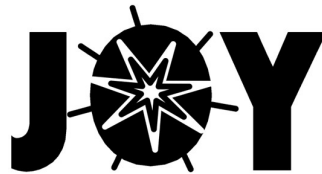


08-Dying to Become a King

“Joy to the world, the Lord is come”. A couple of weeks ago this song came welling up in my spirit, even before Thanksgiving. I have sung this song since I was a little girl, yet this time the next phrase touched my heart so deeply, I began to weep. “Let earth receive her King. Let every heart prepare Him room”. The King had come to earth in human flesh and the earth REFUSED to receive Him. They did not recognize Him as their glorious King. How sad!



This King did not come in rich robes, but He came. He was not born in a palace, but He was King. God so loved that He sent the King! He was not coming as the King of Israel, but as the King of the earth! There is, however, indeed a day coming when the earth will receive her King.

and from Jesus, the Christ, who is the faithful witness and the first begotten of the dead and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us and washed us from our sins with his own blood and has made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Behold, he comes with the clouds, and every eye shall see him and those also who pierced him; and all kindreds of the earth shall wail over him. Even so, Amen. I AM the Alpha and the Omega, beginning and end, saith the Lord, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Revelation 1:5-8 (Jubilee 2000 Bible)

Do you realize what this world would look like if we truly received our King? In the book of Revelation, John had a vision and he saw Jesus. Jesus spoke to John as the King of kings and spoke about how He was going to make us into kings and priests to rule with Him. He declared how He loved us and through the shedding of His blood made us clean from the filth of sin. He didn't come to His people looking like a King, but He came looking like a Shepherd and like a lamb. Only those who would come to know His heart, would see Him as King and the Lion of Judah.

There are many evangelists and pastors who preach about receiving Jesus in our hearts as Savior. There are whole religious organizations dedicated to tent meetings and mass gatherings just to get people saved by inviting Jesus into their heart. They call this harvest, but it is not. We are merely a seed. We must be planted and mature until we produce fruit to harvest. Even the Christmas song that proclaims the need for the earth to receive her King, presents a misnomer.

This song declares that we should prepare Him room in our hearts. The evangelist declares just ask Jesus to come into your heart and you will be saved. Salvation is one thing and it is necessary, but it only opens the door to the Kingdom and Kingdom living. Jesus doesn't want you to prepare room in your heart for Him; He wants your entire heart. He wants you to die, so He can live through you. He wants us to see

Him as more than a Shepherd, a Savior. He wants us to see Him as King. Until we die and allow Him to live through us as King, we will never rule and reign as a king in the earth.

We do not teach this truth to new believers. We receive Him as Savior and believe that is enough, but it is not. We must receive our King. Kings rule. He must have all of you. He must rule your entire life. Why? So, He can control you? No! Sin has left a mark on us, so we cannot live an abundant life apart from God. God knows that and wants us to have an abundant life. He will not force us to do anything. He has given us free will and we get to choose.

God wants us to realize that sin brings a wrecking ball into the lives of humans because they chose by their own free will to disobey God. The only way to return to God's original plan for mankind is for our sinful nature to die, so that Jesus can live in and through us. Only then will we live the fulfilled life. He does not do this from any egotistical need for Himself, but from His overwhelming love for His creation.



He is King. He wants to rule in and through us. He will not rule through us until He rules in us. He does not want room in your heart, He wants your entire heart. Only then will you be happy and full of joy. Joy to the world only comes from letting the King of heaven rule in our hearts. Jesus is priest, king and prophet. That is what He is making us to be, as well. That is the Melchisedek anointing of priest and king. That is the apostolic anointing.

As we discussed in previous posts, we must walk in the priestly anointing before we will walk in the kingly anointing. The priest anointing ministers to God. It represents our relationship with God. The king anointing ministers to men what the priestly anointing has given to us. We are a conduit between heaven and earth. We hear from God, we understand His heart, and we pass it on to mankind. We take what God provides from heaven's resources and distribute to mankind as needed.

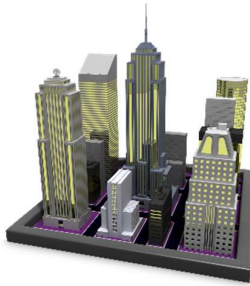
The greatest need of mankind is to know their King. Our greatest privilege as His ambassadors, is to introduce mankind to the King and show them His heart. Let earth recognize and receive her King.

Unfortunately, most humans desire to be a king. They want to rule. Most people believe ruling means being the one who makes the rules and controls those over which they rule, their subjects. Many think the seven-mountain teaching gives them what they want. All we have to do is topple the evil leadership in each of these

cultural mountains and replace them with a true apostolic/prophetic leader and we can take over the world. We can make the rules and force people to do what is right. WRONG!

The seven-mountain teaching has shown us the cultural areas that do need to be redeemed and that we do not live life isolated as a religious being. We must use our Christian influence in each cultural area and not ignore them. But our goal is not to take over and force our rules on people. People still have their own will. We can try to intimidate and control people, but in the end they will rebel. That is not the way of the King.

We do need to redeem the cultural areas, but we do so by going where God places us, and being what He has called us to be. We should go into our places of business, of work, of school, of shopping, of playing, wherever, and shine the light of Jesus wherever we go. That light is the glory of God, and when it is allowed to shine forth from a vessel whose heart is given over to the King, demons everywhere recognize it and they will make themselves known so they can be dealt with. Sickness will depart. The glory will shine forth. Others will seek your wisdom and knowledge in making decisions for whatever place you are.



That is the position of a king, operating in the power and anointing of the King of kings. We hear His voice and we go where He leads, and we do what He says to do. If we work where God directs us to work, if we listen to His voice, we will be placed where we can make godly decisions and others will follow because they see the rightness of the decisions. We cannot legislate righteousness. We cannot use ungodly methods to force righteousness. We cannot ignore the method just to get an end result we desire. It will not work.

To illustrate my point, several years ago one of my employees was moving over under a new division being established in our department. The director of the new division and I met with our boss intent on asking for a raise in pay for this employee being moved. I knew it was a long shot because we were asking for his increase to be more than what I made as a director. But I knew it was the right thing to do and I believed I was being directed by God.

We met and I handed my boss a memo I had written documenting the request and why I felt it was necessary. She read it and then began to rake me over the coals for something she thought I had done wrong, right in front of this other director. She seemed to be very mad, and I heard God say, "Be quiet and just listen". I did. I really

liked my boss and she was a good boss, but sometimes this would happen with other people. I had witnessed it, but it had never happened to me until this time.

When she stopped, I handed her another document that God had prompted me to bring with me and said, "Maybe this will explain my actions better". She read it and immediately recognized her mistake. Her face was very red and she was totally embarrassed.

She did not say another word about that situation, but turned back to the issue of the raise for my employee. She turned to the new director and asked, "Do you agree with this?". He responded, "Yes" and she signed it. We walked out of the office.

The new director was just floored that she would talk to me like that and he apologized over and over again. I laughed and said it is fine. He didn't see what I saw. I saw God's hand all over this. It was the embarrassment of her actions that caused her to give me what I was asking, an increase in pay for the employee. God does indeed work in strange ways, we just have to have eyes to see. Two months later she realized he was being paid more than I was, and I got a hefty raise. Not something I was asking for or anticipating, but I believe a nice surprise from my God for my obedience.

Time and time again, I was recognized for finding unique solutions to problems, because the King directed me to be a king in that place though I really was a nobody. It is not always easy to obey. It becomes easier when you see God's hand in events and know He is working on your behalf. Did I enjoy her remarks to me? No, of course not! Did I not want to stop her and defend myself? Yes, the thought crossed my mind. But obedience is always the right path and dying to self-preservation when God is in the middle of producing a miracle in your behalf. He will vindicate.

That is our God. If He will do it for me, He will do it for you. You just have to die to your will and your ego, and let Him live through you. He will work miracles like this at work, at play, in business, in school, at home. It doesn't matter. Wherever He leads you every day. This is not a "church" thing, or a religious thing. It is a God thing and He is with you always.

In the Old Testament, kings and priests were anointed, as well as sometimes prophets. The anointing oil is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. In the New Testament, the anointing is the Holy Spirit. We carry the anointing with us. The anointing helps us to choose God's will and purposes over our own plans. The Holy Spirit guides and directs us so it is our spirit who chooses, not our emotions.

God used King David in the Old Testament to illustrate how to operate as king, priest and prophet. God illustrated the process of us becoming kings in the Kingdom of God through David's life. He illustrated the Melchisedek anointing through David's life. David wasn't perfect, but he had a heart after God. He wanted God to increase in his life, and self to decrease.

that they should seek the Lord so perhaps they might reach for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us. 'For in Him we live and move

and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are His offspring.’
Acts 17:27, 28 (MEV)

That should also be our focus. We cannot get there by doing, only by being. When we give up our doing in an effort to please God, and realize it is when we desire His heart, that He is pleased. We have so much faith in Him, that we know His way is best; we die and He lives through us.

We don’t want to hear this. We want to believe if we build big ministries and win millions of souls through preaching salvation, we will reap a big reward in heaven. We want to believe if we are chosen to surround a president with our choice godly wisdom, we have made points with God.

Don’t get me wrong, if God has indeed placed you in a place where you have the ear of those in authority, then by all means do what God says to do. But it is no different from being placed near your neighbor, or family member, or boss at work, or school teacher. What is important is that you hear the voice of your King and you do exactly what He tells you to do. You go where He tells you to go and you speak what He tells you to speak. Much of what is being built today is not from a direct word from God, but is an effort for name and fame.

We must die. In 1 Corinthians 15:31, Paul declares that dying is a daily exercise to him. He died to doing what he wanted to do. He died to going where he wanted to go. He died to all his thoughts, ideas, methods, plans, etc. Everything we thought we were going to build for God, must die.

We build nothing for Him. He builds what He wants and invites us to build with Him. God never desired separate “churches” to separate people. He never built organizations that demand we accept their doctrine, otherwise find some place else to go. So much is religion and as kings, we must know the difference.

David was anointed to be king when he was a young lad. He was the youngest son of Jesse. Not much is said about David’s early life, but there seems to be several indications that he was not favored within the family and perhaps even shunned during his childhood. When Jesse called his sons to stand before Samuel the prophet, David was not even there. He was out in the pasture with the sheep.



But God had led Samuel to Jesse and he asks him if there is another son. Jesse is told to send someone to go find David. He was the one chosen by God. The details are found in I Samuel, chapter 16. David was not prepared to be king. He was probably around 15 years of age. No one, but his family was there to see it. God

anoints us to be kings before we have been prepared to be king. It is the beginning of the process to take us from unknown to being able to rule and reign.

When we find Jesus and accept His sacrifice for us and become a new creature, we are anointed to become a king. We, too, must go through a process in order to become the king under the King of glory. We have what it takes to become a king because He lives in us. What a truth! The Spirit of the Living God now lives in us. But we must die. We must learn to let Jesus have His way in our lives. We do not give Him a little room in our hearts, we give Him our whole heart. We must desire to know His heart above all.

The anointing we receive when we are born again is good, but there is more. Salvation is the doorway to the Kingdom. We can see the King and the Kingdom, but He does not yet rule our entire heart. Many people live their entire lives under this anointing and never move on in to the full inheritance that is available to them.

One time God asked me if He could trust me with His heart. I knew if He had to ask, then He could not. But I wanted that more than anything. So, I gave Him permission to tear my heart apart until it was satisfied with His heart. Believe me, that was painful for me, and I warn you, it will be for you as well. It is a process of dying to everything.

We have talked about the 1-2-3 process God takes us through. First step is stepping out from where we are; step two is going through the valley, through transformation in preparation for the new place God is taking us; step three is entering into the new land and possessing it, our inheritance.



We have an anointing in salvation land. We have an anointing for the place where we currently are. The anointing increases as we make the decision to transform and allow the Lord to prepare u

s for our inheritance. Going through the purging process and the growing process takes a special anointing. It takes another anointing to actually enter and possess our promised land.

When David was anointed as king the second time, he was anointed as king over one tribe, Judah, when he was 30 years old. Those were hard times. The other tribes were not happy with David being chosen by the people of Judah to be king. They followed King Saul's son, Ish-bosheth, and they often fought against David. It was during these trials and tribulations that David grew stronger and learned how to lead and be a true king. These were transformation times for David.

It is the same for us. As we make the decision to say YES to God when He wants to move us into new revelation and a higher place on the mountain of God, we will encounter events that will destroy the wood, hay and stubble in our life. God will use these events to bring a fire that purifies the gold and silver in our lives.

We can trust God that He knows the situation and will work all things for our good. We are on a mission to travel through to our inheritance. We desire everything that stands in our way to be removed. We want God and we want His heart. Nothing will stop us. There is a special anointing that comes with transforming. Not everyone will see you for who you really are, but there will be some who are on the same journey who will recognize you.

Seven and a half years later, it is time for King David to inherit the full kingdom. For the third time he is anointed, this time as king over the entire nation of Israel. We, too, will come out of transformation ready to inherit what the Lord has promised. There is a special anointing that comes when we have died to self and allow our Lord to live through us. That anointing is the fulness of Christ that Paul mentions in his writings. The FULNESS. We do not truly understand what that is, but we will.

We are His and He is ours. He rules in our entire heart. He is not just relegated to a room in our heart. He is King; therefore, we are a king. His decisions are ours. His voice is ours. His hands are ours. Everything we do is through Him. We have our BEING in Him. The natural and the spiritual merge. We are no longer DOING for the sake of doing. We are in Him and whatever we do is a result of BEING in Him.

It is going to take some bold souls to break out of the illusion that we are living the Ekklesia life. The enemy does not want us to realize who we are and what we were designed to accomplish. We are the sons and daughters of the Most High God and we were created to reign with Him, to be like Him, to carry the fulness of Him. The earth was given to us.

We have the wisdom and the ability to do whatever He would do. When we mature to the extent that He rules in every area of our life and we have died to our own selfish goals, then nothing is impossible to us. When we have come to the place where we can clearly hear His voice, and we instantly obey, miracles will abound.

The enemy wants us controlled and will often use the illusion of freedom to control us. We think we are free when we are not. Once the illusion is shattered, the enemy cannot control us any longer. When we find Truth, we must hold on to it with everything we have. Don't let anyone steal it from you. Truth brings change and power and anointing.

It is one thing to be out from under worldly control, but is a different thing to relinquish control of yourself to God. This is important. The spirit of religion has had control and is being told to set God's people free, to relinquish its control over God's people. God's people cannot just go celebrate in their freedom and do whatever they want.

If we want to be a part of the Ekklesia and the advancing of the Kingdom of God, we must die, and allow the Lord to live through us. Religion will control against our will. God never will. You must give yourself to Him freely out of love and faith. We must be a seed of His love, planted in the ground where we die, and He springs forth from us. It is the only way to become the true Ekklesia with the power and authority to reign with Him.

We will continue talking about priests and kings. Until next time, may we awake to the beauty of dying so that we might truly live. It is the only way. We must prepare the earth to receive her KING. We will do that through the Melchizedek anointing of priest and king.

