

Mt. 28:18 **KING OF ALL HEAVEN AND EARTH**

Introduction:

Pilate had asked the question, “Art thou the king of the Jews?” Jesus had answered him saying, “My kingdom is not of this world.” Thus, Jesus had denied that He is the king of an earthly kingdom. However, He did acknowledge that He is a king.” He said, “My kingdom is not of this world.” Pilate accepted the fact that Jesus did not claim to have an earthly kingdom, but he pursued the matter further. He asked, “Art thou, then, a king?” Jesus answered by saying, “Thou sayest.” That is, “You said it right. I am a king.” And He is indeed a king. That is the claim that Jesus has made in our text. He is a king.

I. The claim that He has all power in heaven and in earth

- A. Jesus claimed to have all power both in heaven and in earth.
- B. The Greek word, which here is translated, “power” does not mean “might” or “strength,” but “authority” or “right.”
- C. He did not claim to have some authority, but all authority. (That is, the highest authority.)
- D. He said that this authority was given to Him.
 - 1. That is, God the Father gave Him this authority.
 - 2. Therefore, His position of authority was not in conflict with the authority of God the Father, but was in keeping with the authority of God the Father.
 - 3. Neither was it in conflict with the authority of the Holy Spirit, but was in perfect harmony with the authority of the Holy Spirit.

II. The claim that Jesus made in conflict with the ideas of men

- A. In early Christianity there was one group which claimed that in heaven Jesus would have to share His authority with angels. (According to them Jesus would not have all authority but only a limited authority.)
- B. There were also those who taught that Jesus did not have all authority on earth. (They taught that He must share His authority with Moses.)
- C. Even in these modern times there two large groups who claim to be Christians who believe that Jesus is only one of many gods and that He shares His authority with all of the other gods.
- D. Some teach that Jesus was not always a god, but that He became a god.
- E. They teach that you, too, can become a god. (If that were true then Jesus would have to share His authority with you.)

III. How the claim of Jesus applies to mankind

- A. It does not mean that Jesus rules the world as an earthly king.
 - 1. He made it clear to Pilate that He is not the king of a worldly kingdom.
 - 2. He did not set up an earthly throne and He does not rule as an earthly king.
- B. But it does mean that He has authority over every nation and every person in the world.
 - 1. Many nations of the world do not claim to be Christian nations in any sense of the word. (They do not claim Him as their God nor do they give Him their allegiance.)
 - 2. He is the One who has established the governments of the world.

3. He is the one who has the authority to take a kingdom away from an earthly ruler and give it to another.
 4. He can raise a nation up or He can bring it down.
- C. Jesus has authority over the nations whether or not they recognize His right to do so.
1. He has the authority to rule over them whether they like it or not.
- D. The word “power,” as used here, does not mean “might” or “strength,” but that does not mean that He has no might or strength.
1. Let me tell you that the One who created the heavens and the earth has power and strength.
 2. Revelation 1:8 says that He is the Almighty and that word speaks of power and might.
- E. Jesus has authority over all New Testament churches.
1. He is the One who established the first New Testament church,
 - 2..He is the One who designated certain responsibilities to a New Testament church.
 3. He is the One who gave the Great Commission to the local New Testament church.
 4. No church has any authority of its own.
 5. Whatever authority a church has was given to it by the Lord who has all authority in heaven and in earth.
- F. When Jesus went away from this earth and went back to heaven He did not give up His position as head over each church that belongs to Him, Eph. 5:23.
1. He has not given up that position of authority over each New Testament church.
 2. No man other than Jesus Christ can rightly claim authority over a New Testament church. .
 3. No group of men can rightly claim authority over New Testament churches.
 4. No city houses the headquarters over New Testament churches. .
 5. The headquarters for New Testament churches is not on this earth; it is in heaven.
- G. Jesus has authority over each person in this world.
1. He has authority over each man, woman, boy and girl.
 2. There are some people who seem to think that they are free from God's standards and God's rules because they are not Christians, but God's word and God's standards still apply to them whether or not they like it and whether or not they believe it.
- H. Let us narrow this down to the person who is saved.
1. Jesus has the right to rule over ever person by right of creation. (He is the Creator.)
 2. But in addition to that He has the right to rule over ever saved person because that person is bought with a price. (And the price was His own blood.)
 3. He has the right to be the King over us.
 4. He has the right to tell us what to do and what to stop doing.
 5. He has the right to rule ever aspect of our lives.
 6. He has all authority both in heaven and in earth.
- I. At some point of time in the future we will all stand before God in judgment and it will be Jesus who will be our Judge.
1. He will judge both the saved and the unsaved.
 2. The saved and the unsaved will not be judged at the same judgment, but all will be judged by Him.
 3. He has the right to say to the saved, “Enter ye in to my glory.”
 4. He has the right to say to the unsaved, “Depart from me ye cursed into everlasting fire.”

Conclusion:

If you are unsaved it is important for you to know that Jesus has the authority to forgive all your sins, Rom. 10:13. Forgiveness of sins is not mentioned in that verse, but it means forgivingness. If He did not forgive all of one's sins that person would not be saved.

How good it is to trust in the Lord and have all of your sins washed away! Lost sinner, trust Jesus now and be saved. Saved sinner commit your life to Jesus, your King. !.

