

Part 7 – The Lord’s Throne is Established

In part 6 we learned of another analogy David used, wherein he likened the days of our life in a flesh body to grass, and flowers in a field, because: like grass and flowers in a field, in the youth of our flesh life (i.e. the morning) our flesh body does grows up and flourishes. But, also like the grass, and flowers in a field, as we age (the evening, or ‘twilight’ of flesh life) we then ‘withereth’ (literally) and are eventually ‘cut down’ *when we die*, i.e. our spirit departs from our flesh body and goes back to the heavenly dimension from which it came (Ecc 12:6-7, 2 Cor 5). We also learned that Isaiah 40 used this analogy too, but also pointed out that our ‘goodliness’ (which means our kindness, #2617) is also as ‘fleeting’ (temporary) as our flesh body too, in comparison to our Heavenly Father, that is. For our Heavenly Father is eternal and His ‘mercy’ (kindness) is everlasting, *to those who* fear to disobey Him *and* revere Him with the profound honor and respect He deserves. And we also learned this means that God will treat *each* generation (and individual) ‘righteously’, according to their choice to obey, or disobey Him.

And then we also learned, in detail, what obeying the Lord (YHVH) really means: ‘keeping’ His Covenant and remembering to do His Commandments. And, what this boils down to is learning His Word and striving to obey Him, *from the heart*. But, we also learned ‘keeping’ His Word also means guarding His Word *in our heart*, so we’re not deceived into disobeying Him, by false teachers who are teaching *perversions* of God’s Word (‘traditions of man’, a.k.a. *lies*) - for that will *only* bring God’s punishments upon us, *instead of* His blessings. And then we also learned that ‘keeping’ God’s Word *also* means learning *to share it* with others, especially the Gospel of Jesus Christ, whenever the opportunity arises (Eph 5:15-16; Col 4:5-6). And we also learned the only part of God’s Laws we are not to obey anymore are the ordinances, which means the blood sacrifices, and other rituals (or statutes) that pertain to them, because Jesus Christ fulfilled *all* of the ordinances when He shed His precious blood on the cross for us (Heb 10:10). So, the last study really helped us to understand *what* we need to do in order to obtain God’s everlasting ‘mercy’ (kindness). And now, in this latter part of this great Psalm 103, David will direct his attention to speaking of our Heavenly Father’s *great* Kingdom again...

Psalm 103

19 The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

So, while previous verses have been explaining ‘the way’ the Lord (YHVH) **rules**, he’s now speaking of our Heavenly Father’s **throne and Kingdom**. The word ‘**Lord**’ here is still God’s sacred (and covenantal) name **Yehovah**, which means (the) **self-Existent** or **Eternal** (#3068) [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/946>]. So, His name *reveals* that our Heavenly Father (Yehovah) is the *only* one who has *always* existed and *always* will, which is why He is *eternal* (Rev 1:8, 4:9, 11:17, 16:5, 22:13). And then the word ‘**prepared**’ is a prim root that means **to be erect** (i.e. *stand perpendicular*); hence (causatively) **to set up**, in a great variety of applications, whether

literal (***establish, fix, prepare, apply***), or figurative (***appoint, render sure, proper or prosperous***) (#3559). So, this word ‘**prepared**’ could also (and may be better) rendered as ‘**established**’ or even ‘**set up**’. And the word ‘**throne**’ does mean ***a throne*** (as canopied) but also means ***covered*** (#3678) while the word ‘**heavens**’ means ***the sky*** as well as what we call ‘**outer space**’ (#8064). And the word ‘**ruleth**’ means ***a rule***, as well as ***a dominion*** (#4438) while the words ‘**over all**’ mean the ***whole***; hence, ***all, any*** or ***every*** (#3605).

So, after many verses of explaining *how* our Heavenly Father (YHVH) rules (with compassion, grace, mercy and patience, towards those who fear Him), David now speaks of (prophecies of) how our Heavenly Father’s kingdom will not only be *established* (set up) but also *rule over all*. And, from the following verses (which call those in heaven, and on earth to ‘bless’ the Lord, YHVH), we can see that this is quite a *prophetical* verse, that points to when Jesus Christ returns to reign over the earth (Rev 11:15). But, since our Heavenly Father has *always* been ruling from His throne (which is in heaven, Ps 11:4), why is David speaking of God *establishing* (setting it up) His throne *in heaven*? Well, consider what the Scriptures say Jesus Christ did, after God raised Him from the dead, and He then (forty days later) ascended into heaven. Paul explained this, in his letter to the Hebrews (i.e. the ‘scattered Israelites’) when he wrote: ***We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man*** (Heb 8:1-2). Paul was speaking of Jesus Christ, of course (as Heb 7:22 tells us the subject is Jesus). So, we know that Jesus Christ is now on the ‘right hand’ of God’s throne in heaven, to which many other Scriptures testify (Rom 8:34, Eph 1:20-23, Col 3:1, Heb 1:1-3, Heb 10:10-13, Heb 12:3, 1 Peter 3:21-22) and which Stephen himself saw, shortly before he was murdered (Acts 7:55-56).

But, *what* did Jesus Christ do when He ascended to heaven? And *what’s* He doing now? Well, as Paul said (in Heb 8:2), He’s a ‘minister of the sanctuary’ of the *true* Tabernacle *that’s in heaven*. But, in his letter to the Colossians, Paul also explains that Jesus Christ *spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it* (Col 2:15). The word ‘**spoiled**’ here means ***to divest wholly oneself***, or (for oneself) ***despoil*** (#554) and the word the words ‘**shew of them**’ means ***to exhibit*** (#1165) while the word ‘**triumphing**’ means ***to make an acclamatory procession***, i.e. (figuratively) ***to conquer*** or (by Hebraism) ***to give victory*** (#2358). In other words, when Jesus ascended to heaven, God ‘established’ (set up) Jesus’ throne (*and* priesthood) which means Jesus was given ***all*** power over ***all*** the heavenly ‘principalities and powers’ (i.e. Satan and all other fallen angels), which is literally what Jesus said shortly before He ascended to heaven (Mth 28:18). Further, in Heb 2:15, Paul also tells us that Jesus Christ’s death conquered Satan’s rebellion (who is called ‘death’). So, when Jesus Christ ascended up to heaven (after conquering death, on earth) He then was established (set up) on God’s throne (at the ‘right hand’), which means God gave Jesus ***all power in heaven and earth***. And Jesus is *still* in heaven (at God’s right hand) where He is now *interceding* for all those who faithfully come to God, *through faith in Jesus Christ* (Rom 8:26-27, 34, Heb 7:25). So, this 19th verse is actually

prophesying of how God' would 'set up' (establish) His throne in heaven *via Jesus Christ* as the High Priest (Ps 110:4; Heb 3:1, 5:10, 10:21, etc.) *and* the 'King of kings' (Rev 17:14; 19:16) *forevermore*. So, this 19th verse is not speaking of Yehovah's throne being 'established' (set up) in heaven (for it's been in heaven forever), but of how Jesus' throne would be established (set up) in heaven, so that it could also (later) be established *on earth*, which is why the latter part of verse 19 says '*His kingdom ruleth over all*'. Indeed, Jesus' kingdom **will be** over heaven *and* earth, when He returns to earth at His Second Advent (at the seventh trump, Rev 11:15).

But, Scriptures also tell us an important thing that *has* to happen before Jesus Christ returns to the earth, to take over His kingdom *on earth*. As Paul wrote, in Heb 10:12-13, after Jesus *had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God, He henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool*. So, while Jesus has taken dominion over heaven (for God has established, or 'set up' Jesus at the right hand of God's throne, which is in heaven), He's still there making intercession for us, who believe upon Him and 'call upon' God for help, in His name (John 14:13-14, John 15:17, John 16:23-26). However, Jesus is **also** waiting for His enemies (Satan and the fallen angels) to be 'made His footstool' (Ps 110:1; Heb 10:12-13). What does that mean? Well, as the study on the **Footstool Factor** [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/989>] explains, in Isa 66:1, the Lord (YHVH) Himself told us *heaven is His throne but earth is His footstool...* so that means Jesus is waiting to return to the earth until His enemies are sent to earth... which **will** happen, check it out...

7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

*9 And **the great dragon was cast out**, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: **he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him**.*

*10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: **for the accuser of our brethren is cast down**, which accused them before our God day and night.*

11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

*12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! **for the devil is come down unto you**, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.*

Rev 12:7-12

Yes, that 'great dragon' (who is also called the 'old serpent', the 'Devil' and 'Satan') *will* be cast out of heaven, to the earth, with his fallen angels. And *why*? Verse 9 tells us it's *to deceive the whole world*. However, Rev 13:8 explains that, this means all those on earth *whose names are*

not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. So, those who have the ‘seal of God’ [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/529>] (as Rev 7 speaks of) won’t be deceived. But, verse 8 (in Rev 12, above) also gives us a clue as to *why* Satan (and his fallen angels) are kicked out of heaven, to earth... neither was their place found any more in heaven. That means, once Satan (and his fallen angels) are kicked out of heaven, *they cannot go back*. In other words, *they are stuck, on earth*, until Jesus Christ returns (with His mighty angelic army), in which time *they’ll be gathered up* and put in prison (Isa 24:17-23; Rev 20:1-3) while everyone else (who is *not* already judged, as Satan and the fallen angels are, Ezek 28:19; Jude 6; 2 Pt 2:4) will also be gathered, but for the ‘judgment of Christ’ (Isa 24:17-23; Matt 13:40-42, 47-50, Matt 24:29-31, 25:31-46; Mark 13:24-27). You can learn more about (and get more documentation) these things in the following studies...

How Can Satan Deceive the Whole World <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/380>

Antichrist, Satan or Man <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/345>

#5 Appearance <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/440>

The Apostasy – Part 1 <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/499>

The Apostasy – Part 2 <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/500>

The Apostasy – Part 3 <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/501>

Psalms 103

20 Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

So, while David began this precious Psalm by calling on his ‘own soul’ to ‘bless’ the Lord (YHVH) for all His benefits (and then detailed many of them), he’s now ending this precious Psalm with a call for *others* to ‘bless’ the Lord (YHVH) *with him*. And, we already learned that to ‘bless’ the Lord (Yehovah, #3068) means *to kneel* or *bless God as an act of adoration* (#1288). So, this can mean anything from *praising* God, to *thanking* Him, to *sharing* the Gospel of Jesus Christ (His salvation, Ps 96:2) to *speaking of* the glory of His Kingdom, power, and mighty acts (Ps 145:11-12). However, what you might not know is that the word ‘**angel**’ doesn’t mean an angelic being with wings! Actually, it simply means *a messenger*, specifically, *of God*; and can even mean *a prophet, priest* or *teacher* – for those are *all* ‘messengers of God’, because they are people chosen to ‘speak’ for God (#4397). And, this word ‘angel’ comes from an unused root that means *to dispatch as a deputy*, which helps us to understand the meaning of an ‘angel’ of God. And truly, ‘angels’ are simple *people in the spiritual/heavenly dimension* who have, either *already* been to earth in a flesh body (and have gone back again) or, are waiting to be born into a flesh body. You can learn more about this (and get more documentation) in the studies below...

Spiritual and Material Dimensions <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/263>

Where Are All of the People That Have Died <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/323>

Where Did the People Go <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/340>

But, for a quick documentation on the fact that ‘angels’ are simply ‘people’ (like us) who are in the heavenly/spiritual dimension (and are sent, by God, to do ‘tasks’ on earth *at times*), consider what we’re told in the last book of the Bible...

8 And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things.

*9 Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: **for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.***

Rev 22:8-9

John was so overwhelmed at the ‘visions’ he had been shown that he fell down and began to worship *the ‘angel’* that had showed him ‘these things’. But notice that the ‘angel’ firmly prohibited John from doing so *because* he was not God! Instead, what did he say he was? A *fellow servant* and of *John’s brethren* who was a prophet! So, this ‘angel’ had been a prophet for God when he lived on earth and, while it is tempting to wonder ‘which one’, we’ll never know in this life time! But the point to our study is the fact that ‘angels’ are simply ‘messengers’ of God, i.e. they are God’s servants in the heavenly/spiritual realm who are sometimes sent to earth on ‘missions’ for God. The angel (Gabriel) who spoke to Zechariah, and Mary, was another such angel (Lk 1) who also had the duty to speak to Daniel about the ‘visions’ he saw too (Dan 8-9).

So, what this verse 20 (here in Ps 103) tells us is that, David is calling on God’s servants, in the heavenly/spiritual dimension, to also ‘bless’ the Lord (YHWH). Yet, David gives some qualifiers to *which* ‘angels’ he’s referring to. The word ‘**excel**’ here means *powerful* or even a *warrior* (#1368) and comes from a word that means *a valiant man*, or *warrior* (#1397). And the word ‘**strength**’ simply means *vigor* (force) (#3581). And then the word ‘**commandments**’ and the word ‘word’ (at the end of this verse 20) simply means *a word* (#1697) and comes from a word that means *to speak* (#1696). And the word ‘**harkening**’ means *to hear intelligently* (often with implication of *attention, obedience*, etc. #8085) while the word ‘**voice**’ does mean *voice* but can also mean *a sound* (#6963). So, David’s calling God’s ‘angel’ servants (in heaven) to ‘bless the Lord’ – but specifically calls those who are *powerful* warriors (for the Lord, YHWH) - you could even call them the ‘top officers’ in God’s ‘angelic army’ - who *obey* God’s Word and every ‘order’ our Heavenly Father gives them. But, just *who is* the ‘Word of God’? John 1:1 tells us the **Word IS God** and then verse 14 tells us that the ‘Word’ *was ‘made flesh’*. So, when David speaks of God’s ‘angels’ who harken to the ‘voice of His Word,’ that’s actually a reference to Jesus Christ Himself, for He IS ‘the Word’. To understand this better, check out the studies below...

Two Separate People <https://t.me/BibleStudyGodsWord/460>

Was Christ Here On Earth Before His Birth <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/485>

The Trinity <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/1013>

Psalm 103

21 Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

Here again David calls another group of ‘people’ to ‘bless the Lord’ (YHVH). The word ‘**hosts**’ here means **a mass of persons** (or figuratively, *things*), especially reg. **organized for war** (**an army**); by implication, **a campaign**, literally or figuratively (specifically, **hardship, worship**) (#6635). And the word ‘**ministers**’ means **to attend as a menial** (lowly servant) or **worshipper**; and, figuratively, it also means **to contribute to** (#8334). And the word ‘**pleasure**’ means **delight** (#7522). So, this group of ‘people’ is speaking of those who are ‘lower’ (in status and power) servants, than what verse 20 spoke of, but are *still* worshipers of the Lord (YHVH) *and* thus, still strive hard to ‘do’ God’s ‘pleasure’ (i.e. they strive to delight Him via obeying Him). And, while we on earth are certainly part of God’s army (2 Tim 2:3-4), we know from Jesus’ own mouth that He will return to earth with a *huge* army of ‘angels’, because He said it is *they* who will be *gathering up all people on earth* when He returns (Matt 24:31; Mark 13:27; Matt 13:41; Matt 13:49). 2 Thess 1:7 also tells us that Jesus will return with His ‘mighty angels’, and Jude 14 also tells us He’ll come with ‘ten thousands of his saints’ (i.e. thousands upon thousands of His saints). This ‘army of angels’ is made up of all of His children who are *faithful* to Him. So, it also includes everyone that has died (departed from this flesh body), believing in (and being faithful to) the Lord (YHVH) and Jesus Christ. And that’s *why* Paul said that, we who live on earth (when Jesus returns) cannot ‘prevent’ (go before) those who ‘are asleep’ (meaning, those who have already died). In other words, we cannot be gathered together to Jesus Christ (when He returns, <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/457>) *before* those who have *already* died... because they are *already* with Jesus Christ (since they have died and gone back to that heavenly/spiritual dimension, as Ecc 12:6-7 and 2 Cor 5 states). And thus, it’s they (who have already died) that return *with* Jesus Christ, when He comes back to rule the earth forevermore (1 Thess 4:15-17). So, your loved ones who have already died, but believed in Jesus Christ, will certainly be amongst Jesus’ ‘angelic army’ who return with Jesus Christ to gather up all people on earth! So, this group *could* be speaking of us on earth who serve the Lord (YHVH), but it could very well also be speaking of others in the heavenly/spiritual dimension where the Lord (YHVH) is.

Psalm 103

22 Bless the LORD, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul.

And now David makes what we might call a ‘*catch all call*’ to ‘bless the Lord’, which is why he again includes his ‘own soul’. The phrase ‘all His works’ means **all of His creation**, for the word ‘**works**’ means **an action, transaction, activity, product** or even **property** (#4639), which is why it’s also been rendered as ‘thing made’, ‘possession’ and ‘workmanship’ (Eph 2:10). As Rev 4:11 says: *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. And then, the word ‘**dominion**’ means a **realm** (#4475). So, while our Heavenly Father does have *full* control of things in heaven *and* earth, it’s *not until* Jesus Christ returns that He will ‘take back’ His earthly kingdom (from Satan, who ‘stole it’ when he rebelled) by ruling (via Jesus Christ) the earth Himself, as the book of Revelations declares...

*15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, **The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.***

16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,

*17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; **because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.***

18 And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.

Rev 11:15-18

So, in this last (22nd) verse (of Ps 103), David’s essentially calling on *all* people (in heaven and earth) – no matter their position, high or low – to ‘bless’ the Lord (YHVH) our God. Why? Because it’s prophetic of the return of Jesus Christ, when God will (via Jesus Christ) finally ‘taken unto Himself His great power’ and ‘reigned’ *on earth*, as Jesus Christ, forevermore (Rev 11:17). And, even though this will *not* make many people happy (Mth 7:21-25, 13:42, 50; Rev 11:18, 18:15,19, etc.), it will make many others *elated* (Isa 25:9, 35:1-4, 61:3, 6-11; Zech 9:9; Mal 4:2-3; Matt 5:10-12, 25:20-23; John 16:22; 1 Peter 4:13; Rev 18:20, 19:7-8, etc.). So, when Jesus Christ finally returns to earth – to take full dominion over the earth (and heaven) forever – we, who have remained faithful to Him, will indeed have much to ‘bless the Lord’ for! And that’s *why* this precious Psalm’s title/subject is ‘The Coming Kingdom’. For it truly *looks forward* to the *many* ‘blessings’ that the ‘overcomers’ (via Jesus Christ) will be giving our Heavenly Father, when our dear Savior (Jesus Christ) returns to punish the wicked and save the righteous, which are His faithful servants...

*9 After this I beheld, and, lo, **a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues,** stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;*

10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

*11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, **and worshipped God,***

12 *Saying, Amen: **Blessing**, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.*

13 *And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?*

14 *And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, **These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.***

15 *Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.*

16 *They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.*

17 *For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters; and God **shall** wipe away all tears from their eyes.*

Rev 7:9-17

AMEN.