

## MADE KINGS - Bible Study Notes

### Objective

The objective of today's bible study is to introduce us to the calling to service through our position as kings.

### Introduction

One of the ways that religion has short-changed us is by giving us only part of our redemption story. Most people are aware that they are sinners, who have been washed clean by the blood of Jesus. This is absolutely true. However, this is not all that we are. To think of yourself only as a person who is extremely grateful for being cleansed from sin is to do the blood of Jesus and His work on the cross a disservice.

I believe that many of us are still living life with the consciousness of our redemption from sin alone. It is evident in the way we carry ourselves. The expectations we have from life. The things that we focus on. Because the way you see yourself, the identity you assume in life determines your posture.

**Numbers 13:31-33 - But the other men who had explored the land with him disagreed. "We can't go up against them! They are stronger than we are!" So, they spread this bad report about the land among the Israelites: "The land we travelled through and explored will devour anyone who goes to live there. All the people we saw were huge. We even saw giants there, the descendants of Anak. Next to them we felt like grasshoppers, and that's what they thought, too!"**

As long as we see ourselves wrong, just like these spies, we will exclude ourselves from places that God has already included us. As long as we see ourselves wrong, we will live like grasshoppers even though we were born to rule as kings. I wonder what you are currently excluding yourself from, all because you see only see yourself as someone cleansed from sin?

### Made kings

**Revelation 1:4 John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who [b]loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, 6 and has made us [c]kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him *be* glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.**

The scripture says that Jesus washed us from our sins, with His blood! How wonderful? How amazing. If that was the only thing Jesus ever did for you, it will still be worth living your whole life in honour of Him.



But in true Jesus fashion, He always surpasses our expectation. Not only does He wash us from our sins with His own blood, He made us kings and priests!

**1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light;**

Here is what the wonderful creatures around the throne of heaven are saying about what Jesus did for you:

**Revelation 5: 8-10 Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.”**

When you accepted Jesus, it wasn't just a ticket to heaven, it was a mantle to reign here on earth! Don't hear that religiously. Hear what the scripture is saying, He made us kings and priests unto God!

I love how He did not ask your permission. He knew that if He asked you, you would disqualify yourself! So, He made you! Right now, whether you know it or not, whether you feel like it or not, you are a KING! Jesus made you a king!

The question is this: do I have the audacity to believe that I am a king! I don't mean believing enough to say amen, I mean believing enough to adopt a posture of dominion. I mean believing enough to sit upright in life. I mean believing enough to defend something that you almost gave up to the enemy! Because kings defend their territory.

Say right now, Jesus has made me a king! I believe that.

Now this is huge, because we have been made kings and priests, not even primarily for our sake, but unto God. In other words when God saved you, He anointed you king in the service of God. The calling of a believer is to contribute to the establishment of the kingdom of God through their service of humanity. You cannot do kingdom business if you don't have the mindset of a king.

Change your mind! You are a king!



## **Kings by Grace**

I have found that the reason that we sometimes struggle to believe the promises of God is because it is difficult to comprehend the magnanimous nature of God's grace with our minds. The natural response to a real encounter with the goodness of God, is "depart from me for I am a sinful man" (Luke 5:8).

However, if you will truly accept that you have been made a king, you will need to do it by faith. The conditions that conspired to make you a king are unnatural. That's why you cannot understand your kingship with a natural mind.

**Ephesians 2 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,**

God made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. The place where Jesus is, is an elevated position of authority. A position from which He rules. This is the same place where God placed you. Far above principalities and powers (Ephesians 1:20)

**7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.**

God did not do this in consideration of your qualification. He did not do it in consideration of how great you are, or how bad you are. He did it so that in the ages to come he will show the exceeding riches of His grace and kindness toward us in Christ.

He did it for His namesake! You were made a king, purely by God's grace and for His own glory. The next time you feel unqualified to be called a king, the next time you catch yourself playing the victim, the next time you have fallen off your heavenly seat, remember that there was nothing you could do to put you on the seat, and nothing will unseat you. All because God did it for His name sake. He did it to display His kindness!

You were made kings by His Grace!

## **Conclusion**

**Romans 5:17 For if by the one man's offence death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)**



By Adam's offence we were made sinners and slaves of death. But through Jesus, not only are we cleansed from sin, we have been empowered to reign through the grace of God. However, there is a need for us to receive the abundance of grace!

You might not come from the right background or speak in the right way. Yes, you have flaws, you have made grievous mistakes. Yes, your judgement in certain things have been very poor. You might not even feel what I am saying right now or have anything around that is even attempting to confirm this.

In spite of all of that, this is the truth; The day you received Jesus as your Lord and saviour was also your coronation day! He did not just wash you clean of your sins He made you righteous. He made you a king. Do you believe that?

### **Discussion**

- Do you really believe that you are a king? How much do you believe?
- If you believe, in what practical ways should this belief be reflected in your life
- What hinders us from believing?

Why do you think it is important to believe in our kingship?