



Satan and his raging coalition of rebel sons of God and fallen angels are working hard to keep you asleep from waking up to the knowledge of mankind's incredible calling, to keep you deceived and drowning in sin and preoccupied with physical life giving little thought to life eternal.

Despite our sin-ridden world, God Almighty remains hard at work molding people into righteous and humble servants fit for His God-family—His holy, royal, ruling kingdom. It was planned before the foundation of the world that a Saviour would redeem a broken creation and this creation would receive God's own Holy Spirit so that they could overcome and by their own choice, worship—revering their Creator in love eternal.

Special to this second creation is the relationship that unfolds when sinners come to feel the despair and fear when they see how deep they have fallen, living in the darkness of sin and when all seems impossible, a hand shines through and a voice pleads, "Take my hand; I will help you."

King David said, "When I behold Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place—what is man that You are mindful of him, or the son of man that You care for him? You made him a little lower than the angels; You crowned him with glory and honor. You made him ruler of the works of Your hands; You have placed everything under his feet: all sheep and oxen, and even the beasts of the field, the birds of the air and the fish of

the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!" (Psalm 8:3-9)

King David sang of mankind's royal, ruling crown in the God-family and he marveled at the Creator's love for this fallen creation that is still destined to become eternal members.

This, so very great calling and precious hope of eternal life, is not to be given to mere subjects rather royal, ruling members of the God-family. This promise is peppered throughout the Bible. It was planned long ago that the Son of God would fulfill an important role that would encapsulate mankind into his care forever. God's hands remain at work to this day.

The Apostle Paul quoted Psalm 8:5 in Hebrews 2:6-8 and provided additional understanding by which mankind can overcome and be coronated prince with God. "For it is not to angels that He has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking" (Hebrews 2:5).

The world to come is God Almighty's eternal kingdom. A battle for rulership has been raging in heaven for a long time. But, all who pursued the ultimate reign failed. God Almighty pronounced judgment "in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came when they possessed the kingdom" (Daniel 7:22). This rulership given to the saints was made possible through Jesus Christ.

Daniel recorded the breaking news. "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshipped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed" (Daniel 7:13-14).

Rulership over that kingdom has not been awarded to the angels in heaven, but to the saints and to Jesus Christ—King over all kings and Lord [high priest] over all lords. King David knew that creation on earth was predestined to receive a crown in God's holy, royal, ruling eternal kingdom. He marveled over Almighty God placing such importance on the mortal, second creation who appear to have fallen into spiritual death and living on a dying planet.

The Apostle Paul knew the details hidden from the rebel rulers, principalities and powers of Ephesians 6:12. "Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone" (Hebrews 2:8-9). The role the Son of God holds is woven into the lives of the second creation on earth so that when God is finished the two will operate as one. Both, the Son and creation on earth, will rise to rule in righteousness for all eternity having been tested and tried, suffered and perfected; they became overcomers.

“In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering. Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers. He says, ‘I will declare your name to my brothers; in the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises.’ And again, ‘I will put my trust in him.’ And again, he says, ‘Here am I, and the children God has given me’” (Hebrews 2:10-13).

Jesus, the Son of God, the one who through the power of the Father, Almighty God created life in both heaven and earth—that Jesus, is working to complete God’s work to humble creation on earth, bring them into repentance, turn them to know the Almighty God, receive His Holy Spirit so that they can overcome through the guiding help of the Son of God, Jesus, who has been tested and made perfect. Though he had not sinned, having been made mortal, perfected his knowledge and understanding and provided the wisdom to remain sinless during trying temptations, painful persecutions and the excruciating death on the cross.

“Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants” (Hebrews 2:14-16). It is Abraham’s descendants who Jesus is helping. Christ has redeemed all of mankind. But, to those who repent and accept his sacrifice, regardless of the nation from where they were born, they are descendants of Abraham and equal members of the body of Christ. “There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed and heirs according to the promise” (Galatians 3:8-9).

Jesus Christ is elevating repentant God-fearing and God-serving mankind to an equal status as a brother to him. While some cultures value one gender over another, Christ will raise all members of his body to the highest level, valuing them equally. He is the oldest brother. The members of his body will be resurrected at different times and become siblings forming a birth order.

The Son of God was born mortal for a time to complete many tasks. One task was to experience the weaknesses of being mortal and becoming perfect choosing right choices and not succumbing to sin. Having experienced mortality, Christ became part of the second creation and qualified as intercessor for mankind. “For this reason, he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful **high priest in service to God**, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, **he is able to help** those who are being tempted” (Hebrews 2:8-17).

Creation on earth was made to become a complete body of holy, righteous priests in service to Almighty God. Christ having been made mortal, as well, and made perfect through suffering, qualified to secure the office of high priest.

God's people both in ancient times and into the present were told of their heritage of being a kingdom of holy, royal priests.

"And unto Me you shall be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you are to speak to the Israelites" (Exodus 19:6).

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, to proclaim the virtues of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9).

This calling has been opened up to include everyone from every tribe, language, people and nation. "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom of priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth" (Revelation 5:9-10).

Jesus Christ is the high priest in God's temple and repentant mankind will all serve under him. Having become experts in righteousness, they will fill one of only two core, essential roles in God's law-abiding and righteous-living kingdom. God's righteous theological body will be glorious.

This incredible calling is a classic oxymoron. Sinners serving Righteousness. Having lived in sin and suffered intensely under the rule of the prince of darkness, mankind will all awaken before the end and see the light. The gospel will go out to all the world. The repentant will find rest in righteousness and God's Holy Spirit will transform them so that they can see clearly and live righteously. Their heart will be changed forever. No dark force will ever cause them to return to the nightmare endured for so long. Satan will not be able to convert these people because, like Jesus, they will hate wickedness and love righteousness (Hebrews 1:9). They will be eternally grateful that they took a firm grip of the helping hand of the One who put his life on the line for them, while they were dying, stuck in the depths of darkness.

God's family will grow and blossom like flowers, trees and bear fruit teaching God's word, giving understanding and sharing God's wisdom. Those in the first resurrection will have exceptional qualities unmatched and unrivaled. Some will be to God like a great cedar tree. These are the most spectacular trees on earth. They have the unique qualities that mirror the great leaders in God's headquarters. These tall and grand trees are dimensionally stable with a built-in thermal insulator. With oils that act as natural preservatives, these trees are resistant to bacteria and fungus. To top it off, they release a fresh aroma that deters pests. God created sons in heaven with all of these eternal qualities and superior strength to lead His kingdom in truth, understanding and wisdom of His law and His way. God gave the name of His headquarters in heaven, 'Lebanon' to mirror on earth His stately and regal leaders—His pride and joy.

Some will be like exotic lilies that emit a rich and lasting fragrance, mirroring the prayers of the saints dressed in white linen, a covering of righteousness. Others will have the desirable abilities of teaching effectively and thoroughly. Like fruit trees that feed multitudes from a single tree. The work of God's hands will not be thwarted. His family, called Eden, will grow into a fully complete body of eternal beings from heaven and earth.



God's law and His theology will be enforced through perfect leaders in heaven and on earth. Jesus Christ will reign supreme being King over all kings and Lord over all lords. Under the leadership of Jesus Christ and his Bride, two creations will work as one when law and religion marry into one holy, ruling body. God's image mirrored in the male and female is law and religion implemented through kings and priests.

You are the work of God's hands destined to become holy, invited as children of Almighty God into His royal, ruling family. Nothing on earth is more important than to grow spiritually in God's word, discover and delight in the deep things of God, forge an unbreakable relationship with our Father in heaven, kneel before our Saviour in eternal gratitude and run this race to the end.



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