

Jesus' Invitation for All to Be Great (Matthew 5:19)

GOD INVITES EVERYONE TO BE GREAT IN HIS KINGDOM

We are talking about the end times in tonight's session, and I am going to begin and go after the topic of Jesus' invitation for every single to be great in the kingdom. It is an invitation to be great; when some people first hear that, they have an aversion to being great. They say, "I do not want to be great. I just want to love God." There is a conflict, or a seeming contradiction in their mind. We are going to be talking about Jesus' kingdom on earth and what is happening on earth in these days, as I believe that we are in the end times. Knowing that we are in the end times is dynamically related to the vision to be great in the kingdom.

It says in Matthew 5:19: "Whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." This is the Sermon on the Mount, and most of you are aware that the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7 is the centerpiece of the theology of the kingdom in terms of ethics, character, and behavior. I call it the "constitution of the kingdom of heaven"—the Sermon on the Mount. It is the way that God intends for His people to live.

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The centerpiece of this conceptually is that Jesus invites His people to pursue being great in His sight. Jesus says this in Matthew 5:19; He gives a wide-open invitation when He says, "whoever." This "whoever" that we find a number of times in Scripture is related to the invitation to be great. When Jesus warns in Matthew 5:19: "Whoever breaks one of the least one of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven"—though this person is a born-again believer, this person shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven. In the gospels, the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of God are synonymous. So Matthew almost always says the kingdom of heaven, and almost all the other exact verses in the other gospels say the kingdom of God.

Matthew continues to offer the other direction, "Whoever does and then teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven" (Mt. 5:19). Matthew is not talking about being great in this age. He is talking about being great in the age to come. Most of those who have obeyed the Lord with intensity are mocked in the Church and outside the Church. Actually, Paul the apostle had as much trouble in the Church because of his obedience, as he had persecution outside the Church. So when Matthew describes being called great in the kingdom, He is not talking about this age. Every once in awhile, someone is called great who is unique in their obedience to the Lord, but that is not who the promise is for. This promise is primarily for the age to come when the kingdom of God is fully established on the earth, which happens at the second coming of Christ.

WE CANNOT REPENT OF A DESIRE FOR GREATNESS AS IT IS OF GOD

Paragraph B. We cannot repent of the desire to be great. Why? Because God designed us with this longing. The desire to be great is built into our human spirit by the great God who put a longing for greatness in our spirit. You can say it another way. It is part of our emotional and

spiritual DNA to long to be great. I realize that goes completely counter to the way some of you have previously thought, but it is not a peripheral subject in the Bible. It is a primary teaching of Jesus, though it is not a teaching that you hear much about in the Body of Christ.

We cannot repent of the desire to be great. What we repent of is seeking greatness in the wrong way and in the wrong time frame. The promise of being great is related to the age to come. We also must repent for neglecting to seek greatness. I know that is like, "What? I thought that we were supposed to repent because we wanted to be great." No, you repent because you were seeking it in a wrong way.

Many in the Church need to repent of their passive attitude to this glorious, divine invitation to the human race. When we neglect this, what we are really saying is, "Jesus, You meant well, but You missed it. You are really getting us kind of distracted by giving us this invitation. It would have been better if You would not have kind of muddied the waters with these kind of ideas."

We need to repent of that because Jesus' leadership is perfect, and He understands what He is offering to us. Now those of you who have been here a few times know that I give our notes, but I almost never finish them. I do not care. I might get to one page and never get to the others. So do not concern yourself if I get stuck on one page thinking, "Oh no, we are going to be here until midnight." In just in a minute's notice, I say, "Just take the notes and read them if you want to." Another thing that I want to say for those of you who are here for the first time is that our copyright is the right to copy; so any of these notes that are on our website, you can take them and copy them. You can put your name on them. You can put your mother's name on them. You can change them, or use them word for word. We do not care. Just do something with them.

WITHOUT THE PARADIGM OF BEING ON A JOURNEY TO GREATNESS

Paragraph C. Without the paradigm of being on a journey to greatness, without this mindset, the Sermon on the Mount lifestyle is too difficult to sustain. When you read the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5-7, we must take it at face value. I mean we must take it literally for what it means. I look at that and say, "This is intense. It is hostile to my sense of wellbeing. This is hostile. This is invasive. This is extreme. Lord, frankly, this seems unnecessary. Come on!"

That is what I say in my natural mindset; but the Lord, who lived out the Sermon on the Mount as a man in a flesh and blood body really insists that we have to take the Sermon on the Mount as the norm for the kingdom. I will say this: if we do not have a vision to be great before God and great in God's sight, you can use other language if you want, but I recommend using Biblical language, which is to be great in God's sight. If you are not on that journey to be great in God's sight, you will disdain your focus on the Sermon on the Mount lifestyle. When I get tempted to back off of it, which is all the time, the sustaining thing is not my love for God. I wish that were enough. I really do, but I am just being straightforward with you. My love for God waned, and I make lesser choices. When I look at what Jesus teaches on this subject, I get convicted to sign back up. I call it "sanctified selfishness." It is going to be worth it to make deliberate choices to live the Sermon on the Mount. It is going to be so worth it in the age to come to do this right.

JESUS REVEALED A NEW PARADIGM FOR GREATNESS

Paragraph D. Jesus revealed a new paradigm for greatness. He has a very different paradigm than the secular mindset. We are to focus on being great in His sight instead of the sight of men. We are still to focus on being great, but it is just before the eyes of the right Man. Number two: we are to understand that our greatness will be fully manifest in the age to come—not in this age. Number three: our greatness is going to be based upon our heart responses and not on our natural gifting or our resources. One guy just says, “I do not have any great gifting.” I heard that many times over the years of pasturing, as people would say, “I do not have any special gifts. The Bible is confusing, my mind is not that clear, my emotions are muddy, I do not talk well, I do not think well, I am bad at math, and I get confused easily. I do not have any gifts.” I have heard that kind of thing over thirty years of the ministry. That is not true. Everyone has gifts, but your greatness in the age to come is completely unrelated to the amount of gifting, or the amount of resource that you have, meaning the amount of open doors.

We think, “If Billy Graham, or the President opens a door, or they put me on TV, then I will make a big impact.” Beloved, your ministry has nothing to do with the size of your impact—nothing. The size of your ministry is based on heart responses. It is not based on the size of your impact at all, or the amount of your gifting. The paradigm for greatness that Jesus gave is available to everybody regardless of your background. People think wrongly that greatness is only within the reach of a very few. We think that a very small amount of people really have the circumstances within them, or within their reach to attain greatness as men and women of God. Beloved, everybody can if they will do it God’s way. Now as you already know, God’s way is hostile to the flesh. We are going to look at this a little tonight. If we do not obey His commandments, we will be called least in His kingdom.

I want to say this: in thirty years of ministry, almost everybody I know in the kingdom is very content with living a lifestyle of ignoring many of God’s commandments at the heart level. Jesus’ words will not be broken. They will be called least in the kingdom in the age to come. This is an absolute fact. I do not like that fact for my own life. You have to do the commandments, and then you have to actively promote them in the life of others and teach others. Teaching of this is not public teaching, although it involves public teaching. Most of the teaching in the Body of Christ is not done publicly. Most teaching in the Body of Christ is done one on one: for example, by a mom or a dad teaching their children at home, or by a friend driving in the car with another friend, or maybe with two friends at the airport who are talking. Most of the teaching in the kingdom is done one on one, one on three, and with twos and threes talking. No one is even thinking that they are teaching, but they are influencing one another. They are encouraging one another, and I find it to be a really disturbing trend in the spiritual culture of America. It is that most, and I am using the word most in a calculated way. I am not trying to be mean. I am not happy about this. Most of what I hear of God’s people is actually encouraging people to take a minimized view of radical obedience, especially in the things of God’s Word. The doctrine of grace is being so abused in the church in America. So many things are called grace that is not grace at all. Grace has been reduced to thinking that if you do not like something, do not do it and call it the grace of God. Grace is not immunity by not being accountable as believers before the Lord.

TRUE BIBLICAL GRACE VERSUS SLOPPY GRACE

Grace is not a delete clause if something gets in our way, bothers us, or is inconvenient. That is not what grace is. Grace does not give us the ability to break the Word of God, and go on without any concern whatsoever. Grace gives us the ability, when we blow it, to give us a new beginning to repent, to get right back into the game, and begin to declare war on the things that God disagrees with. I blow it many times. Many times I come up short in terms of the Sermon on the Mount attitudes, lifestyle, speech, time, and money. Many things I come up short in, and grace does not say, “Well, boys will be boys.” That is not the doctrine of grace to say, “that is OK; it does not matter.”

Grace means that if I really repent of it, the Lord says, “Mike, I am going to give you a brand new beginning right now. If you will repent of it, you will get right back up into the war, declare war on that thing that you just stumbled in, and set your heart to obey Me. Grace will forgive you for blowing it, give you power to go after it, and give you a brand new beginning—a fresh start.”

That is what grace does. Grace is not immunity to a life of slothfulness, laziness, and carelessness about God where there will be no consequences, nothing will matter, and we will never regret it. That is a false doctrine of grace, and it is all over the church in America. I turn on the TV, and it is not just the TV. It is far greater than that. The common way that people encourage, bless, and comfort one another while in spiritual sloth and compromise is what Jesus was talking about—making it easy for others to disobey God, and get your approval. I do not mean that you have to go into every setting and poke everyone in the eye that you can figure out. I talk with people, and I say, “Well, truthfully, what I would do, and I am not trying to be a hotshot, but I would not do what you are doing.”

They say, “Well, brother, I thought we were friends.”

I answer, “I am thinking about my retirement plan right now when I am talking with you. I am thinking of Matthew 5:19. Think of the Lord looking at you and saying, ‘Hey, little guy, you cannot change the Word. Do not change it. Hold the line.’” I find that doing it is actually easier than teaching it. Teaching it in a pulpit is easy. One on one with eye contact with a friend—that is where it is hard. Jesus said that we must do it in the secret place of your heart. If you will stand for truth with the people who are influencing you and you are influencing them, then you will be called great in the kingdom. It is actually in the teaching of the Sermon on the Mount that we actually stumble in it more than in just doing it. I find it pretty easy to teach it in a platform. It is much harder to do it one on one where there are just two or three of you talking, and they say, “So, you are saying that I am wrong?” I gulp with a fear of man! That is what that verse means in Matthew 5:19: we must hold the line in your relationships.

INVITATION TO GREATNESS WITHOUT REGARD TO OUTWARD IMPACT

OK. Paragraph F. Let’s go onto that. Jesus taught that there would be a large range of degrees of glory and greatness in God’s kingdom from the least to the greatest. Look at the passage, 1 Corinthians 15:41-41: “There is one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another

glory of the stars; for one star differs from another star in glory. So also in the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption.” There is one glory of the sun. There is another glory of the stars for each star differs from another star in glory. Paul is comparing as one stars differs from another star in glory, so every one of us in the age to come will differ in glory.

THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PROMOTION IS AVAILABLE TO ALL

Paragraph G. The opportunity for promotion and for greatness in God’s sight is available to everyone. He gives two more “whosoever” here in the gospel of Matthew. In Matthew 20:26-27: “Whosoever desires to be great” and “whoever desires to be first”— we obviously know that the condition for becoming great is becoming a servant.

OBEDIENCE, HUMILITY, AND BEING A SERVANT

There are three basic conditions in the Bible. They are all synonymous as far as I am concerned. To be a servant, Jesus talks about meekness and humility. Being a servant, meekness, and humility all seem to be the same. The third condition is comprehensive obedience to the least of God’s commands. Those are the three conditions. I do not have that in the notes, but you run into it everywhere; so I just sum it up as obedience, meekness, or servanthood. You can say anyone of the three conditions because whichever one you use, it encompasses the other two. But I do not want to look at the servant part right now. We all understand that. I am not saying that we do it well, but we understand the concept. What we really lose out on is the invitation for greatness. That is something the Body of Christ really minimized and neglected. We are talking about the great God. We are talking about the greatest Man who ever walked on the earth saying to your heart, “You can be great in My sight if you will do this thing that I am telling you.” Beloved, I unashamedly have a desire to be great in God’s sight. It has been a life vision for some decades now.

Unashamedly, I want to be great in God’s sight. I do this by how I spend my time, my money, relate to my enemies, speak words, and I make choices with this goal in mind. I do not do this always; I am not trying to claim something that is false, but for the most part this is my goal. I want to impact people, do well for others, and all kinds of other motives for saying yes to God. This issue of being great in God’s sight in the age to come is a gigantic, controlling idea in my thinking. I set my heart to do this in my early twenties, and I am fifty years old right now. It was a really definitive life decision back then. I found that over the years by talking about this, preaching it, and watching it, young people make a serious decision and heart connection to be great in God’s sight. If you make this decision, you will live very differently the next ten, fifteen, or twenty years. Unfortunately, I have witnessed this for the last years: if people do not make a heart connection, they will go hard often for about ten years, but normally they do not last longer than five, or ten years. Then they get cynical, jaded, and all kinds of different attitudes. They feel ripped off by God, by people, by the Church, and that life did not work right. It did not happen—the healing, money, honor, anointing, and there are 1,000 reasons why they have a complaint. They say, “Ah, I have been there, or done that.”

Mostly, I have not seen many people stay sustained in intensity for the Lord more than five or ten years. I have seen many people on fire, and almost always at the five, or ten-year mark, they are already dialing down, and choosing a more broad path. They still love God, but they do not have the fire that they had back in those days. Jesus is not only the creator, but He is the great psychologist. He understands how the human heart works. I say, “Jesus, the longer the years go by, You were really right about this. You were 100 percent right.”

He answer, “Yeah, I meant it back then, and you do not even understand how right those verses are.”

Look at this in Matthew 20:26-27: “Whoever desire to great among you, let him be your servant. Whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave.” Jesus emphasizes, “whoever wants to be great” and “whoever wants to be first;” He is talking about first in authority and honor in God’s sight. It is a paradox that we find it is easy to live in compromise, but we have an aversion to being great. The Lord wants it the other way around. He wants us to have an aversion to compromise, and have a vision for greatness and to be great in His sight. We have it just the opposite. We find ways to cheat on our time, money, words, and all kinds of things, but we have an aversion to being great in God’s sight. It really needs to be flipped around because it is a real contradiction that we are too humble to seek being great before God, but we still find a way to live in compromise in the areas of our life.

MATTHEW 23:11: “HE WHO HUMBLER HIMSELF WILL BE EXALTED”

Jesus, in Matthew 23:11-12: “But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” He says it again. Jesus says it over and over that the humble will be exalted. That is talking about in God’s sight. We will talk just a little more on that tonight as well—some of the ramifications of this.

JESUS TAUGHT ON GREATNESS MORE THAN ANY MAN IN SCRIPTURE

Paragraph H. I Jesus taught on God’s invitation to greatness more than anyone in Scripture. He talked on it directly and indirectly, and He called it different things, but it is the same thing. Sometimes He would just call it great or exalted. Other times, He called it rewards, or treasure in heaven. These are direct teachings of Jesus in the gospels, or in the book of Revelation where Jesus is standing before John talking to him face to face. Jesus called people to be great. He called them to receive riches in heaven. He called them to be ruler over many things, to have authority over cities in the age to come, and to have power over nations in the age to come. Sometimes what happens in this age is that there are tokens of these blessings now that happen now; however, by far, the majority of this happens in the age to come. That is not to minimize the tokens now because the tokens are exciting and important. They are good. In the age to come, the amount of influence the saints will have on the earth is going to be staggering—the kind of authority that God is going to give His people is astounding.

MATTHEW 5:5: “THE MEEK WILL INHERIT THE EARTH”

He calls the meek to inherit in Matthew 5:5. He calls us to have power over nations and to sit on Jesus' throne. That is the most radical of them all. He says that in Revelation 3:21: “To him who overcomes, I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.” I look at that verse, and I say, “Jesus, I could not have taken that from anybody's lips but Yours.” I believe Paul 100 percent, but if Paul had said that promise, I would have choked. I would still have taken it because it is the inspired Word of God.

REVELATION 3:21: “TO HIM WHO OVERCOMES”

Jesus said, “You will sit with Me on My throne.” He does not mean that He is going to scoot over, and you are going to share the chair. That is not what He is talking about—like a million people all squeeze into one chair. He is talking about how you will participate in the delegated authority that is linked with the authority God gave Jesus. It is the authority that the Father gave the Son. It belongs to Jesus' throne. It belongs to His dominion. Jesus says it this way, “You will be first.” He says this three or four times, and we all know it. We have reduced this to thinking that the first will be last, and the last will be first; we think this means that if you stand last in the fellowship dinner line, then you will be first next time around or something. No, He is talking about first in honor, glory, and authority—those words that we shy away from in our public conversations at least. He said, “You will be first.”

We say, “Jesus, this is intense.”

He says, “Oh, but you have to do it my way, though. You really have to do it My way, or you really will be least.” I want to alert you that the church in America does not understand the calling to be great in the kingdom by serving the least in the kingdom. The lifestyle that is called radical in the church of America is so negligent of most of the Sermon on the Mount. We are so below the Sermon on the Mount in terms of our secret lives, and the Lord is not going to be impressed or intimidated by Americans when we stand before Him. He is not going to say, “Well, I guess you were an American. I guess it was a little tough down there. You had a lot of options and channels. I understand that.” No, He is going to evaluate history on one standard—the Sermon on the Mount. He says, “You must live to gain treasure in heaven and receive rewards. You will be exalted. You will be honored from the Father. My Father, Himself, will honor you.” I cannot even comprehend the implication of that one phrase.

MATTHEW 20:16: “MANY ARE CALLED, BUT FEW ARE CHOSEN”

He says in Matthew 20:16: “So the last will be first, and the first will be last. Many are called, but few are chosen.” You are going to be chosen.” He is talking about chosen for authority. The principle is to be chosen and honored in God's sight. He talked about gaining crowns. He talked about gaining heavenly garments because our garments in the age to come will have different degrees of the glory of God on them. Our garments will have supernatural properties to them. Some will be far brighter than others with different colors, fabrics, and fragrances, like in the army with any President or Prime Minister—the clothing tells many things, and this will be true in God's kingdom. They will be given to you. Everybody has the gift of righteousness—the robe of righteousness. Everybody has the basic robe of righteousness as a free gift, but I am talking

about the clothing, which will manifest God's glory. The garments will indicate your role, assignment, and all kinds of different things.

LIVING IN LIGHT OF RECEIVING REWARD IN HEAVEN

Paragraph I. Living in light of receiving reward in heaven is a major theme even in the Sermon on the Mount. It is not just that the Sermon on the Mount is the goal, though this is the hardest goal in the Bible; if you take it at face value, and you want to of course, the Sermon on the Mount is the highest call. I look at the Sermon on the Mount and say, "This is so intense. Lord, You mean this literally?"

The Lord would answer, "Yes, I mean this." I did not really have that conversation, but you know what I mean. In the Sermon on the Mount, He talks about reward over and over again. You cannot do this lifestyle if you do not know that there is a reward involved. The passage: I did not read it, but it was on the first page. Hebrews 11:6: "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for He who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." That is fundamental to the life of faith. The chapter of Hebrews 11 is considered the hall of fame. This promise is essential to the life of faith; we must believe that God is rewarding us, and that He is paying attention to our decisions now. He will reward you in the age to come. There are rewards in this age, and they are exciting. I love rewards in this age. I do not want to minimize them at all, but at the same time, I want to understand so that I do not get my heart bruised that the rewards in this age are just tokens of the main ones coming in the age to come.

MOST REWARDS ARE IN THE AGE TO COME

Most rewards are about the age to come. Most of them are in the New Testament. So He says here in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5:5: "Blessed are the meek for they will inherit the earth." To inherit the earth means to govern it. Right now out of the billions of people on the earth, the saints are not governing the earth for the most part. Most people have not given much thought to it. Most people think this promise is for this age mostly. Most of the earth, money, government, legislation, and the influence of the media are under darkness. Every now and then, the Lord will give 1 percent to a believer, and you know 1 percent of world influence is pretty big. Billy Graham got a fraction of a percent of influence of one percent of the earth. A little bit goes a whole long way, but that is not what Jesus is talking about. He is talking about inheriting and becoming the rightful heirs of all the authority structures, resources, wisdom, and the influence of the entire earth. To inherit it means to become heirs of its influence, authority, resource, and wisdom. I am going to skip these verses. You can read them on your own, but the point that strikes me is how many times He appeals to reward while giving this—what I call the "constitution of the kingdom"—which is what I call the Sermon on the Mount.

You will only lose your way if you think the reward is mostly in this age. You will lose your way in two ways. You will misinterpret the passage, and secondly, you will end up offended at God because He is not giving you enough, and He is not giving it to you soon enough. Many, many believers who I know after ten to twenty years in the Lord, they feel that they have not gotten enough, nor gotten it fast enough, and they have pockets of offense in their spirits against God.

They know God has treated them well, but they are bugged because somewhere they do not think they have been treated well by God. Somewhere God has not been true to His Word. They do not have language for it, but there are pockets of offense in so many believers who have stayed steady for ten, or twenty years. That is because they have interpreted this wrongly where they have no idea the grandeur that is coming to them.

OUR REWARDS ARE A LITTLE NOW AND MORE IN THE AGE TO COME

Our rewards are on the earth. Heaven is coming down to the earth. Heaven is the New Jerusalem. Heaven is coming down to the earth. When it talks about our reward is in heaven, it is talking about the New Jerusalem, which is where our residence will be, but the New Jerusalem is descending to the earth at the second coming of Christ. We will rule on a physical earth with a physical body.

Beloved, the body you have will be as physical and material as the body you have now. You will live on a physical, material, solid earth; you will operate in a real ministry with real people learning and interacting. You will function with real anointing and wisdom that increases with real decision-making. There is real infrastructure on the earth that has to get built; you will really be called to do it. You will really interface with Jesus. Imagine what Jesus did in His three and a half years at His first coming, and just put a glorious multiplication factor on the anointing. Jesus will come to establish things. Jesus the Man is coming as a Jewish Man, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. He will be human, and He will be Jewish forever. He is not coming as kind of a spirit being. We have this idea that we are just floating spirits on some cloud somewhere playing a harp in heaven.

THE NEW JERUSALEM

Beloved, we are real people with real bodies. We are really going to talk to Him. We are going to talk with people. We are going to know each other. We are going to remember each other. We are going to eat food. We are going to have ministries. We will have everything like now materially, but with a component of the supernatural realm. We will function in the supernatural, but there will still be the material component. People hate to die. Death is coming. Many say, "No." These are believers and unbelievers. Believers are supposed to say, "Yes." Some really do; but a whole bunch of believers resist death with such energy. There is something in their spirit that does not want death.

We say, "You get to go be with the Lord!"

They say, "You go tell yourself that when you are dying." I have never really found that overly comforting. Every now and then, it is. I do not say that to many people, but I hear others say, "Well, you are going to be with the Lord," and the person is dying of a terminal disease.

You look at the guy who just said it and say, "You know, maybe we should come up with some better encouragement right now." There is an aversion to death. Why? We were created from the dust. Genesis 2: we were made from the dust. In our DNA is a longing for the material realm.

God wants it to be that way, and God built us that way. God wants to bring heaven and earth together and not keep them separate.

Beloved, we are really going to be on the earth. Kansas City will really still be Kansas City. In corporate terms, many of the highways will be there, and many of the buildings will be there. A lot of them will be destroyed in the end-time judgments, but some will not. It will still be the building there. “Well, what do you know? There is Sam’s Club. I did not know that there would be Sam’s Club in the Millennium!”

I would ask them, “What did you think? What did you think that the day Jesus came, He waved His hand, and every building collapsed? He is coming to the earth.”

They might respond, “I do not know, I never thought about it. I just thought that we would all be on clouds, or we would go somewhere. I do not know. I did not think that there would really be an earth.”

I answer, “No wonder you are so addicted to this world because you do not really believe that you are going to be in the world to come. You do not think it is a going to be a real world.” Beloved, when you get connected to the fact that you are going to be involved in a material world with a natural realm with a supernatural component that has the fullness of the anointing, you can make really hard choices in this age. You can make smart choices if you really believe you are going to be on the earth again. It changes everything. Well, that is why Jesus taught it.

NECESSITY TO UNDESTAND JESUS’ EARTHLY REIGN OVER ALL NATIONS

Roman numeral II. The necessity of understanding Jesus’ earthly reign over all nations. What we call the millennial kingdom is an idea that most Christians are vaguely familiar with. “Yeah, I know that 1,000-year deal.” It has not really touched their spirit. Though people believe it, it has not touched their spirit. It does not really change the way that they live because it has not really touched them by revelation. Many believers kind of heard of it, but they do not really know much about it. They ask, “Do not all the theologians debate about it? Do they even know if it is real anyways? So why think about it?” That is a disaster. That prayer, “Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven” is the most prayed prayer in history. The reason why it is the most prayed prayer in history is because the Lord wants it. The kingdom is coming on the earth like it is in heaven. It really is.

THIS LIFE IS AN INTERNSHIP FOR ETERNITY

It just changes everything about your life because our life in this age is an internship. It really is. We have a seventy-year internship, and the most accomplished man or woman at their very highest accomplishment is still an internship. Billy Graham is only an intern compared to his next assignment, which is his primary assignment. It is far bigger than his seventy-year assignment. Well, he is in his eighties now. We will give him that. His eighty to ninety year-assignment is very small compared to his 1,000-year assignment. Then after the 1,000 years, we get another assignment on the earth. Beloved, we have a 1,000-year assignment we are going to

be given based on how we do in our internship. People live like their internship is their big assignment. What they do is they disqualify themselves in their next major assignment.

Nobody would think it is strange if a young man or a young woman who wants to go to medical school has to first attend undergraduate university and then graduate school, and then do their residency for ten years, etc. No one thinks it is strange that they would do that for ten years and spend a couple hundred thousand dollars going into total debt working eighteen-hour days. I have met some of those medical school guys. I ask them, "Hello, you need to get some rest. Why are you doing this? It is costing you a couple hundred thousand dollars, you are living in poverty nearly, and you are working eighteen hours a day."

They answer, "Because I am going to have a fifty-year career based on this ten years and this big debt." It totally makes sense. Finally, he or she makes it through, and they have their fifty years. Ten years into it, you ask them, "Hey, was it worth it?"

They say, "Oh, totally it was worth it. It was well worth it." There are many different analogies you could give to that.

ANOTHER ASSIGNMENT IS COMING IN THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

Beloved, we have a seventy-year assignment in this life, but a 1,000-year assignment coming after that one. We have an internship for seventy years. It is well worth giving everything. We have a major assignment coming soon on the earth. The reason why I am hitting this subject is because the end-time battle, which this conference is about—the end times—there are many different dimensions to the end-times. However, without the conviction that we have a kingdom coming, and the conviction that we will win, beloved, we will be tossed to and fro in so many different ways. We have to understand the millennial kingdom, so we are anchored in the revelation of what is to come.

We are going to have the most intense time that the earth has ever seen around the corner, and many believers will lose their life. They will be martyrs. There is nothing wiser than saying yes to martyrdom. If the choice comes our way to not deny the Lord, to walk right into it boldly, martyrdom is absolutely the wisdom of God. It is an honor before God to be able to end our life in this age and enter into our next assignment that way. One guy says, "I am praying for it. I am going to let it take care of itself. I am just praying for the will of God. I am not praying for any particular thing. I just want to be faithful. That is what I want. I want to do the thing with all of my heart." If you do not have a vision of a kingdom on earth, then it will trip you.

Even people who view going to heaven as floating on a cloud for millions of years, they kind of lose some of their nerve when it comes right down to hard decisions because they say, "Well, what if I do not know any new songs? A million years, one guitar and a cloud? God, I love You, but do not take it personally, as a million years is the beginning. That sounds like torture." No, most people's view of their eternity is that they do not think about it much because it is torture to think about it. "Well, it is supposed to be gold, light, angels, and cool stuff, is it not? I hope it is."

Beloved, it is far more substantial than most of us are thinking. We must look at what the Word of God says about what will come. We are going to be on the earth. Again, the New Jerusalem is descending. That is where our residence will be. Our work assignments will be on the earth if we are faithful to the Sermon on the Mount and obey the least commandments as a lifestyle. I do not mean that we will never blow it. We will blow it. We will blow it 1,000 times and more than that, we push delete, and we claim the grace of God. We understand the grace of God to get forgiven, to be renewed in the journey, but not the grace of God to go on a side road for ten years. We are not getting the grace to back off of obedience. We are getting grace to get a new start after we blow it with no shame. The Lord says, "I will take you right now as an absolute, fresh, first-rate citizen of the kingdom— right now. You blew it. Push delete. Now get back in the war before the day is over. Commit yourself to full obedience in the area that you just stumbled in. You can do that and still end up faithful."

FAITHFUL DOES NOT MEAN YOU WILL NEVER STRUGGLE OR STUMBLE

The faithful are not the ones who never stumble. There would be no one there—Paul the apostle, John the apostle—nobody would make it. What it means to be faithful is that we stay faithful in the journey of pressing for faithfulness in the least commandments. We are going to find out that the least commandments are not the least significant commandments. The least commandments are the areas of the private place of our heart. They are the areas that men call least. What Jesus is talking about is what God originally intended when He gave the commandment. Men despise, or let's put it this way, men honor the great commandments that make great social impact; but they despise the attitudes of the heart, words, thoughts, and those kinds of things. That is what Jesus is talking about—obedience at that level. OK, let's go a couple moments on the Millennium, and then we will end.

THE MILLENNIUM IS LITERALLY 1,000 YEAR PERIOD JESUS REIGNS

Roman numeral II. The Millennium speaks of the literal 1,000-year period where Jesus rules all the nations on the earth. He will rule every sphere of life from Jerusalem. John said in Revelation 20:4-6: "And I saw thrones, and they"—saints of Revelation 19:14—"sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the Word of God, who had not worshipped the Beast,"—Antichrist—"or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads, or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for 1,000 years. But the rest of the dead did not live again until the 1,000 years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priest of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him, 1,000 years." I added for "they" the "saints of Revelation 19," as they are the saints from a couple verses earlier. They sat upon the thrones, and judgment was given to those saints.

The Lord is going to give real decision-making to the saints. Judgment does not just mean negative. It means the process of evaluating, and setting things in order on the earth. I want to say it again. Judgment, instead of the word judgment put the word decision-making; decision-making will be committed to the saints. Now here is an important idea: we, the saints, will not be automated robots anymore than they are now. It is like people have this idea that they are just

going to be on automatic pilot, and we think, “I have a sphere of the earth to govern. I do not think anything. I am blank staring into the blank. If an idea comes, I will do it.”

We say, “Lord, what do you want me to do there?”

He answers, “Well, what do you want to do there?”

We answer, “Well, Lord, come on, I have only been in the Millennium a couple days. I am a little disoriented. What do You want me to do there?”

He says, “I will tell you; I will give you the broad strokes. I want righteousness and justice in that area of the earth. I am going to help you, but I want you to go get your team together, get an action plan, and come back to tell Me what is on your mind.”

“Well Lord, what about letting me just be one of those automatic pilot where I do not think, I just do it?”

He answers, “No, I am committing judgment to you. You must obey My commandments. You must do My will. Here is what I want. I want righteousness, justice, and love in that geographic area of the earth that I have put under your leadership, even a small one or a large one. I will help you, but I want to know what you are thinking right now.” We have this idea of judgment that we are just robots. Beloved, you are not robots now. Why would you be robots in the fullness of grace, if you were not robots now? Judgment will be committed to you, and you will be committed to the lordship of Jesus. He will actually allow the expression of your personality, as you fulfill ruling and reigning with Him, just like now. It is very much like now. Your personality comes out even as you fully obey the Lord. You read the books of the Bible. The personalities of the authors of the guys who wrote the Bible are so different.

God did not change His personality. God worked through the real human personality of real people. The Word of God is eternal. It is infallible. We think, “How did You do that, God? How did you use those funny little quirks in those guys’ personalities?”

The Lord says, “I know how to do it. I know how to work with My people. It is the passion of My heart to do this.” Well they are going to reign for a 1,000 years.

PERIOD OF GLOBAL BLESSING IS INITIATED WITH THE SECOND COMING

Paragraph B. Jesus’ will initiate this global blessing second coming. They have righteousness, prosperity, unprecedented blessing as Jesus restores life on the planet to the conditions of the Garden of Eden, but it will not happen in one day. At the second coming, He is not going to wave His hand and everything will be made right. The reason the Millennium is 1,000 years is because it takes 1,000 years for the whole process to be set into place, to be fully matured, to be tested in different ways, and to stand true to the Lord.

The 1,000 years is as if, “OK, Lord, we did it in the first few weeks. Now what are we going to do for the next 999? What are we going to do?” We are going to be building this thing for some hundreds of years and then establishing it. It is going to be tested, and it is going to have to be seasoned and matured under the weight of pressure to be true.

Then, at the end of the 1,000 years, 1 Corinthians 15:24-26: “Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign, till He has put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.” 1 Corinthians 15:24-26 states that Jesus takes the kingdom; He takes the whole world and it is completely Christianized—every single sphere of life, and every agricultural area of the earth is in obedience to Jesus’ wisdom and Jesus’ way. The animals, economics, art, athletics of people with natural bodies, all of the spheres of life will be brought under the wisdom and blessing of Jesus. Billions of people will be walking them out without violating their free will. We are talking about the government of the earth will set these things into place, and real people will really do them. They will really walk them out after 1,000 years of this kind of leadership. No man could pull this thing off. All of these different guys have been leaders over nations, and the nations are just a wreck afterward.

JESUS’ LEADERSHIP IS PERFECT, AS HE LEADS THE NATIONS

One Man can pull this off—not just for a nation. He will take all the kings of the earth and will set the thing up. He will train them, cause them to understand, and then impart it. He will not just give them a shot, and they will be in an automatic, robotic state. They are going to learn, impart, and do. They are going to feel. There are going to be people with resurrected bodies, and there are going to be saints with unresurrected bodies—those who are still alive on the earth when the Lord returns. He is going to establish His kingdom on the earth. He is really coming back to the planet, and we really are going to have a role when He comes.

SAINTS WILL BE GIVEN LEADERSHIP ROLES TO REIGN WITH JESUS

Paragraph C. All at this time, all the kings of the earth will be born again—the natural kings. Maybe I lost some of you. “Who are these natural guys?” There are three groups of people when the Lord returns:

Number one group: believers who are all raptured. All the believers are raptured, so that leaves two groups left. Number two group: the second group took the mark of the beast—they are reprobate. They cannot be saved. They cannot repent, and there might be one or two billion of them. I do not know the number, but it is lots. Number three group: there is another group. I call them the resisters. They are the ones, who are not born again, but they resisted the Antichrist, and that will be tens of millions, if not several hundred million.

Just like in Nazi Germany—the French Resistance Movement did not like Adolf Hitler. It was not because they loved Jesus, but they did not like Adolf Hitler. They did not think about Jesus; they simply just did not like Adolf Hitler. It was not religious. Their resistance was not religious; it was patriotic. It was nationalistic, and it was self-preservation. It was not even very nationalistic. There were people in all kinds of resistance movements in WWII.

END-TIME RESISTORS WILL RESIST THE ANTICHRIST

Stalin had the same thing: his own Russian citizens resisted him. They hated him. Many of them loved him, but many of them hated him. Millions and millions of them resisted him and got killed—not because they loved Jesus, but because they did not like Stalin. There will be tens of millions, possibly hundreds of millions of people who do not take the mark of the beast, and when the Lord returns, they are the unsaved survivors of the Great Tribulation. There are plenty of Bible verses on this—not specifically the term, but the word rapture is not in the Bible. The term trinity is not in the Bible. The term resistors are not in the Bible, but they are the ones who resist the Antichrist.

I make a joke: just imagine some of those old redneck guys down in Texas, “We are not worshipping some guy over in Europe. It is just not going to happen.”

They are told, “Well, just worship, and you will get your food.”

The Texans say, “We will get our food, but we are not worshipping him, and we are not religious either.” You could just picture that old guy with that truck, gun, dog, and boots. He says, “That guy wants me to go worship him and take his mark. It is not going to happen.”

Beloved, millions of people will take that posture, and there are plenty of Bible verses talking about the nations that are left, the people who are left, and what they do. Scripture describes so many dynamics. We have been teaching on the Millennium. We teach on Saturday night. You can tap into it on the Internet on these types of subjects. We have been doing it every Saturday night for about four years. We just do it, a bunch of our team comes together, and we just go topic after topic. There is so much information in the Bible about these subjects. It is obvious that I am not going to go through it all right now; we have been doing it for four years. I have over 200 messages on it. There is tons of information on this subject.

JESUS WILL BE KING OVER THE OTHER KINGS IN THE MILLENIUM

Paragraph E. Jesus will be King over all the kings. It is Revelation 19:15: “Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it, He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron.” He is King of kings. He is King over all kings, meaning He will govern a worldwide kingdom from Jerusalem in partnership with two sets of kings. There are two totally different types of kings that He is King over if you read the Scriptures. You will see it.

JESUS IS KING OVER KINGS IN THE MILLENIAL KINGDOM

Number one: He is King over the millennial kings. These are men and women who have natural bodies. These are the unsaved resistors who get saved. Someone says, “They cannot be saved after the Lord comes.”

I say, “Why?”

They answer, “Well, I saw that one movie. You cannot get saved after the Lord comes.” Sure you can! You cannot get saved after you die, but you can get saved after the Lord comes. The

Lord led a lot of people to Himself at the first coming. Lots of people got saved at His first coming. He went right up to them, and they said yes. Likewise, many people get saved at His second coming.

As a matter of fact, there will be a great revival before He returns, but the whole world will become Christian after He comes and are under His leadership; every nation of the earth will be disciplined fully. I am not talking about an evangelistic crusade in every nation. I am talking about agriculture, media, economics, technology, medicine—every single area will be in full obedience to Jesus' ways in every nation of the earth, every village, and every remote place. It will take a lot of time to get this work done because though the supernatural dimension will be there, He is not going to just wave His hand and make it happen. He is going to do it through people. This is His glory. He wants to do it with people because He loves to work with people.

JESUS IS KING OVER RESURRECTED KINGS

The second category of kings He will rule over is the resurrected kings, which are some of you. Possibly, they will be some of you in this room. Who knows? But before you think in unreality about it, right now there are 210 nations on the earth, or 262 if you count territories and things like that. Let's just say 210. I am just guessing; I am not claiming any inspiration on these numbers, but I am guessing by the time of the second coming, there will be two to three billion believers. There are one to two billion between the ones in heaven and the ones on the earth right now—something like that. One study says that there are a billion believers on the earth right now. Others who are more conservative say, "There are about 500,000 believers;" so I do not know. There are somewhere between 500,000 and a million on the earth right now, depending on which survey you read, and there are quite a few surveys out there.

Additionally, there is about that number throughout history, so one or two billion are either in heaven, or on the earth. I am praying for God to send a billion souls in the great harvest and great revival at the end. So let's just say that there will be about two to three billion believers. Beloved, there are two to three billion believers, but there are only 210 nations. So there will only be about 210 kings. I am sure that the Lord will add some nations and subtract some nations. There may be 300 or 500 nations. I do not know. It does not matter, but there are not going to be three billion nations. I do not know the number, but is a small number. There will be three billion people in a couple hundred nations; so there will only be a couple hundred kings, but there is going to be infrastructure just like there is infrastructure in the spirit realm.

DANIEL 10:12-14

Daniel 10:12-14: "Then he said to me, 'Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words. But, the Prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me 21-days: and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia. Now, I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision refers to many days yet to come.'"

Daniel had the most amazing revelation in Daniel 10. Here he is praying, and this angel comes in Daniel 10:12-14. This angel basically says, “Hi, Daniel!”

Daniel answers, “Wow! Awesome.”

The angel says, “I would have gotten here sooner, but the demonic power over Persia”—which is Iran today—“resisted me. A demon over Persia resisted me. The demon over Iran resisted me, but when you prayed and fasted, I kept coming. Your prayer and fasting touched the governmental center of heaven—God’s throne—and God sent reinforcements. Michael came, pushed the demon of Persia out of the way, so I got through. Here is what I have to tell you.”

Daniel is thinking, “Wow.”

Beloved, there is hierarchy in the spirit realm. Every city and nation has angels, demons, and there is a hierarchy over them right now. It has been all throughout history. Well, in the age to come, the Millennium, the saints are going to be the primary hierarchy, or spiritual hierarchy over cities and nations. They will have more influence than kings with natural bodies. The demons and angels over nations have more power than the kings over those nations in terms of influencing things. It works together in a way that I do not, obviously, know all the mechanics of; but the Bible is clear that there is a righteous and unrighteous group of people. Some live in darkness with dark powers, and some people live in light with powers of light, which is the angelic realm. There is cooperation between them, and there is interplay right now. Angels do things if we pray and obey. Demons do things if people call on demons, and live in darkness. They really do, and it really matters.

AUTHORITY OVER ANGELS AND DEMONS

I think of the president of a nation. The presidents of nation just do not fully understand. The presidents think that they are just making their decisions. They have so much oppression, or blessing hitting them. In Daniel’s day, what happened is that the king whose name was Cyrus, this king of Persia, which is Iran, wakes up one day because the angel broke through and said, “Hey, I am going to free all the Jews because they are all in work camps there in Iraq and Iran.” That was 586 B.C., and now it is 539 B.C. Daniel has this experience where the angel breaks in and touches the king. The king said, “I am going to free all slaves from the work camps and send them back to Israel.”

The people say, “What? You are talking about the Persians. They are free labor.”

The king Cyrus answered, “No, I am going to send them back.”

The Persians ask, “What kind of mood are you in this morning?” Beloved, I assure you that we call it a mood because men might call it that, but this man woke up with a bright idea, and that idea would not have entered into his spirit if that oppression had stayed on his mind the whole time. An angel touched the king of Persia or some version of it because Michael came through. We do not know all the details. His guys thought that he was in a crazy good mood for the Jews;

but I assure you that that was not it at all. It was a divine breakthrough that touched him. The kings of the earth in the age to come are going to be influenced by angels and demons.

There is a veil between the natural and the supernatural realm right now, but that veil is going to be lifted at the second coming. I am not saying that that veil will be lifted entirely in every way, but that hindrance between the two realms is going to be lifted at the second coming. That is one thing that Jesus is doing. He is bringing the two realms together. We will really—we as the saints—we will really have the primary government in the spirit realm over the people who have government in the natural realm. Jesus' government will affect the presidents of those 200-500 nations to the people at each and every level of society's infrastructure worldwide. There are going to be millions of people in the infrastructure worldwide, just like there are millions of people right now on our current infrastructure. We are going to be involved in it. Jesus is coming back, and that is what He is going to do when He returns. He is going to be King over all the different kings—both sets of kings—the kings in the millennial kingdom and the kings with resurrected bodies.

TWO FUNCTIONS MOST EMPHASIZED ARE KINGS AND PRIESTS

Paragraph F. The two functions most emphasized are the kings and priest. The saints will function in these two capacities, though this will not be the only two that we do, but these are the two that have the most emphasis in the Bible—we will function as priests, and we will function as kings. We will function in government because, again, all three billion will not be kings, but we will be in the governmental sphere and in the priestly sphere.

PRIESTS WILL WORSHIP, INTERCEDE, AND COMMUNICATE

As priests—paragraph G. You can read that on your own if you want. Paragraph H. As kings, as government, we will have judicial responsibilities—all the saints. When I say “we,” I am not talking about me personally. I do not know where I am going to be in any of it, none of us do, but I know one thing: it will be a reflection of how we have obeyed God in the least areas of our life. That is a fact.

The role will involve evaluating the past. When it says judgment, so many times over and over it says, “you will judge.” I have a bunch of these verses. There are so many of them all over. It says, “You are going to judge,” look at that in 1 Corinthians 6:2-3: “Do you not know the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Do not you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more things that pertain to this life?”

The saints will judge the world. Do you not know that you will judge angels? That does not mean that we are condemning angels to hell. We are going to evaluate and have reviews with angels and people of the earth. Paul says, “Do you not know that?”

The Corinthians say, “No, actually we do not.”

The next passage Matthew 19:28: Jesus said to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the Throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the tribes of Israel.’”

AS KINGS, WE RULE WITH JUDICIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY

Paragraph H. We are going to evaluate. We are going to have reviews of people. We are going to determine the action plans for the future of geographic areas, or spheres of life whether it is economic, transportation, water supply, food, or agriculture.

The ruling saints will appoint people. We are going to rule the earth. You might ask, “Well, how are those people going to get appointed?” I do not know. That has never happened yet in history. Beloved, we are going to judge and set in order. We are going to have a real hands-on ministry for real in the age to come. We are going to train people. We are going to manage people. Beloved, there is hierarchy in the angelic demonic realm—all kinds of hierarchy. Everything in God’s order has hierarchy in it.

HAVING A RIGHT VIEW OF AUTHORITY IN THE MILLENNIAL GOVERNMENT

Roman numeral III. You can just read that one on your own. Basically, what I am saying is that people have an idea of authority that they are going to be over people, and they are going to be strutting that authority around. They have a pride paradigm of authority. They say, “I do not even want it.” It is not a pride thing. It is a partnership of working in proximity with the Son of God. We are going to want to work closely with Him in bringing order to the earth. I want to be in authority because I want to be near Him, doing what excites Him, and what is dear to Him. I want to be deeply involved in what is exciting to Him, as He is doing this glorious mandate of the Father of bringing all of the nations under the Father’s authority. Nobody for 6,000 years could pull this thing off since Adam, but there is one Man who says, “Father, when I go, I will bring the nations under Your authority.”

1 Corinthians 15:24-28: “Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be destroyed is death for ‘He has put all things under His feet.’ But when He says, ‘all things are put under Him, it is evident that He who put all things under Him is accepted.’ Now when 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.”

Jesus brings all of His enemies, and they submit to Him. There is no rebellion anywhere on the earth. Every single nation on the earth is Christianized. The glory of God, the knowledge of God is over the earth. Then Jesus takes all the nations of the earth, and He submits them to His Father. He says, “One Man, Father, has been able to pull this thing off under Your authority,” and He gives all of the nations to His Father at the end of the millennial kingdom. Then the eternal age breaks in after that. Everything has been submitted to the Father, and every man and woman has chosen of his or her own free will to be submissive and to live under the leadership of Jesus. This is a glorious reality. We are on the real front end of human history. People sometimes say, “Wouldn’t it be great to be in the days of the apostles?”

I answer, “Well, until you went to the dentist, and then it would not have been that great as there were no dentists.” People say this about the days of David, and other times. Beloved, there is a big skyscraper called human history, we are still in the basement. Honestly, this age before the second coming, we are still in the basement of human history. The main stuff has not happened yet. We are deciding what role, if we want to have a role in that in this age. The Sermon on the Mount is the way into it, and it is real. Some people have this idea, “Jesus is going to come. OK. He is in the clouds with all the angels, He waves His hand, and all the bad guys die. They just fall to the ground. Let’s imagine one billion people die. Their bodies must die, and they evaporate.”

OK, what happens to the other people who did not take the mark of the beast? The saints are raptured. They receive Jesus, and they get saved. Many will get saved when they will see Jesus in the sky and pray to receive Christ.

I tell you that when Jesus is in the sky, that old guy is going to say, “Myrtle, did you see that? What on earth was that? My goodness. That is awesome. What does it mean?” They are not going to get saved in a minute. They are going to get saved like everyone else gets saved. Truth has to enter into their heart, and they will make a real decision. Nothing will be automatic. OK. Now they are saved. Now what happens? Who is the leader of the nations? How do they eat that night? They have natural bodies. Remember the other million people with the mark of the beast had all of the economic markets and food. The people with the mark of the beast just died. My point is that there are real, natural issues. After World War II, or any war, there are many problems in the natural with death, disease, and dead bodies. I have just been an energetic student of World War II for some years because it is such a clear scenario of the end of the age with the reconstruction of the cities, the water systems, the electricity, the food, the communications, and establishing government. It was chaotic all through Europe and Asia. It took years and years for some of it to get set up. Well, this is not going to be Europe.

The entire earth is going to be cleansed; all of the bad government is going to have to be taken out. All of the good government is going to have to be trained, organized, and not just trained. They have to obey the Word of God. The people are trained. The saints are judging, ruling, setting in order, training, and Jesus disciplines the nations issue by issue, city by city, and region by region. They are all brought under the obedience to Jesus For 1,000 years, it is all matured and tested, and Jesus offers it to the Father. OK. Any questions?