a great destiny in this age and the age to come. Free. What does He really desire?”

“He wants you to forsake everything for Him. That is what He gets really excited about; that you would be as zealous for Him like He is for me. I know Him. This is what He is like. That is what He wants.”

Verse 12, there are few verses we are skipping here, “The daughter of Tyre will come with a gift.” He is talking about Jesus’ Millennial reign, how the royal families of the earth will do everything in their power to get His favor. All the royal families are serving Him and worshipping Him and bringing Him their gifts and bringing their government more radically in line with Him. There are three to four verses talking about the royal families of the earth.

Verse 16, the Father is still talking. Now He is talking directly to Jesus, “Jesus, instead of your fathers, instead of looking at Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, you are treating them, not like your fathers. You are not treating David like your father. You are treating him like a loyal son. You are partnering with him in loyalty to govern the earth with you. You have fathers Jesus, but because You are eternal and

You are human they are now as sons to you. They are now in the family business under Your authority. Here is what You are doing with them Jesus, you shall make them princes in the earth.” That is what He did to the apostles.

He said, “You will rule here. You will govern there. Hey David you will be over here. Abraham you will be there.”

They are under Jesus’ administration. Jesus is so preeminent that even the great men of history are now His sons, grateful for partnership with Him.

The Father ends it with this, “Jesus, I want You to know, I know where You are going with this.

I know where You are going, You are going to give it all to me. I promise You, I love You like You love Me and I will make your Name to be remembered. You will never be forgotten. If you give the world to Me, You will never be forgotten if it is under My care.”

Jesus says, “I know. I know, but I am just doing it for y\You anyway.”

“You can never out give me Jesus. You will never be forgotten. The people will praise You forever. I will make it happen.”

It is the Father talking to the Son. Beloved, we can tap into the great drama of which the millennial kingdom is right in the center. We need to understand it. We need to have our heart and our mind in alignment with this. There are about 120 or 130 about the end times. They move in and out of these themes. If we stay and continue to be illiterate of these chapters—most of the Body of Christ, the whole earth, are mostly illiterate of these 100 chapters—the drama and the magnificence of what is going to unfold will begin on the earth in real time and space in context of the God-head and His people and we will miss much of it. Amen and amen.