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WHO'S ON THE THRONE OF YOUR LIFE?

PODCAST MESSAGE & DEVOTIONAL RESOURCE



FROM THE PODCAST

A news story that went viral worldwide involved a man who was restrained on an American Airlines flight from Dallas to New Jersey. Jonathan Cahn of Beth Israel Worship Center in Wayne, New Jersey, later described being seated beside the man and being attacked during the incident. Cahn said the encounter unfolded as he was sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and showed him the cover of his new book, which features the Altar of Pergamon.



THE ALTAR OF PERGAMON – “SATAN’S THRONE”

Jesus references Pergamum in the Book of Revelation as the place where Satan’s throne was located. The message draws a contrast between earthly authority and the eternal authority of Christ.



Revelation 2:12 (NIV)

“To the angel of the church in Pergamum write: These are the words of him who has the sharp, double-edged sword.”

Revelation 2:13

“I know where you live – where Satan has his throne. Yet you remain true to my name...”

The episode notes emphasize that Jesus knew where the believers lived and that they remained faithful to His name even in the days of Antipas, His faithful witness, who was killed in their city.



FAITHFULNESS IN A HOSTILE CULTURE

Pergamum presents a powerful picture of faithfulness under pressure. The believers were surrounded by influences that challenged their allegiance to Christ, yet they continued to cling to His name. That gives the message a personal application: when the culture around us, our circumstances, or even fear pulls us in another direction, will Jesus still have first place?



THE SWORD OF ROME AND THE AUTHORITY OF CHRIST

Rome claimed authority through the sword it carried at the waist; Christ has authority through a sword that proceeds from His mouth. Earthly powers are temporary, but the authority of Jesus does not expire.

HIS THRONE IS ETERNAL.

Governments change. Leaders come and go. Circumstances can shift.
But the authority of Jesus Christ is forever.



JESUS
IS LORD



WHO IS SITTING ON THE THRONE?

The central statement of the podcast brings the message directly into our lives: **We all must decide who's on the throne of our lives.**

Is it Jesus – or fear? Is it Jesus – or circumstances? Is it Jesus – or the approval of other people? Is it Jesus – or our plans, ambitions, disappointments, possessions, relationships, or worries? Anything we allow to have the final word in our lives can begin competing for the place that belongs to Christ.

Jesus is not merely one influence among many. He is Lord. When He is on the throne, His Word becomes the standard by which we examine our thoughts, make our choices, respond to pressure, and decide what we will obey.

*Let
CHRIST
have the
first place
in your heart
every day.*



PERSONAL REFLECTION

- 1 What has been occupying the throne of my heart – Jesus, fear, circumstances, success, other people's opinions, or my own plans?
- 2 What am I allowing to have the final word in my life?
- 3 When circumstances contradict what God has said, whose word will I believe?
- 4 When fear tells me one thing and God's Word tells me another, which one will govern my thoughts and actions?
- 5 Is there something I am holding onto that Jesus is asking me to surrender?



A PRAYER OF SURRENDER

Lord Jesus, You alone are worthy to sit on the throne of my life. I surrender my fears, plans, circumstances, relationships, disappointments, hopes, and future to You. Forgive me for allowing anything to occupy the place that belongs to You. Renew my mind through Your Word and teach me to trust Your authority even when I do not understand what is happening around me. Let my thoughts, choices, words, and actions demonstrate that You are Lord. Your Kingdom will never end, and Your throne is eternal. In Jesus' name, Amen.

*"And he that sat upon the throne said,
Behold, I make all things new."*

Revelation 21:5a (KJV)



A
NEW DAY
A NEW HOPE
A NEW YOU
IN CHRIST



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