

To Reign Or Not To Reign
Rom.5:17; Rev.1:5-6
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Consider the days of old when kings ruled and kingdoms rose and fell. When a king invaded a foreign land and conquered it; how did he rule it? The king would appoint a lord or baron or regent to rule in his name; by his authority and power. What would the king direct his regent to do? “Bring this territory under my sovereignty! Expand the domain! Subdue and subjugate! (Sound a little like the great commission? Mat.28:18-20)

Are there any hints in scripture to such thinking as Christians reigning? (Lk.12:32; Lk.22:29; and 1Cor.4:8 might be one. Rev.1:5-6 is a very strong possibility. See KJV for Rev.1:6) If there are suggestions of such, the next question might be; How should they reign? Give thought to the parables of Jesus, does this view lend to them in a compatible way? (The Kingdom is like unto – Luke 19:12-27 – The Parable of the Talents)

What would be the first territory to be brought into subjection to the will of King Jesus? How about the appetites and desires of our flesh? Who’s in control? What did God tell Cain in Gen.4:7? (Look at the language used – rule over, have dominion over.) The struggle for control.

What does Paul say about his own struggles in this same area? (1Cor.9:27) What does Paul preach that he does not want his own life to discredit or contradict? (Rom.8:12-15; Col.3:1-24) Consider again the parable of the talents from Luke 19:12ff (Also Mat.25:14ff) the ones who were faithful in a few things were given many things.

What are the qualifications of an elder or deacon? Are they men like the parable who have demonstrated

faithfulness over their primary and extended areas of rule and in so doing are given a larger area of service to labor in? (1Tim.3:5) So they may help others bring the elements of their life into subjection to the King, who’s name is Jesus. (Jesus also gives insight in how to rule – Mk.10:42-45)

Let me encourage you in this study to look deeper into God’s Word and let it have it’s work upon your thinking. We know from that same Word that our journey heaven ward has to do with what rules the seat of our thinking. (Rom.12:1-2; Col.1:21; 1Cor.2:11-12) The world which does not have the Spirit of God does not and will not understand the things of God because they do not have the ability to think correctly yet. You who are saved, the redeemed, are going through transformation from one degree to another as your thinking opens to the truths of God’s Word. (2Cor.3:15-18, 4:4-6) This by God.

May God help each of us to grow in His grace and in His likeness until we all reach maturity in Christ.

(1Thes.2:11-13; 2Tim.2:4-7)

(Remember Jesus’ words to Peter: “I will build my Church and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it”? As one of the redeemed you have been given a charge to co-labor in the effort to subdue and subjugate the world to the sovereign reign of The Almighty and His Son Jesus. And hasten the day of His coming. There is a militant nature to the directive called the great commission. And the gates of hell will not stand against the onslaught of the advancing forces of the Kingdom of Light!)