

REIGNING IN THE GLORY OF GOD

PART 5 of the KING OF KINGS Series

IT WAS ALWAYS GOD'S INTENTION FOR HIS PEOPLE TO REIGN.
WE ARE TOLD, GOD CROWNED ADAM TO REIGN OVER THE EARTH

Psalm 8:5-6 BSB **SLIDE**

You made him [Adam] a little lower than the angels [human]; You crowned him with glory and honour. ⁶You made him ruler of [to rule over] the works of Your hands; You have placed everything under his feet. (Hebrews 2:7)

A 'CROWN' MEANS HAVING AUTHORITY TO REIGN.

HERE WE READ THAT GOD CROWNED ADAM TO REIGN OVER THE EARTH.

WE ALSO READ IT CLEARLY IN GENESIS

Genesis 1:26 & 28 BSB

*Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness, **to rule [reign] over** the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, **over** the livestock, and **over** all the earth itself and every creature that crawls upon it'*

*²⁸God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it; **rule over** the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and every creature that crawls upon the earth."*

BY CROWNING ADAM, GOD APPOINTED HIM TO RULE OVER THE EARTH THAT GOD HAD CREATED AS HIS REPRESENTATIVE.

BUT NOTICE IN OUR TEXT THE TYPE OF CROWN ADAM WAS GIVEN. IT WAS A CROWN OF GLORY

'THE STORY OF GLORY'

Psalm 8:5 BSB **SLIDE**

*You made him a little lower than the angels; You crowned him with **glory and honour.***

IT WASN'T ONLY 'THE AUTHORITY TO REIGN' THAT GOD GAVE ADAM ...

GOD ALSO PROVIDED ADAM WITH THE WAY TO REIGN AS HIS REPRESENTATIVE.

HE GAVE HIM A CROWN **OF GLORY**

SLIDE

- GOD'S CROWN ESTABLISHES **THE RIGHT TO REIGN**
- GODS GLORY DETERMINES **THE RIGHT WAY TO REIGN**

GOD GAVE ADAM A CROWN OF AUTHORITY PULSATING WITH GOD'S GLORY – IT WAS THE VERY EXPRESSION OF WHO GOD IS.

ADAM WAS GIVEN ABILITY TO SHINE LIKE GOD

SLIDE

The word 'Crown' = '**atar**' means to surround or to encircle.

ADAM HAD THE ATMOSPHERE OF GLORY SURROUNDING HIM

BUT THERE IS FAR MORE TO GOD'S GLORY THAN A BRILLIANT GLOW.

THIS GLORY HAD SUBSTANCE!

IT IS A SPIRITUAL SUBSTANCE SATURATED WITH THE PURE GOODNESS OF GOD.

WHAT IS THE GLORY OF GOD?

SLIDE The word 'Glory' = '**kavod**' means a heavy weight – abundance

A SPIRITUAL SUBSTANCE *DENSE WITH GOD'S GOODNESS*

Like a thick cloud saturated with rain.

THE GLORY OF GOD IS HIS MANIFEST MORAL CHARACTER.

This Glory is all God's goodness, lovingkindness, exquisite purity, freshness ... the pristine clean essence of God Himself.

The Glory of God is the most beautiful thing.

God gave Adam His own essence – the quality and character to reign in ... and to reign by.

Exodus 33:18 ESV

*Moses said (to God), **'Please show me Your Glory'**.*

And look what God said –

Exodus 33:19 BSB

I will cause all My goodness to pass before you ...

And then The Lord proclaimed His glory in words –

Exodus 34:6 Amplified **SLIDE**

*Then the LORD passed by in front of him, and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, **compassionate and gracious, slow to anger (longsuffering), and abounding in lovingkindness and truth (faithful).***

COMPASSION

We talk about people being motivated by 'Passion' but God and ... His kings are motivated by 'COMpassion'. The heart to help people

GRACE

*God has always been gracious, **giving us what we don't deserve.** We didn't deserve to even exist. But God created us because He is Gracious ... And His kings always give what is not deserved.*

LONGSUFFERING

God is insanely patient. He is never driven by demands or fears... but calmly waits for the precise time.

Galatians 4:4 NKJV

... When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son ...

And His kings are never driven by public demands but operate in God's perfect time

LOVINGKINDNESS

'Hesed' = a deep attitude of tenderness toward others regardless of their attitude toward you.

His kings have this attitude toward people

FAITHFULNESS

From before the world was created God was committed to you. He has believed in you ... stuck by you ... and is determined to bring you through to absolute perfection Body, Soul & Spirit ... Despite all your rebellion and unfaithfulness ...

GOD WILL NEVER 'RIGHT YOU OFF' ... GOD REMAINS FAITHFUL ... IT'S IN HIS NATURE.

AND HIS KINGS ALSO REMAIN FAITHFUL TO GOD'S PEOPLE & HIS PURPOSE

THIS IS A DESCRIPTION OF THE GLORY OF GOD THAT SURROUNDED ADAM AND BY WHICH ADAM WAS ASSIGNED TO RULE THE WORLD.

If you'd have met Adam at that time before he fell, you would have felt a strong atmosphere about him ... which would have arrested your heart ...

IT WOULD HAVE TAKEN YOUR BREATH AWAY

You would have had a sense of wellbeing like you were whole internally and externally – A feeling of safety like you are loved and protected – An impression of cleanness like you just had the most wonderful bath in exfoliating herbs and oils – An atmosphere of contentment and joy ...

THIS IS THE EFFECT OF GOD'S GLORY THAT CLOTHED ADAM

BUT ADAM FELL INTO SIN & FELL FROM THE GLORY OF GOD

SLIDE WHEN ADAM 'FELL' HE LOST HIS CROWN OF GLORY

Romans 3:23 KJV

... All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

What does that mean - come short of the glory of God?

The Jerusalem Bible says it like this, *'All have sinned and, 'poof', forfeited the glory of God. It disappeared.'*

[Aramaic Bible in Plain English](#)

Because all of them have sinned and are deprived of the glory of God,

It wasn't until then that Adam and Eve realized they were naked ... because before that they were clothed in God's wonderful Glory.

'Adam and Eve went up the hill ... To fetch a bag of apples Adam fell down and broke his Crown ... and filled the Earth with hassles'

SO HERE'S THE AMAZING THING IN 'THE STORY OF GLORY'

Hebrews 2 takes up the story with Jesus

Hebrews 2:9 Berean Literal Bible **SLIDE**

*But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, because of the suffering of death, **having been crowned with glory and with honour**, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.*

WHAT IS THIS VERSE TELLING US?

I always used to read this verse and see our risen Lord crowned with glory on the throne in Heaven ...

BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT IT IS TELLING US.

SLIDE THIS VERSE TELLS US THAT JESUS WAS BORN WITH THE 'CROWN OF GLORY & HONOUR' THAT ADAM LOST.

Remember Jesus was 'born King'. (Matthew 2:2)

THIS VERSE IS NOT SPEAKING ABOUT THE RISEN CHRIST, BUT THE 'SON-OF-MAN' CROWNED WITH THE 'GLORY & HONOUR' THAT GOD HAD GIVEN ADAM IN THE GARDEN.

NB: IT USES EXACTLY THE SAME PHRASE REGARDING JESUS AS WAS WRITTEN ABOUT ADAM, 'MADE A LITTLE LOWER THAN THE ANGELS' OR IN OTHER WORDS ... STANDING AS A SON OF MAN IN THE SAME POSITION AS ADAM ... BUT CROWNED WITH 'GLORY & HONOUR' AS THAT MAN.

NB: The verb 'Crowned' is the 'Perfect Participle'.

The perfect participle indicates 'A COMPLETED ACTION'.

Hebrews 2:9 literally reads in Greek -

SLIDE *But we see Jesus who was made a little lower than angels [like Adam] **already crowned with Glory & Honour** ... because of suffering (noun) and death (noun) so that [in this state] He might taste death for every man.*

JOHN SAW IT ...

John 1:14 BSB **SLIDE**

*... **We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.***

SLIDE JESUS LIVED IN THE GLORY ADAM LOST ...
BUT LOOK AT THE NEXT VERSE ...

Hebrews 2:10 Berean Literal Bible **SLIDE**

*For it was fitting to Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, **having brought many sons to glory**, to make perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings.*

**NOW IN CHRIST, WE ARE CROWNED WITH GLORY &
HONOUR**

Psalm 103:4 NKJV

*[Bless The Lord] Who redeems your life from destruction, Who
crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies.*

Romans 5:17 NSAB 1977

*For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the
one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of
the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus
Christ.*

Ephesians 1:18 NKJV **SLIDE**

*[I Pray that] the eyes of your heart being enlightened; that you may
know ... the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.*

**WE START TO INHERIT GOD'S GLORY NOW BY KNOWING WHAT
WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN**

**GOD HAS ALREADY GIVEN YOU A CROWN OF GLORY & HONOUR
BUT MANY OF US DON'T KNOW IT.**

MANY OF US ARE ALREADY SHINING.

We spoke last Sunday about a clear and strong dividing line
between the realm of death and darkness and the realm of Life and
Light in Jesus Christ.

We shared that we are called to reign IN Life in Christ Jesus, but
also FROM Life over this dark world. That when we wear our Crown
of authority into this world system we bring the atmosphere of Life
with us and change the spiritual atmosphere around us ... reigning
over the powers of this darkened world.

**WE CHANGE THE ATMOSPHERE WHEN WE WEAR THIS CROWN
WITH CONFIDENCE & LET OUR LIGHT SHINE.**

WE BRING GOD'S GLORY WITH US.

YOU SHINE MORE THAN YOU REALISE

**WE JUST NEED TO BE CONFIDENT IN WHO WE ARE & WHAT
WE'VE GOT**

SLIDE *Celestial Fruits on Earthly Ground*

The men of grace have found ... Glory begun below ...

Celestial fruits on earthly ground ... From faith and hope may grow.

*The hill of Zion yields ... A thousand sacred sweets,
Before we reach the heavenly fields ... Or walk the golden streets.*

*Then let our songs abound ... And every tear be dry ...
We're marching through Immanuel's ground ...
To fairer worlds on high.*

- Isaac Watts 1806