

## FROM THE MANGER TO THE THRONE (Part 3)

*If Jesus is still on the throne why am I still in the stable?*

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Part 3

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### I.) Why did Jesus leave the Throne in Heaven to come here before returning?

**Hebrews 12:2 (NIV)** <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

### II.) Today, as when Jesus walked the earth, “Kingdom” is misunderstood. What is the problem?

(1) F \_\_\_\_\_ expectations.

**John 18: 36-37 (NLT)** <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, “My Kingdom is not an earthly kingdom. If it were, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish leaders. But my Kingdom is not of this world.” <sup>37</sup> Pilate said, “So you are a king?” Jesus responded, “You say I am a king. Actually, I was born and came into the world to testify to the truth. All who love the truth recognize that what I say is true.”

(2) F \_\_\_\_\_ comforts.

**I Timothy 6:6-10 (NLT)** <sup>6</sup> Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. <sup>7</sup> After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. <sup>8</sup> So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content. <sup>9</sup> But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.

(3) F \_\_\_\_\_ efforts

### III.) From the Throne Jesus wants us to experience the true purpose of “Kingdom”!

(1) To walk in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
no matter what the circumstances.

**Philippians 4:6-7 (NKJ)** <sup>6</sup> Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; <sup>7</sup> and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

(2) To become more like \_\_\_\_\_ which is our eternal legacy.

### Romans 8

(3) To \_\_\_\_\_ people to experience His Kingdom now and eternally.

**I John 4:17-18 (NIV)** <sup>17</sup> This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

**Application: Let's practice being an expression of God's Kingdom to others this Holiday Season.**