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THE ELECTION, THE CHURCH, AND CHRIST'S KINGDOM!



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The King is coming back! And for 1,000 years, Christ the King will perfectly reign over this earth, bringing justice, peace, and love. Now you live in an evil world that is increasingly becoming more sinful and corrupt (Matt. 24:14). And you need hope – you must know that Christ is returning soon to clean up this world and begin reigning over it.

But now you live on earth, and there's an important election in this country. As a Christian, vote for that person who most aligns with God's truth and values, who promotes freedoms that enable you to share the gospel, and to *"lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity" (*1 Tim. 2:1-6). May God have mercy on us!

But don't ever put your hope in a human king or leader. God commands you, *"Do not trust in princes, in mortal man, in whom there is no salvation. His spirit departs, he returns to earth"* (Ps. 146:3-4). It is true

that God ordains governing authorities at this time (Rom. 13:1-7), but you must never put your trust in them.

Psalm 146:5 goes on to say, *"How blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God."* You must trust in God, for He is the only One who can really help you. Only He can spiritually bless you, can save your soul, forgive your sins, and take you to Jesus. If there's any physical blessing from human leaders, it's God who wanted it, ordained it, and caused it to happen. Truly, both spiritual and physical blessings are from God. Ps. 103, Ps. 146:6-10

So don't be overly focused on elections – don't ever think that what some leader may do for you is most important, for it's not. What's most important is your relationship with God, loving Him, knowing Him, and experiencing His love, joy, and peace in your heart. What's important is setting your mind on the things above, on the kingdom of God, not on the things below, on the kingdoms of men. Ps. 73:25-26, Ps. 91:14-16

It's being preoccupied with doing God's will, knowing that He will physically bless you, will meet all your needs. So what is God's will, what does He want you to do?
– Jesus says, *"Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness."* Matt. 6:33
– Jesus says, *"I will build the church"* (Matt. 16:18). Work with Jesus in building the church.
– Jesus says, *"This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world… and then the end will come"* (Matt. 24:14). Join with the church in preaching the gospel.
– Jesus says, *"Go make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them… and teaching them to observe all that I commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age"* (Matt. 28:19-20). Do your part in making disciples.

(Notice the word *"end"* in the last two verses? God wants you to do His will in view of the fact that Christ will come back at the end of this age. You can only carry out God's plans as you see the big picture, as you have hope, as you are looking for Christ to return to take you to heaven,

and then set up His kingdom on earth.)

So God tells you what to do but He also instructs you to pray: *"Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven"* (Matt. 6:9-10). What can you learn from this and related verses?
1. That God will establish His kingdom on earth, and it will be a 1000-year kingdom, immediately followed by an eternal one. 1 Cor. 15:24-28, Rev. 20-21
2. That God's kingdom is heavenly and godly kingdom in nature. And God's will, His holy and heavenly purpose for earth, will be carried out during this time.
3. That God wants you to be regularly praying for Him to set up His kingdom on earth.

4. That this kingdom will be led by Jesus Christ. He is holy and will reign on this earth, fulfilling all God's purposes, enacting justice and giving mercy. Ps. 72
5. That we need hope. We live on an evil earth, in a corrupt, unjust, unloving world. And you must know that things will get supremely better, and you should be looking forward to the coming of Christ to set up His kingdom on earth. But be patient and persevere, wait on God and trust His timing. Jms. 5:7-11

6. That we live in the end-times – that's because the Jews came back to their land, to Israel. Therefore, it won't be long before the church is raptured, the world is judged, Jews are saved, and Christ sets up His kingdom on earth.
7. That you are to do the work God assigned to you. Your work, in conjunction with the work of all the believers on earth at this time in history, is part of God's overall plan in sending His Son back to this world. Mk. 13:33-34, 1 Thess. 1:9-10
8. That Christ will be building both a spiritual kingdom and a physical kingdom during this 1000-year age. But now, during this church age, we are to be focusing on the church, the spiritual kingdom. Matt. 6:33, 16:18, 24:14, 18:19-20

Let me conclude with a number of verses about Christ the King, and His kingdom:

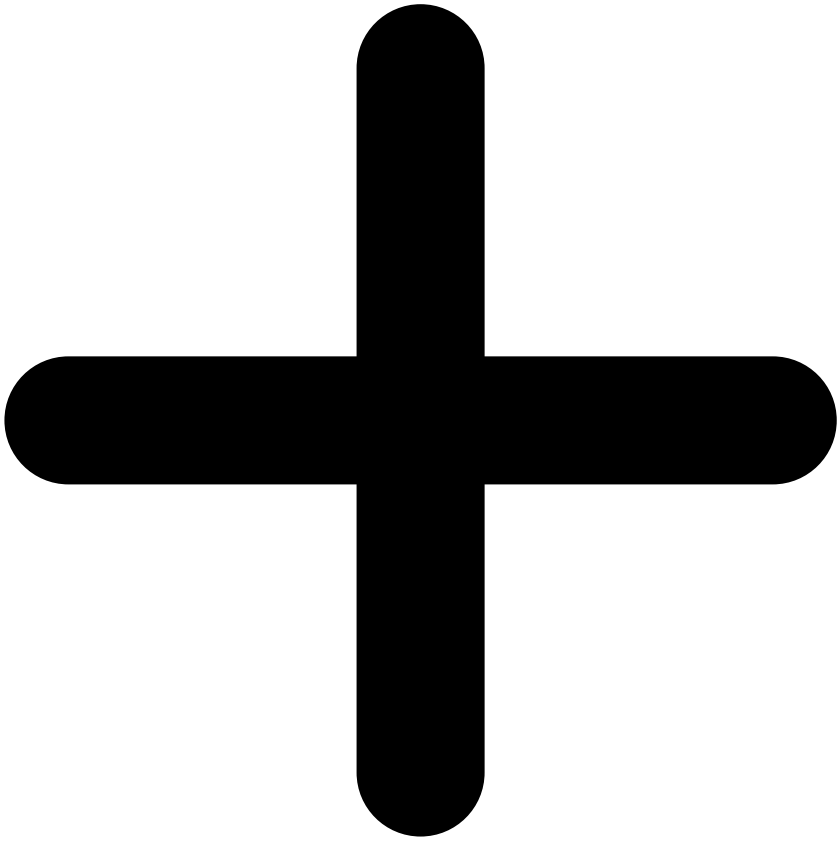
* **Zech. 14:3, 4, 9** – *"The Lord will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle... In that day, His feet will stand on the mount of Olives... And the Lord will be King over all the earth."*
* **Daniel 2:44** – *"In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms but will itself endure forever."*

* **Luke 1:32-33** – *"He* (Jesus) *will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His Father David; and He will reign over the house of David forever; and His kingdom will have no end."*
* **Isaiah 9:6-7** – *"A child will be born to us, a Son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace."*

* **Rev. 11:15** – *"The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever."*
* **Rev. 19:15-16** – *"He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. On His robe and on His thigh, He has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords."*
* **Psalm 2:6** – *"But as for Me, I have installed My King upon Zion, My holy mountain."*

* **Psalm 47:2** – *"The Lord Most High is to be feared, a great King over all the earth."*
* **1 Cor. 15:24** – *"Then comes the end, when He* (Christ) *hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and authority and power. He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet."*
* **Psalm 10:16** – *"The Lord is the King forever and ever."*
* **Psalm 145:1, 13** – *"I will extol You, my God, O King, and I will bless Your name forever and ever... Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom."*

P.S. For me, thinking about the coming kingdom age is extremely motivating. Here are two other posts on this most important subject: *“God’s Kingdom Work”*, and *“The Present Church Age and the Future Kingdom Age.”*





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