

The Coronation of Jesus Christ

“For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.”
Psalm 8:5

“Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour...”
Hebrews 2:7

Preparatory Reading: Psalm 2, 8, 45, 110; Matt 21:1-17; Luke 1:26-38; John 12:12-16; Acts 2:30-38; Phil 2; Hebrews 2; Revelation 5, 12.

Introduction:

1. We love the ascension of Jesus Christ, though most do not appreciate it (I Timothy 3:16).
2. But the coronation of Jesus Christ is an event that took place in heaven after His ascension.
3. We have not seen a real king. Our president can hardly move without permission or criticism.
4. Coronation is a grand and great event, though we are deprived by never having seen one.
5. Coronations include Saul (I Sam 10:17-27), David (I Chr 12:1-40), Joash (II Kings 11:1-12).
6. The king with by far the most appeal in the Bible is David, who is the father of Jesus Christ.
7. Men have wanted from the beginning a glorious king to lead, protect, provide, and awe them.
8. Men prefer Jesus in a manger, on a crucifix, or at a door ... not on a throne with a scepter!
9. Paul knew Jesus as a glorious King, and He charged Timothy by it (I Timothy 1:17; 6:13-16).
10. As baptized believers, we are citizens of the city of the great King (Psalm 48:2; Heb 12:22).

Prophecy of the King

- A. Shiloh with a scepter would come from Judah, and He would gather the people (Gen 49:10).
- B. Balaam, an unwilling prophet, told of a Scepter from Israel to destroy enemies (Num 24:17).
- C. David's dying words prophesied of Messiah the King as the perfect ruler (II Samuel 23:1-7).
- D. David prophesied of a glorious kingdom and anointed king over the heathen (Psalm 2).
- E. David prophesied of a man God would crown with glory, honor, and dominion (Psalm 8).
- F. David prophesied of a king fairer than men and glorious in power and majesty (Psalm 45).
- G. There is a further psalm that describes God promoting one higher than kings (Ps 89:19-29).
- H. David prophesied of a king who was David's lord and a priest like Melchizedek (Psalm 110).
- I. Isaiah gave the glorious prophecy we know and love so well about a ruling son (Is 9:6-7).
- J. Jeremiah gave prophecies as well of David or a king over Judah (Jeremiah 23:5-8; 33:10-26).
- K. Ezekiel gave prophecies of Jesus Christ through the name David (Ezek 34:23-31; 37:21-28).
- L. Other prophets spoke of a king like David and a kingdom like David's (Hos 3:5; Zech 9:9).
- M. There are other prophecies of David, a king, a throne, a ruler, a pavilion, etc. of Jesus Christ.

Birth of the King

- A. The angel Gabriel told Mary her Son Jesus would reign on David's throne (Luke 1:30-33).
- B. The angelic host honored His birth as the Christ, the anointed king and lord (Luke 2:8-14).
- C. Wise men came from the east following a star to worship the King of the Jews (Matt 2:1-3).

Life of the King before coronation

- A. Nathanael identified Jesus Christ by inspired wisdom as the King of Israel (John 1:45-51).
- B. We understand the Hebrew *Messiah* to be the Greek *Christ* to be *Anointed King and Lord*.
- C. Prior to His death, Jesus entered Jerusalem as King (Matt 21:1-11; Zech 9:9; John 12:12-16).
- D. Pilate knew Jesus was King of the Jews and said so (John 18:33-37; 19:19-20; Luke 23:3).

Coronation of the King

- A. Paul interprets the coronation in Psalm 8 as being fulfilled by Jesus of Nazareth (Heb 2:5-9).
 - 1. Paul quotes from Psalm 8:4-6 to establish the humiliation and exaltation of Jesus Christ.
 - 2. The inductive reasoning used by Paul here is very powerful and beautiful if considered.
 - a. Man is a lowly being not warranting the thoughts or visitations of Almighty God.
 - b. God made man relative to his rank in creation a little lower than the angels.
 - c. God has taken lowly man and exalted him with authority, glory, and honour.
 - d. He has put man over the works of creation and put all things under his feet.
 - e. Since God has put all things under man, there cannot be anything not put under him.
 - f. But at the present we do not see all things put under the feet of any man or all men.
 - g. What is God speaking of in the Eighth Psalm? What man was put over all creatures!
 - 3. *But we see Jesus* ... Jesus Christ is the solution! He fulfills all the requirements!
 - a. Jesus was made lower than the angels in his humiliation (Gal 4:4; Phil 2:5-8).
 - b. Jesus was crowned with glory in his exaltation (Acts 2:33; Philippians 2:9-11).
 - c. Jesus was given power over all (Matt 28:18; Eph 1:20-23; I Pet 3:22; Rev 5:11-13).
 - d. Jesus has all things in subjection under Him except for God (I Corinthians 15:27).
 - 4. The grace of God is the basis for Jesus Christ tasting death for every man (2:9).
 - a. It was all of grace that God chose sinners in Jesus Christ (Rom 11:5-6; II Tim 1:9).
 - b. It was all of grace that made Christ's death acceptable to God (Rom 3:24; Eph 1:6-7).
 - c. The *every man* for whom Jesus died is clearly limited by scripture and context.
 - d. He tasted death *for* these men, so none of them can or shall taste death (John 8:52).
 - e. He tasted death for those given Him by covenant (John 6:38-39; 17:2; I Peter 1:2).
 - f. He tasted death for *sons, the sanctified, brethren, the church, and the children given*.
 - g. Paul warned *every man* (Col 1:28). Consider also Luke 16:16; I Cor 4:5; Gal 5:3; etc.
 - 5. The incarnation was a problem to Jews (I Cor 1:23; Isaiah 53:2; Luke 2:34; I Pet 2:7-8).
 - 6. Since angels cannot die, how can the dying Jesus of Nazareth be greater than angels?
 - 7. Men are inferior to angels by nature; can the man Jesus Christ be greater than the angels?
- B. We can see this coronation in all its glory accompanied by choirs and worship (Revelation 5).
- C. We can see further aspects of His royal promotion with the devil's defeat (Revelation 12).
- D. He received the keys of David and the ruling rod and throne of God (Rev 2:27; 3:7,21; 12:5).
- E. He was given many crowns to depict His glorious reign over all the universe (Rev 19:12).
- F. He girded on His sword and was highly decorated to go forth and conquer, and He was presented with a glorious bride, even the church made up of Jews and Gentiles (Ps 45:1-17).
- G. Peter, only 50 days after His death, declared Him the exalted Lord and King (Acts 2:22-39).
- H. This glorious promotion was in reward for His humiliating death for us (Philippians 2:5-11).
- I. He was given a throne at the right hand of God and anointed above all others (Heb 1:3,8-9).
- J. Everything was put under His feet, and He reigns to destroy all enemies (I Cor 15:24-28).
- K. He has been promoted at His coronation far above all other created beings (Eph 1:20-23).
- L. All other angels, devils, cherubim, and beasts have been made subject to Him (I Pet 3:22).
- M. Why is He crowned king? For the glory of God through us and to us, and for our salvation, which things the angels desire to look into (Eph 1:22; 3:10; I Pet 1:11-12; Rev 5:11-12).

Rule of the King after coronation

- A. He is the King of saints and churches, by judging sinners in them and removing candlesticks, which Revelation chapters 1-3 show most vividly (Acts 5:1-11; I Cor 11:28-32).

- B. He is the King of nations by ruling them with a rod of iron and dashing them into pieces for the benefit of His people (Ps 2:10-12; Is 49:22-23; Acts 23:11; I Tim 2:1-2).
- C. He is the King of all angels, both good and bad, both in heaven, on earth, and in hell.
- D. He overcame ten nations of Europe for the benefit of His saints and churches (Rev 17:14).
- E. He is the most perfect and glorious King-Priest ever placed in one Man (Heb 7:2; Zec 6:13).

Life under the King

- A. Press into His kingdom by violence and being broken (Luke 16:16; Matthew 11:12; 21:44).
- B. Saints were and have been persecuted for having allegiance to another King (Acts 17:7).
- C. He hides those who love and trust Him in the secret of His pavilion (Ps 27:5; 31:20; 91:1).
- D. Jerusalem above, to which we are come, is city of the great King (Matt 5:35; Heb 12:22-24).
- E. A chief sin of the perilous times of the last days is to miss His kingly authority (II Tim 3:5).
- F. Your body is the property of King Jesus Christ, and your life should match (I Cor 6:12-20).
- G. The King is also a shepherd, who loves His sheep, and will not lose a single one of them.

Future of the King

- A. He has already defeated sin, death, hell, and the devil; but He shall soon make a full end of them in a public display for God's glory (II Tim 1:10; I Cor 15:24-28,51-57; I Thes 4:13-18).
- B. He shall show in His timing that He is indeed the Blessed and Only Potentate (I Tim 6:13-16).
- C. All men, including His saints, shall give an account of their lives before His judgment seat (Rom 14:10-12; Acts 17:30-31; II Cor 5:9-11; II Tim 4:1; I Pet 4:5).
- D. He will separate the nations, save the righteous for their eternal inheritance, and destroy all His enemies (Matthew 25:31,34,40; John 14:1-3; II Thess 1:7-10).
- E. He will change the universe to make it fit for His children to inherit forever (Rom 8:17-25).

Conclusion:

- 1. If Jesus of Nazareth is King, what are you doing to adore, obey, serve, and reverence Him this day?
- 2. If Jesus of Nazareth is King, then you owe Him complete allegiance and service as He has specified.
- 3. This King was tempted in all points like us and died for us: we can go to Him at anytime for help.
- 4. If you want to meditate about this King and adore Him, then use Psalm 45 for that this very day.

For further study:

- 1. The sermon, "He Ascended on High," ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/sermons/pdf/he-ascended-up-on-high.pdf>.
- 2. The sermon, "Jesus is the King of kings," ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/sermons/pdf/king-of-kings.pdf>.
- 3. The sermon outline, "Psalm 45," ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/sermons/pdf/psalm045.pdf>.
- 4. The sermon, "The Mystery of Godliness," ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/sermons/pdf/mystery-of-godliness.pdf>.
- 5. The sermon, "The Gospel Millennium," ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/sermons/pdf/gospel-millennium.pdf>.
- 6. The sermon, "The Witness of 70 A.D.," ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/sermons/pdf/gospel-millennium.pdf>.
- 7. The sermon, "The Creation Groaneth," ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/sermons/pdf/whole-creation-groaneth.pdf>.