

# WELCOME TO THE FUTURE -NOW-

[PART 25]

THY KINGDOM COME (3)

Reading: **Luke 1:26 - 33**

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## Introduction

- We are currently looking at what **'the Kingdom of heaven'** on earth will be like when Jesus comes again.
- It will be a kingdom of peace and righteousness.
- Nothing that defiles will enter it.
- There will be no more tears, pain, curse or death.

## 1 The King And His Coronation

- The Kingdom will be ushered in with a coronation.
- We saw on TV the coronation of their majesties King Charles III and Queen Carmilla on 6th May 2023.
- It was attended by members of other royal families and heads of states and beamed around the world by TV.
- Every citizen will be invited to the earthly coronation of King Jesus.
- The Kingdom of heaven will be a Kingdom, not a republic.
- Christ will be given the **'throne of His father, David.'**
- This throne is **'the throne of the kingdom of the LORD...'** [1 Chronicles 28:5].
- King Jesus will be **'anointed'** as was the custom in Israel.
- **NB.** The British monarch is the only monarchy that anoints their new sovereign.
- The oil used was from the olive groves around Bethlehem.
- The British monarch is a **'constitutional'** monarchy.

- The monarchy of the Kingdom of heaven will be an **'absolute'** monarchy.
- There will be no protests at His coronation.

## 2 The Kingdom Will Have A Government

- Consider [Isaiah 9:6 - 7].
- Notice **'the government'** and **'His government.'**
- Just as an earthly government runs a country, so government of the Kingdom of heaven will implement the policy of King Jesus.
- The government of the Kingdom will have a **'cabinet.'** See [Matthew 19:28] and [Revelation 21:14].
- This government will also have countless **'rulers'** to assist with the smooth running of the Kingdom. [Matthew 25:21,23], [Luke 19:17, 19].
- There will be cities in the Kingdom with designated **'rulers.'** Will you be one?

## 3 The Kingdom Will Have An Award's Ceremony

- Consider the texts, [Romans 14:10] and [2 Corinthians 5:10].
- **NB.** The **'Great White Throne'** Judgement of [Revelation 20] is the judgement of the unsaved and the ungodly.
- This is the **'reckoning'** or **'assessment'** of the believer in the Kingdom.
- This is not about answering for our sins. They have been forgiven and the debt incurred by them paid by Christ.
- In Roman towns/cities before the governors residence a **'bema seat'** was positioned.
- This was where citizens were rewarded, usually with a laurel wreath crown publicly bestowed on them.
- Something similar happens in the Kingdom when we are called to give an account of our service to the Lord in this life.
- Faithfulness is a highly rewarded thing.
- What have we done and what are we doing for the Kingdom now?
- There are 4 crowns available. [1 Corinthians 9:24/25], [2 Timothy 4:8], [1 Peter 5:4] and [Revelation 2:10].
- Warning: [Revelation 3:11]. Don't lose your crown to another.
- The **'Bema Seat'** is also where wrongs will be righted - publicly.
- Our **'reckoning'** will also take into account how much we knew.
- Our **'reckoning'** will also take into account our **MOTIVES.**
- CT Studd: **'Only one life and it will soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last.'**

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