

Prayer is key to thought transformation

Laodicea
Kingdom Incentive

Motivation:

You will sit with me on my throne:

Revelation 3:12-13 (NABRE)
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JESUS CHRIST'S PURPOSE in revelation 3:12-13 is to **challenge** the believer with the reality that **he may come back at any time**.
He could come today, tonight, tomorrow.

Do you live with a sense of urgency?

Is the challenge affecting you in a personal level?

Revelation 3:14 (NABRE)
14 **Behold, I am coming quickly!**

The question is **are we ready?** not simply in the chronological sense of preparing one's self to look at Jesus Christ, but whether or not our identity is secure.

That is important, the most important decision that we will ever make in this life. As that instant we not only have eternal life but we are adopted into the royal family of God through a personal faith in Jesus Christ, and we have some spiritual inheritance.

After that however, there is a process of growth that takes place, where we grow in spiritual maturity.

But it is not just for the fact of growing to spiritual maturity, **it is that we are in training for a future role and responsibility**, and this is what we are emphasized in these three verses passages, at the end of each of these evaluation reports in the seven churches.

In this particular evaluation report it is indicated by the use of this word **"throne"** in that **if we are overcomers then we will be granted a special privilege and position to sit with the Lord Jesus Christ on His throne.**

As the throne that position with the Father, or not too will share in that position with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Two Thrones:

The first Throne is the Lord Jesus Christ's

The second throne mentioned is that of the Father, the first person of the Trinity.

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WHAT IS THE BIBLICAL CONCEPT OF THE THRONE?

The image of the throne is used throughout the Scripture to denote authority, power, majesty and splendor.

Biblical references to the throne commonly emphasize not the physical throne itself but the authority and power of the king, the royal power and authority that is inherent in that position.

Thus, a reference to the throne is a reference to the power and authority of the one sitting on the throne himself.

So the Father sits on the throne because He is the one who has the power and the authority to rule over all creation.

He is the ultimate sovereign over all things.

But the Lord Jesus Christ is destined to sit on His throne.

His throne will be identical, like the Father's throne.

He does not take His position on that throne until He returns at the Second Coming.

It is at that time that he takes some of Jesus Christ's power and authority given Him by the Father in full compliance with the 1000 years.

This throne of the Lord Jesus Christ derives from an Old Testament promise, referred to as the Davidic covenant.

David was the first great king of Israel, the king over all 12 tribes, and God blessed him greatly despite his failures in life, due to his humanity.

God gave David a special covenant, a special promise, promising David that a descendant from him would sit on an **eternal throne** governing over the kingdom of Israel.

The Davidic covenant:

The following references are the foundation for the throne of Jesus Christ

The humanity and the deity of the Messiah the Lord Jesus Christ

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THIS IS IMPORTANT FOR UNDERSTANDING THE ENTIRE CONCEPT OF OUR INHERITANCE AND REWARDS.

These incentive passages are emphasizing the fact that there are incentives for the believers to overcome this world's thought system.