

THE MAJESTY OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST King of Kings

*In the light of present day world events, namely **The Queen's death and Funeral Ceremonies**, I felt God awaken my heart to **Heavenly Truths** which He was showing to the world. As a result of this, I felt to speak on this relevant subject today!*

AT THE OPEN DISPLAY OF THE BRITISH MONARCHY SEEN AT THE FUNERAL SERVICE & CEREMONIES OF QUEEN ELIZABETH 2, THERE WERE SOME ENCOURAGING PICTURES OF GOD'S HEAVENLY KINGDOM ...

Did You See Them?

Do you know that many of life's more godly institutions are pictures of Heavenly Truth? For instance ...

Marriage between a Man and Woman

Paul states loud and clear **that the concept of marriage is a living illustration** of the relationship between Christ and the Church.

Ephesians 5:32 NLT **SLIDE**

*This is a great mystery, but it is **an illustration** of the way Christ and the church are one.*

There you have it ... MARRIAGE IS '**A LIVING ILLUSTRATION**' OF THE GREATER CONCEPT OF CHRIST & HIS CHURCH.

And so, just as the **Living Illustration** of Marriage speaks of a Higher and Heavenly truth ... so it is with the ways of **the British Monarchy which we saw openly displayed to this world in** the event of the Queen's life and death!

AT THIS EVENT, GOD WAS SHOWING US A LIVING ILLUSTRATION OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND ITS MAJESTIC ETERNAL KING OF KINGS – OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!

BOTH THE FATHER & JESUS ARE THE TRUE MONARCHS

Psalm 93:1 NKJV

The Lord reigns, He is clothed with majesty ...

Revelation 19:16 BSB

*... He [Jesus] has a name written on His robe and on His thigh:
KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.*

So, Regardless of what you think about the Queen of England ...
And, regardless of whether you are a Monarchist or a Republican ...
If You're a Believer, you need to get past your personal prejudice
and consider that this **concept of monarchy is an eternal concept**
that has always been a part of God and has only been loaned to
mankind – the real thing is Eternal.

**SO, WHAT DOES GOD WANT US TO SEE HERE IN THIS FUNERAL
SERVICE & CEREMONY?**

SLIDE THE SERVICE BEGAN IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY ... A
CHRISTIAN CHURCH ... WITH OVER 2000 INVITED GUESTS.
AND HERE IS WHAT WE SAW AT THIS FUNERAL –

1. **SLIDE** THE DECLARATION OF THE LORD'S NAME

Just as the name of The Lord Jesus is praised and proclaimed in
the eternal Kingdom ... so His Name was also unashamedly praised
and proclaimed by this monarchy at Westminster Abbey.

WE SAW THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST HONOURED & EXALTED

SLIDE Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby gave the sermon
His first word was, 'JESUS'!

*Jesus, in our reading does not tell his disciple 'How to follow, but
WHO to follow'. He said, 'I am the way, the truth and the life'
Her late majesty's example was not set through her position, or her
ambition, but through WHOM she followed.*

*In 1953, the queen began her coronation with silent prayer – Just
there at the 'high-altar'. Her allegiance was given to God before any
person gave allegiance to her.*

SLIDE *Her service to so many people in this nation, the
commonwealth and the world, had its foundation in her following
Christ – God Himself – who said that He came not to be served but
to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.*

JESUS CHRIST IS THE KING OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

AND HIS NAME IS THE KEY THAT UNLOCKS THE DOOR
INTO THE KINGDOM

SLIDE One of the distinctive facts about The People of The Kingdom of God is that **they naturally confess with their mouths The Name of Jesus Christ.**

Romans 10:9 NIV **SLIDE**

*If you **declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,”** and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*

Not an ambiguous general title like ‘Lord’ or ‘Your Name’ or ‘Your Son’. But The Actual Name – ‘Jesus Christ’!

Have you noticed lately – even in movies where there is a wholesome family saying ‘Grace’ they often end with ... ‘In Your Name, Amen’ but never mention His actual name! This is so they don’t offend anyone by declaring His Name, ‘Jesus Christ’

But, at this funeral service, there was more than a general reference to The Lord Jesus by only using His title. THERE WAS A BOLD DECLARATION OF THE ETERNAL KING’S NAME – **‘JESUS CHRIST’**

Look at the reading, The hymns and prayers

The Right Honourable the Baroness Patricia Scotland – The Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, read the first lesson:

SLIDE *Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ’s at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.*

Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 53-57*

Prime Minister Liz Truss read the second lesson:

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ...

Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth,

*and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. **Jesus** saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father. John 14: 1-3, 9a*

All sang the hymn 'The Lord's My Shepherd' - which was also sung at Prince Philip and the Queen's wedding in 1947.

The Reverend Dr Iain Greenshields, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, said:

... Grant that we may have grace to live our lives in accordance with thy will, to seek the good of others, and to remain faithful servants unto our lives' end; through **Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Ms Shermara Fletcher, Principal Officer for Pentecostal and Charismatic Relations, Churches Together in England, said:

... We pray God, with those who mourn, that casting every care on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love; **through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Right Reverend Dame Sarah Mullally, Bishop of London and Dean of His Majesty's Chapels Royal, said:

... O almighty God, whose will it is that all thy children should serve thee in serving one another: look with love, we pray thee, on this Nation. Grant to its citizens grace to work together with honest and faithful hearts, each caring for the good of all; that, seeking first thy kingdom and its righteousness, they may possess all things needful for their daily sustenance and the common good; **through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York ...

We give thanks to God for Queen Elizabeth's loyalty to the faith she inherited through her baptism and confirmation, and affirmed at her coronation; for her unswerving devotion to the Gospel; and for her steadfast service as Supreme Governor of the Church of England. **Lord, we beseech thee to keep thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through thy protection she may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in all good works, to the glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Commendation, given by the Archbishop of Canterbury:

Let us commend to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer, the soul of Elizabeth, our late Queen. **Heavenly Father, King of kings, Lord and giver of life, ... in thy great love offerest us life eternal in Christ Jesus;** ... in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life, when **Christ** shall be all in all; who died and rose again to save us, and now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, in glory for ever. Amen.

Go forth, O Christian soul, from this world, in the name of God the Father almighty, who created thee; **in the name of Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who suffered for thee ...**

Anthem - the choir sings Romans 8: 35a, 38b-end, composed for this Service by Sir James MacMillan CBE (b 1959)

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Alleluia! Amen.

In Contrast, when you hear Hollywood's blasphemy ... movie after movie blaspheming the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ ... His Name is so prolifically blasphemed ... people now have taken it up as a by-word ... it has become the Hollywood mantra and it's satanic purpose is to dishonour, disrespect, denigrate and disparage THE GREATEST NAME REVEALED TO MANKIND.

IT AS THOUGH THE MOVIE IS SECONDARY & BECOMES A VEHICLE FOR THE UNDERMINING OF FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST – SATAN'S MAIN PURPOSE.

WE ALSO SAW AT THE QUEEN'S FUNERAL ...

2. SLIDE THE DISPLAY OF MILITARY MIGHT & AUTHORITY

SLIDE ***Guns fired in different locations around London at the precise second that Big Ben Chimed which happened every minute for 70 minutes.***

This was the might of the British Empire declaring whose banner they stood under – STATING JESUS CHRIST IS LORD.

This was not 'the voice of one crying in the wilderness' – The lowly street evangelist standing on the street corner being jeered at.

THIS WAS THE MIGHT OF THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH ...
DISPLAYING WHO THEY WERE & WHAT THEY BELIEVED TO THE
INTERNATIONAL ARENA.

AND THE UNBELIEVING WORLD STOOD UP & NOTICED.

THESE WERE OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS IN POWER ...

Britain had flexed its military muscle in the Falkland's war and won.
They had come up against the might of Hitler in World War 2 and
conquered him.

*I felt so proud to belong to my Lord and King Jesus Christ –
proclaimed out loud by those in power ... for all the world to hear!*

WE ALSO SAW AT THE QUEEN'S FUNERAL ...

3. **SLIDE** THE DEDICATION TO A SINGLE MONARCH

The word 'Monarch' means a 'sole' ruler.

The word 'Mon' is 'One' as in 'Mono'

No one who served was independent ... They were all united under
One Monarch.

They gathered in their regiments, but ...

SLIDE EVERY REGIMENT WAS THERE UNITED IN PURPOSE
TO HONOUR THE ONE MONARCH

*The Queens Guard, The Navy, The Beefeaters, The Royal Airforce
etc*

THERE ARE DIFFERENT MINISTRIES IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD &
**OH THAT WE IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD WOULD HONOUR OUR
DIVERSITY UNDER THE ONE MONARCH**

SLIDE THEY ALL MARCHED IN STEP TO THE SAME BEAT OF THE
DRUM (The most important person in that procession was the
drummer. He set the time ... and marked-time ... and every foot
followed that beat)

THEY ALL MARCHED IN THE SAME DIRECTION & PURPOSE

OH THAT WE IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD WOULD MARCH TO THE KING'S BEAT ... AT HIS PACE ...

Unfortunately so many people claiming to serve Our King Jesus move independently ... at their own pace (usually running ahead) ... in their own way

Like the soldier out of step said, 'Everyone else is out of step but me.'

SLIDE THEY ALL UNITED AROUND THE ONE MONARCH ... SHE ALONE WAS THEIR FOCUS ... THEY WERE NOT DISTRACTED

1 Corinthians 8:6 BSB **SLIDE**

*Yet for us there is but **one God, the Father**, from whom all things came and for whom we exist. And there is but **one Lord, Jesus Christ**, through whom all things came and through whom we exist.*

OH THAT WE IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD WOULD UNITE AROUND OUR SOVEREIGN & ALL MARCH IN THE ONE DIRECTION TO THE SAME BEAT OF HIS DRUM

... TO SEE THE KING & HIS KINGDOM HONOURED & EXALTED

THIS FUNERAL CEREMONY WAS NOT JUST SOME HAP-HAZARD ... 'SHE'LL BE RIGHT MATE' GATHERING ... IT WAS ORDED

WE ALSO SAW AT THE QUEEN'S FUNERAL ...

4. SLIDE THE DEMONSTRATION OF LOVING DEVOTION

ANOTHER DISTINCTIVE CHARACTERISTIC OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS THAT ALL ITS PEOPLE SERVE OUT OF LOVE & RESPECT

They do not serve out of law ... But out of love

Romans 8:28 BSB

*... We know that God works all things together for the good of those **who love Him**, who are called according to His purpose.*

We saw an example of this loving devotion at the Queen's funeral

SLIDE *About a quarter of a million people queued for up to 17 hours to see the Queen's coffin as it lay in state at Westminster Hall.*

THESE ARE LIVING ILLUSTRATIONS OF GOD'S KINGDOM WHERE JESUS IS SEATED AS KING OF KINGS ...

Proverbs 8:15 NKJV SLIDE

By me (Jesus) kings reign, and rulers decree justice. ¹⁶By me (Jesus) princes rule, and nobles, all the judges of the earth.

THE STORY BEHIND THE SONG 'MAJESTY'

In 1977, Dr. and Mrs. Hayford traveled to England for a two-week visit. It was the year of the silver anniversary of the coronation of Elizabeth II as Queen of England. The celebrating and the spirit of enthusiasm of the English people, coupled with the great historical significance of that Kingdom, made those two weeks a very special and exciting time for the Hayfords.

Dr. Hayford reports that he was completely caught up in the emotion of the occasion. As he walked among the people he sensed a feeling of grandeur and nobility. And yet, as he looked about he sensed that even though individuals are greatly used in the course of man's existence on this earth, there is a greater power, the one who is the author of our destiny.

Hayford sensed the deep appreciation in the hearts of the people for their leaders who stood with them in dark hours. Even now they were excited about sharing in the celebration of their Monarch. As he observed those things there came to his mind a feeling that Christ wants his church to have such a sense of loyalty and fellowship, because he must be our guide in good times and bad.

While touring the countryside, the Hayfords made a short visit to Blenheim Palace. As they stood on those magnificent, historic grounds, Dr. Hayford said to his wife, "Anna, Honey, I can hardly describe to you all the things, which this setting evokes in me. There is something of majesty in all this."

As he talked to her of how Christ wants to exercise his kingdom authority in our lives and our activities, that one word seemed to continually charge to the forefront: MAJESTY! Yet, the things he saw seemed but a paltry reminder of the royal legacy we enjoy as we worship the majesty of our risen Lord.

As the Hayfords pulled themselves from that regal palace and drove away, Dr. Hayford asked his wife to take a notebook and write down some thoughts that were coming to him. He then began to dictate the lyrics, the key, and the timing to a song now being sung by Christians worldwide.

***Majesty! worship His majesty!
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise.
Majesty! Kingdom authority,
Flow from his throne, unto his own,
His anthem raise!***