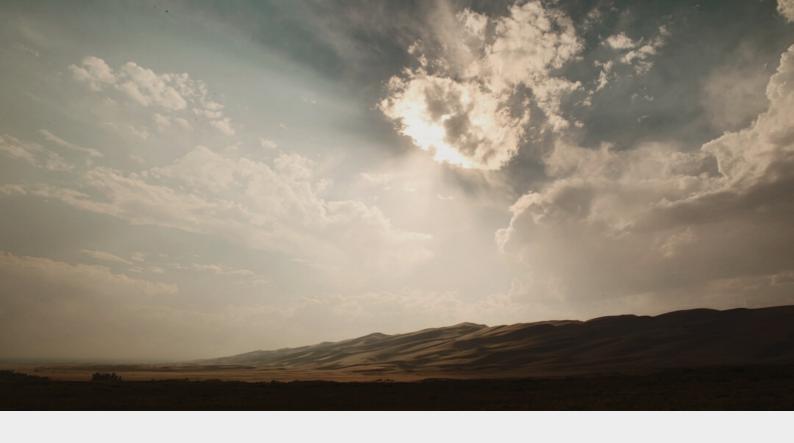
## THE SAINTS RULING IN THE MILLERIAL KINGLON

**REVELATION 20:4-6** 



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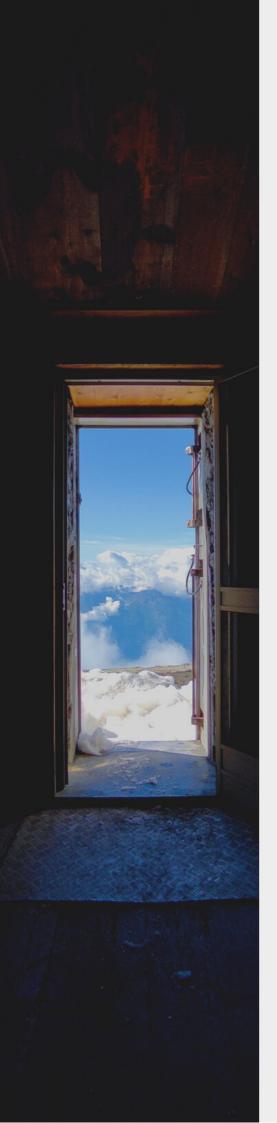


Many of us would have prayed this prayer before, "Your Kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." (Matt. 6:10). In general, the Gentile Church understands the coming of God's kingdom as spiritual, but this is also about the literal kingdom of God that is coming.

Jesus will return and establish His kingdom here on earth. During the Millennial Kingdom, the kingdom of God and His glory will be openly manifest worldwide. It will affect every sphere of life in every nation — government, social, agriculture, economic, education, law and justice, family, media, etc. The increase of God's government and glory over the earth and nations will be progressive (Isa. 9:7; 11:9; Hab. 2:14; Zech. 6:12; Jer. 23:5–6; 33:15).

THE PURPOSE OF THE 1000-YEAR MILLENNIAL KINGDOM IS FOR JESUS, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SAINTS, TO PREPARE THE EARTH AND DISCIPLE THE NATIONS TO BE READY FOR THE FATHER TO COME.

You see, the eternal plan and desire of the Father is to come and dwell with men on the earth (2 Cor. 6:16; Rev. 21:3). But He cannot do so unless the earth is fully prepared and mankind fully discipled. If not, we simply would not be able to bear His holiness and glory when He comes.



When we understand the purpose of the Millennial Kingdom, it will give us a powerful insight into the role of the saints in the Millennial Kingdom. We are partnering with Jesus to prepare the earth for the Father to come down and dwell with us forever!

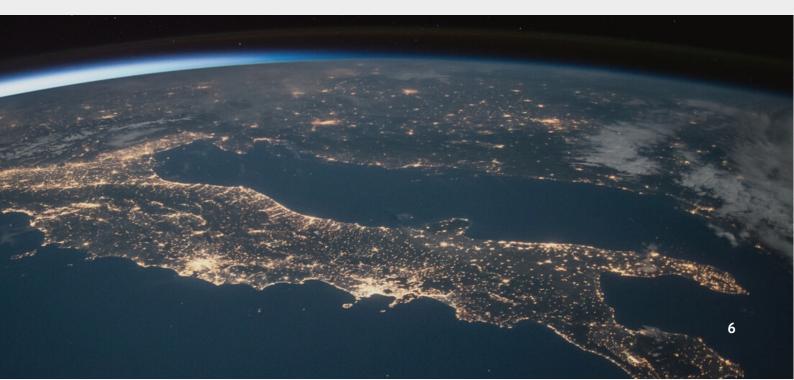
There are **four requirements** to be fulfilled before the Father can do so:



- 1. All sins and evil have to be removed from the earth (2 Pet. 3:10–13).
- 2. The earth has to be restored to the condition of the Garden of Eden (Isa. 11:6-9; Isa. 35).
- 3. All the nations have to be fully discipled (Matt. 28:18–20).
- 4. All nations, kings and people have to be in a covenantal relationship with the Father, and together with Jesus, they have to invite Him to come.

The Great Commission in Matthew 28 is tied in closely with God's purpose for the Millennial Kingdom, to prepare the nations for the Father to come. Many believers and even mission movements use the terms "Great Commission" and "the witness of the gospel of the kingdom" in Matthew 24:14 interchangeably, but they are two different mandates.

Matthew 24:14 is Jesus' requirement for the gospel of the kingdom to be preached as a witness to all nations (ethnic groups) before He returns.



The Great Commission in Matthew 28 is about teaching **all the nations** to observe all things that Jesus has commanded.

This is Jesus' call to fully disciple all the nations. If this comes to pass, 100% of the nations will follow Jesus, and they will do it 100% the way of God with 100% obedience.

The nations will walk in righteousness and total obedience to Jesus. Every sphere of society will be discipled in the way of God. Completion of the Great Commission means that every nation here on earth has to be fully discipled, and every institution fully obeys and follows the ways of God!

We have to obey the Great Commission now, but its fullness will not be attained until the end of the Millennial Kingdom. The different spheres of society and culture, commonly termed "the seven mountains", will not be fully taken or transformed in this age, but only in the Millennial Kingdom. But as His Ekklesia, we will assert the kingdom of God on the earth in a specific manner or place as and when the Holy Spirit reveals and directs us.

How do the saints with resurrected bodies partner with Jesus during the Millennial Kingdom? They have two primary functions or offices — kings and priests (Rev. 1:5–6; 20:4–6; Matt. 19:28; 20:21–23; 25:23; Lk. 19:17–19; 22:29–30; 1 Cor. 6:2–3; 2 Tim. 2:12; Rom. 8:17; Dan. 7:18,22,27).

The priests have three primary roles:

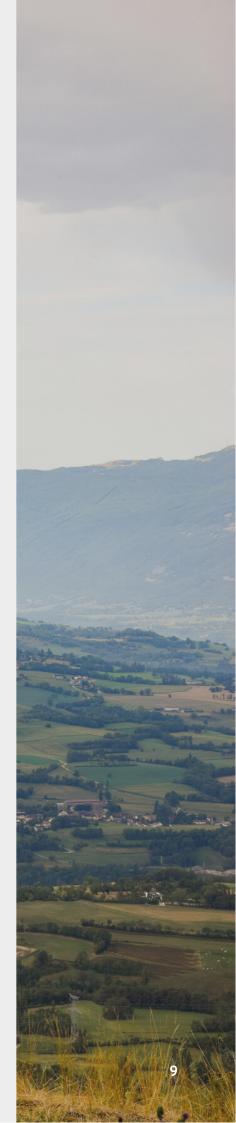
- 1. Worship
- 2. Intercede
- 3. Communicate the knowledge of God they will teach people about God, and they will disciple the nations.

## The kings have three main roles:

1. To judge, evaluate and give rewards (1 Cor. 6:2-3; Matt. 19:28; Lk.22:29-30)

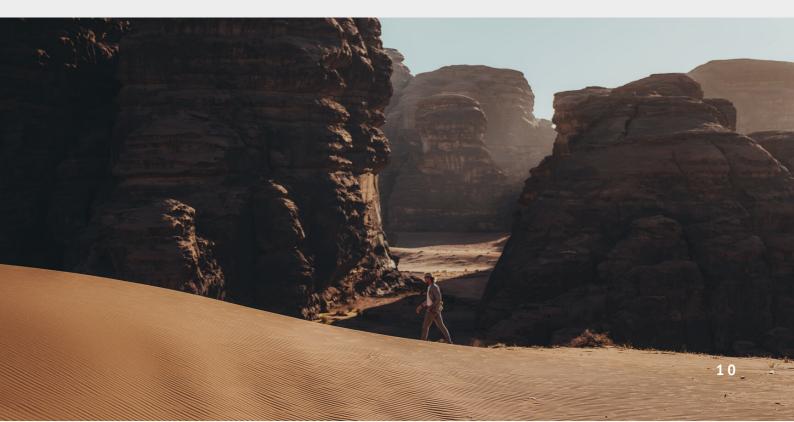
The kings with resurrected bodies will be evaluated by the Lord at the time of rapture. They will go to their designated nations and cities to judge, evaluate and give rewards to the people with natural bodies.

- 2. To appoint and train people for various tasks (Jer.30:21; Ezek. 45:8-9).
- 3. To administer and execute action plans (Isa. 24:23; 32:1) The saints will partner with Jesus to set in order and make real decisions that impact the lives of others.



Revelation 1:5–6 tells us that there will be two types of kings, kings with **resurrected bodies** (Rev. 1:6) and **the kings of the earth**, those with **natural bodies** (Rev. 1:5; Ps. 48:4–6; Isa. 66:19; Zech. 14:16). The kings in resurrected bodies will appoint and work in partnership with the kings with natural bodies.

The saints will have **four specific tasks** to fulfil in the Millennial Kingdom:



1. Rebuild cities and infrastructure in nations (Isa. 61:4; 65:21-22; Jer. 1:10)

Many places will have been destroyed by the seals, trumpets and bowls. Hence there will be a rebuilding of cities and infrastructure.

- 2. Restore agriculture, atmosphere, animal life back to the condition of the Garden of Eden (Isa. 2:1-4; 9:6-7; 11:1-16; 35; 51:1-11; 60-62; 65:17-25)
- 3. Restructure the economic system from the Babylonian system to an economic system that is fully aligned with God

4. Re-establish the justice system and governmental structure (Isa. 9:7; 11:3-5; 28:17; 32:16; 42:1-4)

Not every believer will be given governmental leadership in the Millennial Kingdom. The Bible is clear that only those found worthy will be given authority to rule and reign together with Jesus (2 Thes. 1:11–12). Matthew 22:14 tells us that many are called, but few are chosen. The invitation is given to all, but the sobering truth is that at the end of the day, very few are counted worthy.

The issue is whether we carry our hearts well enough through our lives here on earth to be qualified for authority and leadership in the kingdom of God. We have to find out what really matters and set our hearts to become the kind of people that God is looking for.

There are four criteria in order to be qualified for governmental leadership:

1. OVERCOME (REV. 2:26-27; 3:21; 2 TIM. 2:12)

When we face trials, tests and temptations, do we quit, or do we persevere and overcome? Overcoming is not only during the Great Tribulation, but it starts now.

God is using our life on earth to prepare us for our eternal calling. Romans 5:1–5 tells us that when we face suffering and tribulation, rejoice because there is that glory of God that is coming. Suffering will produce perseverance, character, and, ultimately, the hope of the eternal glory of God.

So let's start now. When we face trials, press in and ask God for grace to overcome!

## 2. BE FAITHFUL (MATT. 25:21–23)

We have to be faithful with our time, money, giftings, talents, calling and even our speech. When we are faithful with little, God will reward us with much (Matt. 25:21–23).

3. OBEDIENCE AND SERVANTHOOD (MATT. 19:28; LK. 22:24-30)

4. MEEKNESS (MATT. 5:5; PS. 37:9-11)

Meekness is very important to God. The meek shall inherit the earth. That is why David was given the city of Jerusalem, and Jesus will literally inherit the whole earth.



In the end, the ones chosen or commissioned are the faithful who are proven and consistent in meek obedience under the varied pressures and tests of opportunity, temptation and resistance.

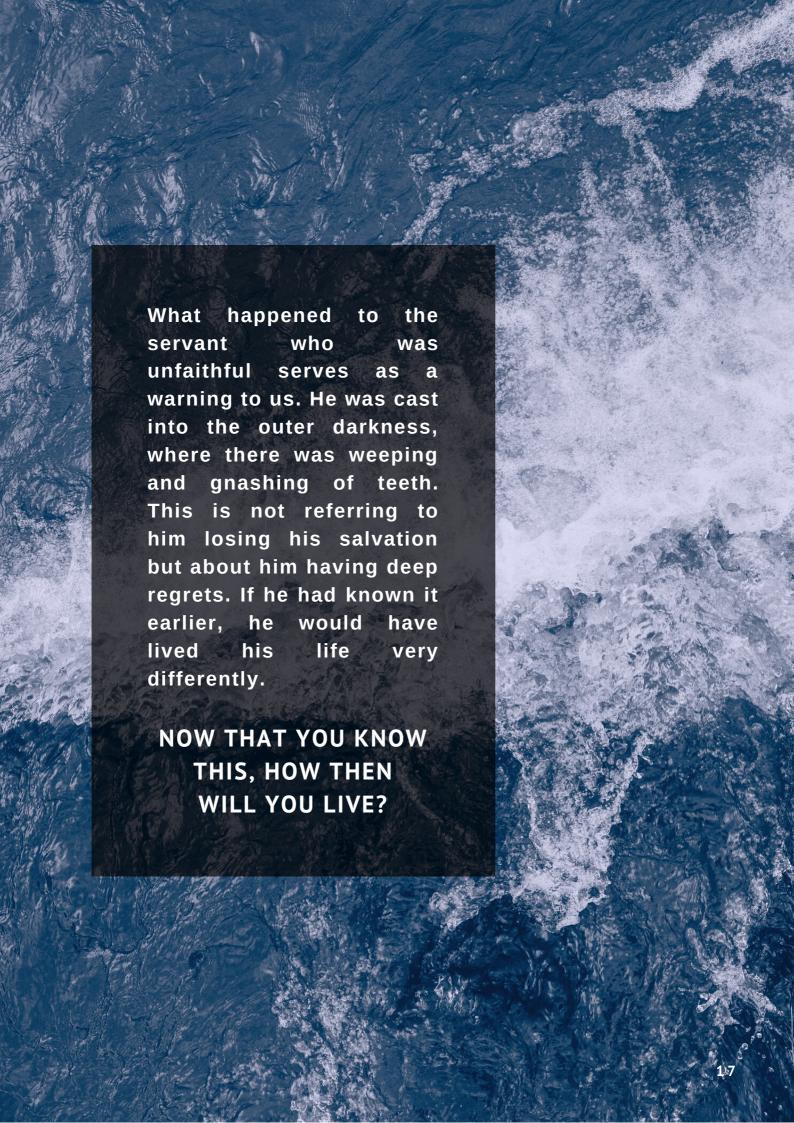
Let's end with two correct perspectives of kingdom leadership.

Firstly, our primary calling is not in this age. It is in the Millennial Kingdom and in eternity. Life in this age can be likened to a 70-year internship which prepares us for our life and assignments in the next 1000 years and beyond!



Secondly, kingdom leadership is about the joy of ruling and reigning with Jesus.

Remember that the master in the Parable of the Talents made the faithful servants rulers and invited them into the joy of their lord. Kingdom leadership is not about lording over people. Nor is it for your personal glory or honour. It is about working closely with the Person you love!





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