



Jesus is Lord # 2

Hello everyone. Welcome to "Notes From The Presence." In my last article, I spent some time talking about Jesus and His Lordship over our planet. In discussing this subject, we are actually talking big picture. In other words, we are talking about the foundational purpose for our earth and our human creation. We began to lay out a scenario that I would like to continue developing today.

Our earth is a sub-colony of heaven. It was created by an interaction between God's word, God's glory (light), and also the Spirit of God who hovered over the entire creation process. It was created specifically to house a new creation that God was thinking of making. He had recently lost a host of angels due to a rebellion in heaven. The point of contention in the rebellion was over none other than worship. There was a magnificent creature named Lucifer who was worship director in charge of the heavenly hosts. He was one of heavens finest arc-angels and he was actually built in part as a musical instrument. Evidently, he had pipes built right into his body.

I am imagining that over the millennia of eternity, he watched all of the worship being directed God's way and eventually thought, "surely God is not entirely worthy of all this worship." The bible says that iniquity was found in his heart. He then became jealous of God's worship and somehow began to believe that he was worthy of it. The rest is history. He was cast out of heaven along with one third of the angels. These could have very well been his heavenly choirs, singing anthems of worship and praises at his direction.

So what does this all have to do with "Jesus is Lord?" Well, in the bible, the word "Lord" is the name of God, Adonai. It is translated "Lord, master, ruler." Let's paint a story picture of the circumstances surrounding creation.

Imagine a father who is a king and he has a son and a family. Being a good, good father, he builds a beautiful house for the son on an island colony. He intends for him to live on the island in the beautiful house, and then rule the island as a representative of the family. The son bears the father's DNA, the family name, and has the same heart of love and compassion as the father. He will be a good ruler. The father establishes him on the island and equips him to succeed in a beautiful environment. He caps off his instalment of the son's rule over the island with a legal dominion mandate, and gives him a specific time period in which to work. He is to establish the family kingdom on the island, extending it from the immediate area of the house and the gardens that surround it, eventually to the entire reaches of the island.

However, the island has a bit of a problem. One of the father's enemies, a former trusted aid who used to work in the palace has rebelled against him. He, along with a third of the father's kingly workers (who he turned against the father), has taken up illegal residence on the island. They have caused a lot of devastation outside of the beautiful house and garden area where the son and his family have been established. The son will have to defeat this enemy in order to establish the family kingdom on the entire island but the father has given him ample equipping to rid the island of this rebel.

For a while everything goes well but the rebel enemy is crafty. He wants something specific. He is after the keys and the legal dominion mandate document to the entire island. He wants to be the ruler, and he wants everyone on the island to worship him. He knows that the good father is bound by his word and so he uses his word against him to legally trick the son into rebelling. He then rushes into the vault and steals the dominion mandate and the keys to the island and the garden. He becomes the new lord of the island and begins to try to ruin the island and get its inhabitants to worship him.

This little illustration is the situation our planet existed in for the first four thousand years of history. Basically, the devil held legal dominion of the earth and it's kingdoms, having usurped the authority from Adam. When God eventually sent his Son, Jesus, to redeem (buy back that which was lost) our planet, He was born into a world under the rulership of the devil.

Luke 4:5-7 And he (the devil) led Him (Jesus) up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, "I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. Therefore if You worship me, it shall be Yours.

Here the devil, in a twist of fate, actually tries to get God to worship him. In return, he promises to give Jesus the kingdoms of the world back. Of course we know that the

devil, who is the father of all lies, would not have fulfilled that promise. Instead, Jesus went to the cross and paid the price for our world and all of its dominions and glory with His very own blood. After Jesus was raised from the dead, He appeared to His disciples and said:

Matthew 28:18-20 "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

As we can see through these verses, Jesus, through His blood, took back the authority and the keys to the kingdoms of the world. Remember that Jesus, in His present state, is God living inside a glorified human body. So the dominion of our planet has now been returned to our human kind again in the person of Jesus. He has become Lord of our planet once again.

Now this is really where I wanted to go today. Jesus hung out here for a few days with His disciples and then ascended to heaven. In doing so, He left the planet's care and dominion in new hands. He left it in the hands of His new ruling body, the church until He returns again, takes His seat on the throne of our world, and reigns together with His bride (the church) for 1000 years. We discussed this idea in last week's article. In the mean time we have an interim situation on our planet as far as dominion, rulership, and authority.

What I am about to say next, I say carefully and also sadly. We, the church, have been given amazing power and dominion over our planet. I could quote scripture after scripture that states our authority, our power in Christ through the Holy Spirit, and our mandate. When time allows sometime, read Ephesians 1:17-23. It is a real eye opener. We are also given absolute authority over the devil and anything he tries to do to us (Luke 10:19). The devil still tries to masquerade as lord over this planet, but make no mistake, he has been defeated.

The sad part is that we, the church are so divided on what our authority even is. We fight over it. We don't believe it. We don't take it seriously. We don't act like it is so. We argue over which areas we have dominion. We are undecided if the authority reaches to certain areas like sickness, or if this might be a circumstance sent from God to punish us. We pray and act with little faith, leaving results up to God's sovereignty that are not even in His hands. When bad things happen, we rack circumstances up to God's will that have nothing to do with Him and haphazardly accept the results as fate. We as the church have become anemic and largely incapable of representing and enforcing the

Lordship of Jesus through Christ in our world. In the void and confusion, the devil has taken his wrongful place and once again wreaked havoc, havoc that only one legal body that can stop in Jesus name - we the church.

In closing, is Jesus Lord over our planet? Yes! However, as we discussed in our last article, He has not started to reign quite yet. Instead, we are now left to reign through Him (Romans 5:17). When we bow our knee to His Lordship and receive His grace, we allow Him to become Lord over our sphere of influence. We also release His kingdom to increase wherever we go.

This is such a deep subject, one deserving much more attention that we have given it. However, hopefully we have done some justice to Jesus' Lordship and you are encouraged to explore what it looks like to reign through Christ.

Jesus, let Your kingdom and Lordship be established through us today. Amen.

Thanks for reading. Jesus is real and He is Lord of heaven and earth.