

## A CORONATION WITHIN

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Psalm 2

We are continuing our focus today on the Kingdom of God...what it is; when it is and where it is. Though the Kingdom is too big for definition, as a beginning reference point we said **the Kingdom of God can be defined as the government of God. The Kingdom is...**

- **The realm of God, the rule of God and the ruler of God.** So when Jesus taught us to pray “Thy Kingdom come” He was teaching us to pray, “Thy rule come.” **All of life’s issues can be traced back to a “throneless” rejection of God...A throneless experience with God.** You can talk Kingdom but still live “throneless.”
- By definition, a God without a throne automatically becomes a small g god. No matter how Almighty God might be, if His throne is removed from my experience I only experience Him as a small g god...Tor I don’t experience GOD.
- Those who embrace the Throne prosper; those who reject the Throne perish.

I have entitled what I need to share today as, “A Coronation Within.” Coronation can be defined as “The act of inaugurating a Sovereign.” Separate to the act of salvation is this all important coronation that is to take place within the heart of each individual.

- **This inner coronation takes place when we inaugurate Jesus as King of our life and give Him the rightful throne of our heart.** It is this coronation within that moves Him from Savior into becoming acting Lord.
- We know He is King of heaven; the question is He king of your heart? We know He sits on the Throne of heaven; but have we given over the throne of our heart?
- **Heaven already held its Coronation, the only question left is have we held our own Coronation within?**
- V.6 “Don’t you know there is a King in Zion. A Coronation Banquet is spread for Him on the Holy Summit.” Salvation is coming to know Him as Savior; Transformation is coming to know Him as King.
- **Salvation without a Coronation leaves one void of transformation.** This is why many get saved but don’t get changed...they accept a Savior but reject the King.

So last week as we developed the Kingdom of God as the rule of God, we focused on the central feature of the Kingdom and the central focus of all life...the Throne of Jesus Christ...specifically who sits on it, Him or you?

Being that the throne represents Christ’s right to rule the earth and everything in it, we began to describe 6 key aspects of the Throne and how this Throne interacts with our life.

- Last week we spoke to key **1. The Throne is Untouchable 2. The Throne is Unalterable.** Today we want to develop the remaining 4.

**3. The Throne is Universal: Col1:16-18** The realm and rule of Christ is infinite. **The government of Christ is just as applicable in the Marketplace as it is in the Church as it is in the Courtroom.**

- Just as the law of gravity is equally as applicable in every sphere and jurisdiction, so are the laws of the Kingdom. What are the laws of the Kingdom as they pertain to the individual? What are the laws of the Kingdom in relationship to Church involvement?
- **We dethrone Christ and enthrone self every time we take our life to ourselves and don't consider what the Kingdom order might be.**
- Mt25:34 "Come inherit the Kingdom which was prepared for you from the foundation of the earth." We were made for the Kingdom and the Kingdom was made for us. Written into our very DNA is a need for Kingdom order.
- When the Kingdom order of marriage is followed we are blessed. When the order of the Kingdom for business is followed we are blessed. So to seek first the Kingdom is to discern the order of the Kingdom for each respective area and seek it...when we do Jesus adds everything else to us.

**4. The Throne is Unshakeable: Heb12:28** The throne of Christ is what anchors truth and provides stability for life. The Throne of Christ and the Kingdom it represents is the one absolute in life from which everything else derives.

- **"Man needs nothing as much as he needs something to bring life into total meaning and total goal. Man needs an absolute from which he can work down to the relativisms of the day." E. Stanley Jones**
- The Kingdom of God is that unshakeable absolute that that cannot be reduced, rejected or redefined. Being that the Kingdom is transcendent it stands outside mans ability to alter.
- **"Many have accepted the Kingdom in a modified form. They took it as a personal spiritual refuge into which they could run and be saved or as a place of reward in heaven. These didn't reject the Kingdom, they merely reduced it." E. Stanley Jones**
- The Kingdom of God is unshakeable, indivisible and absolute. The Kingdom is God's government for mankind; it cannot be relegated to a future reward only for it is also a present way.

**5. The Kingdom is Unconquerable: Ps2** The Kingdom of God is invincible, it cannot be defeated or overcome in conflict. It's not that it hasn't been overcome, it cannot be overcome. The Kingdom of God is unconquerable; it cannot be subdued or brought under the rule of another. Dn4:34-35 "His dominion is an everlasting dominion and His Kingdom endures forever...He does according to His will and no one can ward off His hand."

- No wonder Rom8:28 promises “all things work together for good.” No wonder it goes on to say “nothing can separate us from the love of God.” It is the unconquerable Throne of Christ that secures the promise of “the glorious Church without spot of wrinkle.”

**6. The Throne is Unlimited Dn7:27** The Kingdom of God will forever increase until all dominions will serve and obey it. The Kingdom of God is unlimited in its reach. It cannot be hindered in its authority. The Kingdom reaches to every sphere and every jurisdiction.

- **Being that the Kingdom is indivisible it cannot be half a Kingdom. The Kingdom cannot be reduced to a Savior who rules over the personal but has no authority in the social or political.**
- “The Kingdom of God is God’s total answer for man’s total need.” E. Stanley Jones
- The Kingdom cannot be reduced to half an answer for half a need. The Kingdom is either totally right or it is totally wrong.

The tendency of religion has been to modify the Kingdom and reduce it in its scope and authority. Religion has offered us:

- **The time modification:** They relegated it to a future time only.
- **The jurisdictional modification:** They reduced it to a single jurisdiction so it applies to the Church only.
- **The behavioral modification:** They redirected it to the moral only.

The kingdom of God cannot be reduced or relegated. By its very nature the Kingdom is a force that is comprehensive and all inclusive. It cannot be stopped and it cannot be confined.

- **By the authority of God Almighty and the persevering prayers of the Church throughout time, the Kingdom comes and it just keeps coming.**
- So when the Coronation takes place within, all that pertains to the Kingdom pertains to the subjects of that Kingdom. It is the Coronation that makes us seekers; it is the seeking that makes us possessors.