THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD

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Praise God - He is more precious than silver and gold or diamonds! But it's so wonderful to know Him, and regardless of what we face or what we go through the Lord is our mighty and strong tower. He is our strength! We can always draw from the source of that True Vine that we are in. I was thinking the other day of **John 15**. He said, Verse 1, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman...5 I am the vine, ve are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." And He talks about the branches abiding but He says in Verse 4, "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me." And if it abides in the Vine, you know what's going to happen? It's going to bring forth the fruit of the Vine. It's going to be as the writer said, "O taste and see that the Lord – He is good." Hallelujah, glory to God!

I want to look at something this morning in The Word. I was sitting yesterday and the Lord really began to deal with me on the subject of "THE RIGHT HAND"— The Right Hand of God. We're going to look at some

scriptures on that. And I wrote down a few things as I was searching some scriptures. And when I began to look at this I began to look at it in the Greek. I began to look at the meaning of this word, "The Right Hand" because many times people just see Jesus as a man sitting upon the Throne right beside God. But how many realize that God is Spirit? God is Spirit and so I just want to say that the name actually says it is 'the place of authority and power'. We've recently looked at **Matthew 28**: "All power is given to Me in heaven and in earth." So I'm telling you – ALL Power.

In Romans 13:1 it says that there is no power except that it be of God. Now that could be a sermon to preach, but I just want to mention that there is no power except it be given of God. So all power is given to Him in Heaven and in earth. The word "Right Hand" also means it's not only power, but it's honor: given honor. Honor speaks of a realm, of a place of power to have, and to have honor to be exalted and be praised. Another thing that it means is that it is the Seat of honor and distinction and the preeminence that God has given unto Christ. So we're going to look at some of this as we go along. And I saw several new things as I looked at this, that to be honest with you, I had never connected them together.

Let me just share this. For many years I understood and saw that in **Ephesians 1:10**: that He had brought all

things in Himself, and He brought all things both in Heaven and in earth: even in Him. And I ran across a scripture last night that just really brings that out. I hope someday to bring that out, but I want to start now in the book of **Romans**, and I want to try to cover as much as I can. I remember maybe a year or so ago I began to look at the scriptures on "**The Right Hand**". And most things that have been preached to my knowledge, at least years ago, was the view was that of a man that was sitting up beside God: God having a big chair, and a big throne. And therefore you see Jesus was sitting beside Him.

But I want us to look into Romans 8 and we're just going to deal with some scriptures and what is being said concerning "The Right Hand of God". Now Romans 8: 31, "What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? 32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. 34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. 37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. **38** For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, **39** 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."

This is so beautiful because you see all of the power, authority and preeminence of Christ and how that He rules and reigns. It is so wonderful because of everything that God was doing in Christ: reconciling unto Himself everything – The Work. And some of you have heard me say that Isaiah became so real to me when he said, 'I send my word forth (Isaiah 55:11) and it will accomplish what I want.' I'm putting it in my own words. 'I will accomplish wherein I have sent it.' And God was in Christ reconciling the world. And what He was doing through Christ was He was bringing those that would believe to come into this glorious Salvation: bring them into the Father's House, bringing them unto God.

So now look again at **Verse 34**, "Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, ye rather, that is risen..." And I want to make a point on that. He is The One that we look and see and realize that HE is alive, He has risen! He's a Risen Christ. He is One that is alive. The reason that He is alive is in order that He might come and share forth that Life that He is in us. So

he goes and says that "He is risen again, even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us." Also we find in Romans 8 that the Spirit makes intercession for us. Look at Verse 26, "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." So we find here that it says Christ is on The Right Hand of God. And why is He on The Right Hand of God? He's on The Right Hand of God as an Intercessor for us: as One as the writer of Hebrews says in the 12th chapter, that He is a mediator between man and God. Under the old Moses was the mediator to the children of Israel. Under the New we have a New mediator. We have a New administration, we have a New One that has come, and we're going to find that in this power, in this Right Hand He's overcome all things. He's overcome death. He's overcome every obstacle that mankind would ever face in this life.

So when we look at this we see here that He shows us that He's at The Right Hand of God. What is He doing? He's always there because when we see Him as He is, and we understand Him as He is and know Him as He is – then we will know that He's never letting us go! So what can separate us from the Love of God? Can all these things that we read? Nay, but in all these things... see, whatever happens we must know and understand that if God be for you – who can be against you?

Now I know a lot of times there are outer voices that try to come and tell you God doesn't love you: God doesn't care for you, or this wouldn't be... and this wouldn't be. But the reality of it is God wants us to be established in the present Truth of knowing that as He sits on The Right Hand of God, He's making intercession for us! There is never a time that the Spirit of The Living God – that the Resurrected Christ is not doing this. That's what makes it so powerful! Because not only did He die for us: not only was He condemned to death, but He was raised from that death! And He came forth to bring to Life! I'm going this way in particular because I've got some things I want to put together for you.

But let's go to 1 Peter 3 and then we're going to go into Hebrews. 1 Peter 3: 18, "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: 19 By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; 20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water." And I'm not going to go back but we read that in the Old Testament: Genesis 7. Eight souls were saved and during that time God had spoken to Noah to build the ark. He prepared the ark and when the ark got finished eight souls went into it. Verse 21, "The like"

figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:"How? By the Resurrection of Jesus Christ! This is something I want us to see: that when we think about The Right Hand of God and Him being our Intercessor: Him being One that has come forth raised from the dead, then we understand that Christ has become our Resurrection, our Life. Then he goes on to say, **Verse 22**, "Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him." Again we see how that now all things have been brought under His power, His dominion, His preeminence.

And when we look at this we begin to see and to know that when we talk about "Heaven" we are talking about a realm that is spiritual. In fact you can look this up, but Strong's # 3772 is the only word that it gives in the New Testament basically on the word "Heaven". And it actually speaks of an elevation. It uses the word "sky" as something that is elevated: but the real root word there is that it is 'the Abode of God'. It goes on to say it's Christianity, it's happiness – all of that. That's what the Greek lays out, but in the Reality now He has entered into Heaven itself in the Presence of God. See, in **Hebrews 9:24** it says Jesus did not go the way of the old Tabernacle: that was a pattern you know. That was a type, that was an example. But He has entered into

Heaven itself in the Presence of God. And you see when you look at that – what is Heaven? It's being in the Presence of God: the Abode of God. And so here we find that even He has gone into Heaven and is on The Right Hand of God, and all angels, all authority, all principalities – everybody and everything comes under the dominion and the power of His Right Hand.

Power and authority: that's what it really means. He has all power, all authority, all rule, all order - all of it goes to Him. Now I want us to go to **Hebrews 1:3** and in this I want to bring something out that the Lord just really did. I'll say it like this: this leaped off the page! I was running some references, and I thought it was very important. Hebrews 1, but I think it would be good honestly to just begin at the first verse. And much could be said about this verse. "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets," There were many ways that God spoke. God spoke by the Prophets: time was involved and so much was going on. But now it comes to Verse 2, "Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; 3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high." Now we see here all that has come forth in The Son: God now speaks in Son. God has

taken The Son and He has appointed Him to be Heir of all things. And so when we look at this He becomes the brightness.

See, someone says, 'I want to see God.' I think that was what Philip did not quite understand. There in John 14 Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life, no man cometh to the Father but by Me." Now Philip was walking with Him folks. And yet when he heard Jesus say that he said, John 14: 8, "Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. 9 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; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father? 10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works." Sufficeth means we'll be satisfied. So when we look at this, we begin to understand that in Hebrews God was bringing forth an expression of Himself. It goes all the way back to Isaiah 7 when the Word of the Lord through the prophet prophesied and said, "A virgin shall conceive and bring forth A Seed. And he shall be called Emmanuel." Matthew 1:23, "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." God is with us: God being manifested in Him.

So we see here that for His very Purpose He has now established the Reality of the Word of His power. Again Hebrews 1:3, "Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins..." See what He's done there? He purged our sins, and then what happened? "...sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high." By that power He brought deliverance unto those that were in sin. Now let's go to **Hebrews 1:13** and I want to tie something in here. But I'm going to start at Verse 10, "And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the works of thine hands: 11 They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; 12 And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail. 13 But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? 14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?"

In other words, he said the Angels shall be ministering to the heirs of Salvation. He has been made Heir of all things: all things have been brought under subjection, under the Headship, under the Lordship of Jesus Christ! We see this, but I want us to look at something with this **Verse 13**. He has put all enemies under His feet. We see up to this very point that He has established a

Reality: that He has purged us from our sins. He has been raised from the dead, and because He has been raised from the dead we have been raised up together with Him, and seated together with Him. **Ephesians 2** declares that: that while we were dead in sin He has quickened us, raised us up together, made us to be seated together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

I want to go to 1 Corinthians 15 and look at something with this 13th verse. **Hebrews 1:13**, "But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?" In other words, He didn't say that to the Angels. But here was a Work that God was going to bring through Christ: through the power, through that One that He was to bring forth deliverance. So let's go to 1 Corinthians 15 and I want to tie something together that to be honest, I had never tied together myself. But this verse said, He made thine enemies Thy footstool. 1 Corinthians 15:24 – It's beautiful. "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." See He rules: He has all of that. He puts it down all rule, all authority and power. Verse 25, "For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. 27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him." So what

did he say in Hebrews? That He's put all things under His feet. Angels did not have that power, that ability. But in Christ He was putting all things under His feet. And the last enemy is death. And I know a lot of people haven't seen this the way I see it, but the last enemy that shall be destroyed here is death. And that death was destroyed in His Death.

He was fashioned like unto a man, and as He was fashioned like unto man He took that first man, that first creation man and He took it in His Death. And so as we begin to see this, we begin to see that there is all authority that has been given unto The Son of The Living God. So we look particularly at Verse 27, "For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him." Because of what the Son has done by His Cross, He rules over everything except The Father. ALL things were put under His feet because He was obedient to The Father, and God accepted what He did. He conquered death by HIS Death! He was accepted of God because in Hebrews 10 it says, "Lo, it is written of Me to come and do thy will, oh God." And so He does the Will of God. Verse 28, "And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all." And something I want to say about this is you see that when Jesus had conquered all things, and He had

brought this under subjection, now everything is that He becomes TO US God in all and through all. **Ephesians 4** declares that: One Lord, One Baptism, One God and Father of all – in all and through all.

And so here He comes to the place of authority now that He has conquered everything. What happens? He becomes known to us as Who He is: He is God. He is The Father. The same thing is declared in **Isaiah 9: 6**, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." See He becomes our Father. Why? Because now He has He has put all rule, all authority, all conquered: principalities under His feet and now He is received of The Father, and He becomes our Father: becomes our God that ever lives and abides in His Church, in The Body of Christ. And I really saw that: as I looked at that - how that The Son was in such authority under God, vet that authority that He was under was unto God. He also recognized that He was the God that would rule on the Throne. Now you go back to **Hebrews 1:8** and that's exactly what it shows. Let's read that. Here we see how it brings again the throne. "But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom." You see how He does this? That God would be ALL and in all. Because the Reality of it is that when Jesus was in the

days of His flesh, He was carrying out the Will of God: He was carrying out the desire of the Father so that mankind could be released from sin and death and all of this that you could think about it in the old creation. And He put that to death, but He becomes "our God" to us. So now, "... *Thy throne*." See, The Kingdom of God that now comes!

And that's what many scriptures tell us. We are in The Kingdom of God... The Kingdom of God. What was The Kingdom of God? John the Baptist was the forerunner of The Kingdom of God. Everything that John was doing was in preparation for Jesus Himself. So when Jesus comes, especially in Mark it says He came preaching The Kingdom of God. He healed the sick, cast out devils, raised the dead – all of these things because The Kingdom of God had come into the midst. So when we look at this we not only see The Son under the authority of God, but now we see this Living God: this God Himself who is on the Throne, who is forever in that He is ministering unto The Body of Christ – The Believers, His righteousness, His power, His authority. So you see to "sit on The Right Hand" is not just sitting here in a natural body: it is the Work that He has done. It is a Work that has been declared by all that He's established because He's carrying out the Will of God.

Now I want us to look again at **Hebrews 8**. I want us to see the seat that Christ has is The Throne of God, and

we just read one of them right here. "Thy throne, O God." So you see the seat that Christ has is the Throne of God. Now **Hebrews 8:12**. And we're going to read in three places, and we're going to see that He's seated with that authority and that power. "For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more." Remember we read awhile ago where the earth will be like a vesture, a garment and it takes on a change. A New Covenant comes and that's what He was saying there. "I'll make a New Covenant with the House of Israel. And He says their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more." So when we look at this we still see how that by His Right Hand He has established this! It's by His power, by His rule, by His authority, by Him who is the Preeminent One.

Now let's look at **Hebrews 10:10**, "By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." Man, I'm telling you that is powerful if we allow the Lord just to make that so real in our hearts. We are sanctified by what? By one offering! And see, the whole thing about it brothers and sisters, is that is all that Jesus ever had to do! He didn't have to continually go in and be sacrificed, sacrificed and sacrificed, and be put to death as they did under the old. But here now it is a New. **Verse 11** is talking about the old priesthood. "And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices,

which can never take away sins." We must catch that! No sacrifice under the old ever — ever... it never took away sin! It never made one righteous. The only thing that it ever did was it brought a purification of the flesh. It was a covering; it was a protection for the flesh... once a year! They were never freed from sin: they lived with the conscience of sin, they lived with the conscience of their failures. On and on you could go. But here you see in **Verse 12**, "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;"

What I want us to really see is that all these scriptures show us and tells us of what He has done. Do you know what He does? He sits down! The word "sat" means He has rested now in this Work that He has completed. "Lo, I come to do thy will, O God..." See it was written of Him that the only one that would ever bring the Will of God would be The Son of God – His Son. So as it was written, we see the Reality of this: that now He is seated in the Heavens. He is seated in the realm of the Spirit unto God, and therefore we can come, and we can see ourselves also seated there with Him. Because why? That Throne is established in our hearts.

Now let's look at **Hebrews 12:1**, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses..." We know that was all of them under the old. "...let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which

doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Let us run looking unto Jesus. See in every instance when it mentions "The Right Hand of God" it is showing a Work; it is showing something which Jesus has defeated. He defeated sin, death. He took the last enemy that was to be destroyed, which was death. And He's done that! Folks He's not waiting for that! I'm telling you when Jesus said in John 6, "I am the true bread that is sent from heaven. That if any man will eat of this bread he shall never die." Why? Because death has already been done away. What death are we talking about? We are talking about a death that Adam, the first man brought us all into. Romans 5 tells us all about it: sin and death, sin and death.

Alright, so Christ comes and what does He do? We look unto Him. See, we look unto Him that is the author, the finisher of our faith. Why? "Who for the joy..." See, He sat, He looked, He saw. Hebrews 12:2, "...who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Glory to God, and then it just goes on. Verse 3, "For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds." Oh my, so what we're

saying is that authority, that honor, that rule, that power He has taken and He has subdued all of that. See man was made subject to vanity, but you know what? Not without hope! Not without hope. So therefore "the hope" came in Christ! Now when He rules... and He does rule! He rules as a sovereign Lord. He rules as One that is victorious. He rules as One that is the Savior and that death in His Death did not destroy Him. But it destroyed the death that was in all mankind. And in His Resurrection He came forth and brought all that would come to Christ into that Resurrection Life. It's beautiful folks! And so what did He do? See His Sovereign Rule as the Lord: He had the victory over sin. 1 John 5: 5, "Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?" This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith (verse 4). See, it overcomes because "the faith" is our faith in HIM.

So we see that in His victorious Life He had victory. He was not defeated as one that did not accomplish something because He died. You could look at it in one sense as being one that was martyred; and yet that was not the reality of it because David spoke a long time before He ever came. And in **Acts 2** it said David spoke that death was not holden to Him: that He saw not corruption. His flesh saw no corruption. So therefore you see His sovereign reign and rule as Lord. He brings a victory: He defeats everything that is in the realm of

death. And I'm telling you it is so wonderful! So what is it? He is enthroned as The Christ. And the word "Christ" means "The Anointed One". And so what has He done? He now has come and He sits on The Right Hand of the Father meaning He is at rest now in all the Work He accomplished. See this is why it is stated: "seated at The Right Hand of God" because now it is a finished and complete Work, and so in that Work we begin to realize and understand that this is where you and I work out from: this is where you and I are – a Work that is finished in Him.

Did He not hang on The Cross and say, "It is finished"? (John19:30) Everything that He accomplished – it was a Finished Work. Now the Reality of it is that God is working within us to bring us by faith to speak, to believe, to act, to walk – however you want to say it: to do it! And what is that? To understand that the Finished Work that He has done now is made real in us so that His fulness can come forth and flow in His Body. I was reading in **Ephesians 1**. Let's go there because there's something there that is just precious folks. Ephesians 1:19, "And what is the exceeding greatness ..." I remember a few years ago that was my Resurrection Sunday, Easter Sunday message. I'll never forget that. I don't know why, but it's the only message I ever remember on Easter ever preaching all my life. That's the truth, but I remember because God made something so real. See, when the Spirit makes something real in

you folks, I'm telling you the truth – it stays with you. Hallelujah!

But let's go to Ephesians 1:17, "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:" See that's what it's about folks. That the spirit of wisdom will give us revelation in the knowledge of Him. Oh that I may know Him: that I may know him! Verse 18, "The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, 19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power..." And see, this word 'power', glory to God is DUNAMIS. It is a miraculous power. "... his power." See, as we believe: what is the exceeding greatness of His power, and where is that power? To usward who believe. Verse 19, "And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, 21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: 22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all."

Here is His fulness being manifestly declared in His Body, the Church, the fulness of Him. So we find that He came, He sat down, He rested in the Work that He had accomplished, carrying out the Will of God, being an Intercessor for us. And if you notice I did point this out, and there's really no difference when you look at it. In **Romans 8:26** when it's talking about we don't know how to pray, but the Spirit maketh intercession for us. And then in **verse 34** it says He is our Intercessor. So there is no difference in Him because in **2 Corinthians 3** the latter part says, "Now the Lord is that Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

So you see this is why it is stated in so many places in the Word about "The Right Hand": His Right Hand – the power, the authority, the rule, the honor - all that is given unto Him. Why? Because actually He has defeated sin, He has defeated the devil, He has defeated every power, every principality that has been, and therefore He has finished the Work. It's a Finished Work, folks. It's a Finished Work in Him, but it's a Work that is progressively working as the Spirit of God makes this real to us. And this comes by Faith. It really doesn't come by feelings. Now we have feelings: don't misunderstand me. I like feelings! I got up about 4 o'clock this morning and I had some great feelings. Praying – I had some great feelings folks. Joy – flowing in the Holy Ghost, praying in the Holy Ghost. But I'm telling you it's faith activated in our hearts when we

believe and we see what the Word of God says. And we let the Spirit of God bring us into the Reality of this: understanding that He has conquered. Why? Because He has all power! He has all authority, and He's put every authority and every power under Him.

Let's turn to Hebrews. There's a lot, And I'm going to give you some scriptures to look at for yourselves. But in **Hebrews 2**: It's hard to jump in but let's look at **verse** 13, "And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me. 14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;" I don't think that you can get any clearer. I'm not going to go any further into that. Maybe another time I'll go into that. But I know the flesh was brought under the power and the principality of the air. Ephesians 2 tells us that. Verse 2, "Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: 3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others." We were under that control, but here at The Cross through Jesus' Death what did He do? He conquered death, He destroyed death and the power of death He

destroyed for every Believer. Every Believer that is in Christ – Satan has been made absolutely without power and authority over them! One of the reasons is you don't belong to him. It's kind of like someone asked me several years ago when I was in a meeting: 'Do you believe in hell?' And I said, 'Well I want to ask you a question first. Are you Born Again?' 'Oh yeah!' 'Why worry about hell then?' Now that may sound funny, but you see **Revelation 1:18** says, "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."

I'm telling you something this morning. The Reality of this One that sits on The Right Hand. The One that has all power, all authority, all rule, all honor. Oh – let's go to Revelation 4:11, "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created." I tell you there is the Sovereignty of God. There's a lot I don't understand about the Sovereignty of God, but He is sovereign! He rules, He reigns. My God, I mentioned recently to someone about Judas. My God, it was written about him back in the Old Testament. Judas just revealed the Will of God. Pharaoh just revealed the Will of God. He said in Romans, "that I might show my power in Pharaoh." We don't understand: and I don't understand all that, but folks I want to tell you something. There is nothing, there is nothing that is out from under the authority and power of God! And so He

rules: He rules with all authority. He rules with full power. He rules with all honor, and here we see folks, that everything that was created (and we don't understand that) was created by Him and for Him. There was nothing that was created that was not by Him and for Him. He had a purpose in it!

We don't have that understanding about it, but it's there: it's God's Divine Purpose, God's Divine Order that He set forth – that He would come one day. That Word that He was would take on the form of flesh, and in that flesh body He would accomplish total victory! My God, He would accomplish total victory for the Believer. Hallelujah! And when we look at this (and we are just touching the surface) it is wonderful. Because even in Titus 2:14 it tells us: "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." Revelation 1:5, "And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness." and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood," All that He's done. And this is the glory of it: that now He's seated in authority and power. He's on The Right Hand which means the power and authority has been given to Him in all... where? Heaven and earth. See for many years... and I'll be honest with you: it's only been the last several years but I've seen the importance of the earth. Even in the natural, but this earth in particular.

See when He says the prayer: "Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth..." Most people quote "on earth", but it is "in earth". And I believe He's talking about the Kingdom of God coming in here – our hearts; and that this Kingdom can be manifestly declared in the earth because it's His Kingdom, it's His rule, it's His Lordship. And this is what He's done, and this is what He's now doing within all that have the ears to hear, eyes to see, hearts to be opened to understand and to walk in this.

Let me give you the Scriptures now that are talking about "set down on The Right Hand".

- **Psalm 110:1**, "The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool."
- Ephesians 1:19, "And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,"
- Hebrews 8:1, "Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest,

who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;"

- **Hebrews 10:2,** "For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins."
- Hebrews 12:2, "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."
- 1 Peter 3:22, "Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him."
- Romans 8:34, "Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."
- Acts 2:33, "Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear."

- Acts 5:31, "Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins."
- **Hebrews 1:3**, "Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:"

And let's look together at **Colossians 3:1** because that's beautiful. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God." Another translation says, "Since you are..." Not 'if'. And I do like that. Do you know why? It brings it into a present Reality. 'If' kind of puts a question – Have I really been risen? But since you have been risen with Christ. And that isn't talking about seeking things in the sky. He's talking about a Heavenly realm, a spiritual realm that is above the earthly. "...seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." Can you see this? Can you really believe you are dead this morning?

How are we dead? **Romans 6** clearly shows you that you are dead by His Death. He died once to sin, so you what? **Romans 6:11**, "Likewise reckon ye also

yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." Because that's where we became dead. Sin was in His Death. Colossians 3:3, "For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." You are not waiting to get in God. Christ has brought you in God! He's brought you from death and He's brought you into Life. And then it goes on to say in verse 4, "When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory." And I'm going to read it like this: "When Christ our life..." So there you see you are not waiting someday to get in Glory: He is the Glory of God. Not waiting to get in God – Christ has brought you in God!

We've come from one glory (2 Corinthians 3). We've come from one glory, the old glory. The Old Covenant that had a glory to it, had a ministration of the letter and death. But now we have come from that ministration to the ministration of the Spirit and this is what the writer is summing up in that third chapter. We are changed from glory: from the glory of the old, and now we have come into the Glory of the New. And chapter 4 takes you on: 2 Corinthians 4:1, "Therefore seeing we have this ministry..." What ministry? The ministration of the Spirit of the Living God that now flows in His people. We've come from one Covenant to another Covenant: come from the earthly to the Heavenly, come from the natural to the Spiritual, come from Adam unto Christ. And you can just go on and on with that. But you see, when

Christ our Life shall appear... This word 'appear' is beautiful folks. Do you know what it means? It means that it is visible, clear-cut, to render apparent, that is unmistakable. When He shall appear... How is He appearing folks? Oh God, He's appearing I'm telling you: He's appearing out of this Word! He's appearing out of the Spirit that He is.

That's why Jesus said what He did in **John 6:63**, "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." The Words He speaks are Spirit and Life. And when the Word of God becomes Spirit, it becomes a Living Word: it becomes a Living epistle. That's what it says in **2 Corinthians 3**: Paul said first of all you are my epistles. Then he said you are the epistles of Christ written and read of all men. You're the page God writes His precious Name, His Spirit, His Power, His Word in! This is what God is saying. He sitteth on The Right Hand of God. Why? Because now He rested in the Word. Here it comes again - Hebrews 4. There's a rest unto the people of God. Cease from your own works for in six days God made the Heaven and earth and all of those things. And it says that He rested. He's resting in the Work that He's done. That's what He wants to bring the Church: He wants to bring the church into REST. My God, not trying to perform something for God, not trying to do something for God: but to be led by the Spirit of God and being obedient to the Spirit.

And what is it? It is God that is working in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure. My God, the working of this thing: the power of this! All power, all authority, all rule, all honor, all preeminence! **Colossians 1** will tell you that. **Colossians 1** shows you the preeminence of Him: the preeminence of the Almighty God coming forth. It even says there the worlds were created by Jesus Christ. Oh my God, how do we unravel all of this: to realize all creation was made of God and yet we find that God took on a form of flesh. And then we find He goes back into the realm of Spirit. And now He's ministering by His Spirit and by His Power in the Church: in the lives of the Believers. It's powerful to me! Hallelujah to God. Amen.