

What This World Needs is The King

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We all know there's an election going on in this country, and that the final day of voting is this Tuesday. And if you've watched or listened to the news even a little bit, you've seen or heard all these stories and ads about people running for office. And they give you all these promises and tell you that they're going to make real changes in our country.

Well, two things need to be said about this:

- First, politicians rarely keep their promises. Only God keeps all His promises.
- Second, politicians don't solve the real problem, and they can't solve the real problem. The real problem is a heart problem, a spiritual problem; it's sin & only God can solve that.
- And so we know that the individual person has this problem of sin, and when you add up and combine all the individual sinners in this country, you have an entire country that has this huge problem of sin, which is where our country is at right now.

Individual sinners need Christ to be their Savior, and this country, and in fact, the whole world, needs Christ to be her King. Now 2000 years ago Christ came to die and pay for people's sins, and then He rose again. Then the church age began, and people were getting saved, baptized, and discipled, and the church was growing. And the church's main mission is to share the gospel, and disciple believers, and she is to keep doing this until the end of this age, and then Christ will come back. Acts 1:8-11

When Jesus was here 2000 years ago, the Jews saw that He had all this power, and they knew the prophecies about Him being a King, and so they wanted Him to be their King. But the Jews didn't realize that first, they needed Jesus to be their Savior, and for the most part, they rejected Him as their Savior. And Jesus being a Savior is God's main message during this age, but Jesus being a King is not going to happen during your life here on this earth, or happen during this age, but rather in the age to come.

- And as Christians, we have to be careful to not be too political, for our main job is telling people about Christ, the Savior, not electing some Governor, Senator, or Representative.

So we're living in this church age and, in fact, we're at the very end of this church age. And now we're seeing a lot of sin in our country, a lot of pride, lies, corruption, crime, greed, drugs, immorality, racism, etc., and the only answer is for Jesus to be a person's Savior, And this sin will keep increasing, and the church will keep growing, and then, not long from now, the Antichrist will come, and this age will be over, and Christ will return, the church will be raptured, and Christ will come and set up His kingdom on this earth.

Today I want to talk about Jesus Christ, the King, and His coming Kingdom age. And we need this hope of the future to encourage us, to help us keep living for the Lord during our life here on this earth. And I want to go over a number of truths about Christ the King and His Kingdom.

1. Psalm 2:1-3. This sums up the present and future situation on this world with regards to kings and the King. Now there all these rulers on this earth, and the great majority of them are evil, and they're taking their stand against God and Christ, God's Anointed, and they hate God. But Jesus Christ will soon be King over the whole world.
- That's what God tells us in Ps. 2:6, "*But as for Me, I have installed My King upon Zion*". And that's what Ps. 47:7 says too - "*God is the King of all the earth.*"
2. Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the Son of Man, and therefore is both God and Man, the perfect person to be the King, the and Ruler over this entire world. Luke 1:30-33
3. Jesus Christ has the right to reign over this earth, for by His death, He paid for our sins and defeated the devil, thereby giving Him the authority to be King of this world. Rev. 1:4-8- "*Grace to you and peace... from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us... Behold He is coming...*"
4. God promised that His Son, Jesus Christ, would be King over this world, and He will keep His promise. 2 Sam. 7:12-16 - "*I will establish the throne of His kingdom forever.*"
5. Jesus Christ, our coming King, is the only hope for this world. Only Christ can perfectly rule over this world and bring true justice, joy and peace. Psalm 67 says, "*Let the nations be glad and sing for joy; for You will judge the peoples with uprightness and guide the nations on the earth.*" Psalm 72:5-17
6. We now live in the end-times which means we're fast approaching the end of this age. Christ is coming soon, and when He does, the church will be raptured (Matt. 24:31), the world will be judged (Rev. 8-9), the Antichrist will be defeated (Rev. 19:20), a Jewish remnant will be saved (Rom. 11:25-26), and Christ will begin reigning over this earth. Rev. 11:15 says, "*The kingdom of the world has become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.*" And Zech. 14:9 says, "*The Lord will be king over all the earth.*"
7. Jesus Christ, the King of kings, is God, and He will be a perfect, holy, truthful, powerful, all-knowing, sovereign, wise, loving, and merciful King. Ps. 111:7-10 says, "*The works of His hands are truth and justice; all His precepts are sure... He has sent redemption... Holy and awesome is His name.*" Jer. 10:10. Rev. 19:11-16
8. Christ's reign in the coming kingdom age will last for exactly 1000 years. Rev. 20:1-6
9. True believers will be glorified in body and spirit, and will reign with Christ in the kingdom age, helping Him establish His righteous rule over this earth. 1 Cor. 15:40-42
Matt. 5:3 says, "*Blessed are the meek for they will inherit the earth.*" Rev. 20:6 says, "*They will be priests of God and reign with Him for a thousand years.*"
10. Jesus Christ will reign over the entire world from the city of Jerusalem.

Psalm 48:1-3, 8 tells us - *“Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion in the far north, the city of the great King.”*

11. Every person who has ever lived will bow down to Jesus Christ and confess Him as Lord and King. He'll be feared by all people, and loved and worshiped by all believers, and this happens during the millennial kingdom. *“Every knee will bow... and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”* Phil. 2:9-11, Is. 45:23-25

12. During the millennial kingdom, the entire earth will be filled with Christ's glory. Every part of this planet will be positively affected, will be impacted by the love, power, holiness, justice, and goodness of Christ. Isaiah 6:3 says, *“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord \ of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory.”* Hab. 2:14 says, *“The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.”*

13. During this kingdom age, it will be obvious to all that Jesus Christ is the greatest King this world has ever seen. Ps. 47:2, 7-8 - *“The Lord Most High is to be feared, a great king over all the earth... for God is the King of all the earth... God reigns over the nations.”* Ps. 145:3 - *“Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.”*

14. In the coming millennial kingdom, believers will publicly be giving thanks to Christ, singing praises to Him, and shouting for joy. Why? Because of their salvation (Is. 12:1-2), because Christ is defeating their enemies (1 Cor. 15:25), because they're experiencing His amazing blessings (Ps. 67), and because He's *“a great King over all the earth.”* Ps. 48:2

15. During Christ's reign on earth, Israel will have a special place and role on this earth.

- Christ will rule from the nation of Israel. Psalm 48
- Christ will bless Israel in such a way that they're a blessing to the whole earth Psalm 67
- Salvation in Christ will be proclaimed by the Israelites to all the world Ps. 96:1-3
- Is. 61:9 says, *“Their (Israel's) offspring will be known among the nations”*
- Is. 60:3-5 says, *“The wealth of the nations will come to you (Israel).”* And because Israel is so blessed by Jesus Christ, then nations will come to her.
- Jerusalem will be the most renowned, most important city in the world. Isaiah 60:14 tells us, *“They will call you the city of the Lord, the Zion of the Holy One of Israel.”*

16. During the millennial kingdom, Jesus Christ will defeat all His enemies, and this includes death. *“The last enemy that will be abolished is death.”* 1 Cor. 15:26, Rev. 20:14

17. At the end of the kingdom age, Jesus Christ, the King of the earth, will hand *“over the Kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and authority... when all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, so that God may be all in all.”* 1 Cor. 15:24-2

Well, we live in a wicked world and for the most part, it's ruled by evil leaders, by evil *“kings.”* And now we're living at the very end of this evil age.

- But as Christians, we're the light of the world, and we're to let our light shine in this dark place. And the church will continue to do God's work, preaching the gospel and making

disciples until the end of the age, and then Christ will come back. Matt. 24:14, 28:19-20

But the fact that we live in this wicked world should make you long for the true King. I know I can't wait for Jesus to return as King and rule over this imperfect world, for then there will be perfect justice, love, and peace - and glory to God like never before.

But for now, keep working for Christ and waiting for Christ, and soon enough He will return, judge the world, and we will join with Him in reigning over this earth.

"Then all nations will be blessed through Him, and they will call Him blessed... may the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and amen." Psalm 72:17-19

- And let's remember to pray for the coming of Christ and His kingdom.

"Our Father, who art in heaven... Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:9-10