

REIGN WITH JESUS

FASTING 2025

The expression "It's over, it's over, it's over, it is done" reminds us that everything has an end, a conclusion. So it will be with our lives and with the present era. Both our individual existence and the history of the world, as we know it, are moving toward a point at which Jesus will return to establish His definitive Kingdom on earth. As believers, the time that we are given here is meant to teach us to submit to His authority, preparing ourselves to reign with Him when it is all over.

I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever."

Revelation 21:3-4 NLT

This is a hopeful vision of God's future Kingdom, where there will be no more suffering, death, or pain. However, this promise is only for those who have already recognized Jesus as King in their hearts. This means that now is the time to master our hearts and submit our will to His rule, establishing His Kingdom in our daily lives.

Dominion and Reign: An Internal Process

Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground."

Genesis 1:26 NLT

God gives us authority to govern over creation, but not over other human beings. This authority must begin by dominating our own hearts. Mark 7:21-22 warns us that it is from the heart that evil arises. By subduing our corrupt desires, we create space for the Kingdom of God to flourish within us. It is a process of dethroning idols and establishing Jesus as the rightful King. Just as the plagues of Egypt dethroned false gods, we must dethrone anything that prevents us from fully trusting God.

Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 NLT

Sin acts as a false king, attempting to rule our thoughts and actions. To inherit the Kingdom of God, we must be radical in eliminating all sin that seeks to reign over us. Those who practice sin will not inherit the Kingdom. This is an urgent call to rectify our lives and submit completely to Jesus.

Living in this world, we are in a continuous process of preparation for eternity. The opportunity to learn to submit now enables us to reign with Christ in His coming Kingdom. Time is finite, and soon we will hear, that "It's over, it's over, it's over" in our lives. May each of our actions and decisions be focused on establishing His Kingdom in our hearts, ensuring a place in the glorious future that God has promised to those who love Him and trust Him fully. Let us live in such a way that the Kingdom of God is manifested in us, becoming precursor torches of the coming Kingdom that Christ will definitively establish on earth.

Application

Spiritual Self-Assessment: Reflect on who or what is the "king" governing your life. Is it Jesus, or are there sins and idols that need to be dethroned? Identify specific areas that need to change and surrender them to God.

Spiritual Discipline: Practice spiritual disciplines such as Bible study, prayer, and fasting to strengthen your relationship with God and gain the power needed to overcome areas dominated by sin.

Reflection

What areas of my life have I yet to submit to King Jesus? What actions can I take today to ensure that my life is aligned with the Kingdom of God?