Eternal Kingship of Christ Part 2
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This is part 2 of the eternal kingship of Christ by Dr. Charles Lee Feinberg of Talbot theological seminary. Part 2. [Inaudible]. On this important subject we have already seen the kingship promised as the title for all of the Old Testament. Over the New Testament gospels, Matthew mark Luke and John, we may well place the title the kingship presented. This covers the gospels on this important theme, the eternal kingship of Christ. God did not allow the promises of the Old Testament to go unfulfilled. In the fullness of time, the king came to earth. We read that he came to his land, his throne, his kingdom. That’s the meaning of John 1:11. He came to his own things, and they who were his own, his own people received him not. So in the fullness of time, at the time appointed, this king Jesus of Nazareth, the lord Jesus Christ came to his own land, his throne, his kingdom, his right to rule. And we read in Matthew 1:1 an amazing statement. The book of the generation, or the book of the genealogy, the book of the family tree of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham. Now if Matthew did not do this intentionally, he has made a very serious error in chronology. Because David lived 1000 years after Abraham. But there’s the reason that he mentions David before Abraham. because he will not allow us to go out of the first chapter of Matthew and the first verse before Matthew tells us by the spirit of God with a voice of thunder that god has not forgotten his promise to David concerning the eternal kingship of the son of David. Therefore we read Jesus Christ, son of David, the son of Abraham. And you also note it in Matthew chapter 2 verses 2 and 6, there is a word concerning Jesus being born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king. And when he was so born, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem saying where is he that is born king of the Jews. Notice that. Not where is
he that's born savior of the world. Not he who is born the great coming ruler of the universe. But where is he that is born king of the Jews? And in verse 6, herod was pointed to Bethlehem land of Judah. Where out of her would come forth a governor who was to be shepherd of god's people Israel. So the kingship is manifestly being presented. He presented himself as king. And he offered a kingdom. It’s proofed by the words of john the Baptist in chapter 3 verse 2. This is what he begins to preach in the wilderness of Judea. Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. There’s a kingdom being preached. The kingdom of heaven is at hand. And then our lord himself in Matthew 4 verse 17 from that time began Jesus to preach and saying repent ye for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. And then when our lord Jesus sent out the 12 disciples. Its indicated in Matthew 10 verse 7. And as you go, preach saying the kingdom of heaven is at hand. In every single instance, it is indicated that there is a kingdom imminent. A kingdom is being offered. Now a king will not rule over a kingdom without having laws and regulations for an orderly society. And that also is found in Matthew chapter 5 6 and 7 in what's generally known as the Sermon on the Mount. Here’s the king coming, presenting himself as king, offering a kingdom. Enunciating and promulgating laws of the kingdom. And mark you, he was rejected in his kingly offer. Not just as religious leader. Not as a rabbi in Israel. No. not as some great liberator of the nation from some area of physical or spiritual agony or oppression. Hear it in john's gospel. The 19th chapter verse 14 and 15 we read, now it was the preparation of the Passover, it was about the 6th hour. And he this is palate saith unto the Jews behold your king. They therefore cried out away with him away with him. Crucify him. pilate saith unto them shall I crucify your king? The chief priest answered, we have no king but Caesar. You see the whole matter is one relating to a kingly offer. And the very accusation over his head on the cross was made to bear out his claim and his presentation of himself as king. Remember how Pilate wrote a
title, John 19:19. Also put it on the cross. And there was written, Jesus of Nazareth the king of the Jews. And of course when they read it, the Jews would not suffer it to be so. Written in Hebrew Latin and Greek. And they said don't write the king of the Jews but that he said I’m king of the Jews. And Pilate and having been pushed to the extreme, vacillating Pilate, finally found his voice and said what I have written, I have written. Yes, the very accusation over his head on the cross was made to bear his claim and his presentation of himself as king. And the lord god did not allow that claim to be toned down. It must stand in all its true force. For when they would have Pilate change it he said I will not change one single syllable. Furthermore the reception of the offer of the kingdom, and the king as well brought out in Matthew’s gospel in chapter 22:1 to 7 in the area of the feast that the king made for his son and the invitation went out, and the manner of its rejection is so clearly indicated there. So unquestionably, Jesus Christ came as the promised king. That’s why we say over the gospels should be the title of kingship presented. He came as that promised king and offered the predicted kingdom. It was on May 17, 1927 that the associated press from Madrid carried an item of news relative to king Alfonzo III. That date happened to be a Tuesday, and the king was celebrating his 25th anniversary of his coronation as king of Spain. That same day was his 41st birthday since he was born on May 17, 1886. 5 months after the death of his father. He had been a king longer than any other monarch then living. Because king Alfonzo III was born a king, although he was not crowned until his 16th birthday. He was born after his father had died, so he was born a king. Now men may claim to be born as kings, and in their limited sense it is true. But how much more true of the lord Jesus Christ, god’s king. Yes. The kingship was presented. Now the third division of this important subject, the eternal kingship of Christ is not only the kingship promised, the kingship presented, but now the third place the kingship postponed. Now in a very real sense, in god’s reckoning
nothing is postponed. He sees all things, the end from the beginning. But as far as Israel was concerned, as far as they're entering into the wonderful reign of their messiah. It was postponed just as the entrance into the land of Canaan was postponed by the rebellion of people of Israel at Kadesh barnea and they wondered for 40 years in the wilderness. Now let's look at the kingship postponed. You may place if you will over the books acts through Jude the title the kingship postponed. When the king Jesus of Nazareth was rejected in his rightful claims, you and I must remember the fault was not with the promise of the kingdom. It was valid. The fault was not with the promisor of the kingdom. God did not promise something that was without the range of his authority. Nothing wrong with the promisor. Nor was there one iodor [sp?] wrong with the promised king. Jesus of Nazareth lived up to every qualification. Every prerequisite. Now since these conditions are true, no fault with the promise, no fault with the promisor. No fault with the promised king. That being true does it seem reasonable that god would allow this promise to be nullified and go unfulfilled. Well the scriptures have the answer. They answered clearly, unmistakably in the negative. God will not allow those promises to be nullified. The kingdom was postponed. Just as really as it was to be set up. Yes. Just as really it was postponed. Just as really as it had been previously offered and would have been set up upon their acceptance of him. Now you say how could that be? How could it be set up and Calvary become a fact of history. That’s an important item. And were going to be dealing with it in just a moment of time. In Luke 19 verse 11 we have a wonderful parable that we call a postponement parable. A parable of the postponement of the kingdom. Hear it. Luke 19:11 and 12. And as they heard these things the disciples of our lord he our lord Jesus added and space a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they, his disciples, supposed that the kingdom of God should immediately to appear. Notice the emphasis. They thought the kingdom he was offering was
immediately to appear. He said therefore a certain nobleman went into a far country. There is
going to be a period of a lapse of time. A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for
himself a kingdom and to return. That passage my friends shows that the kingdom was not to be
set up because of the rejection of the king. It was to be an abeyance until his return. Well you say
what about that offer of the kingdom in the light of Calvary? If they had accepted him, would
that not have bypassed Calvary? No. god knew that also. God gave a valid test to Adam and eve
not to eat of the tree in the garden in the same time that god knew they would fall and disobey.
How do we know that god knew they would fall? Because he has already provided a lamb slain
from before the foundation of the world. And it’s in Daniel’s great prophecy that we do see in
close proximity the offer of the kingdom and Calvary at the same time. Notice Daniel 9 verse 26.
We read and after the threescore and two, that’s 62 weeks, 62 periods of 7 years each, shall the
anointed one, that's Messiah, be cut off. That’s Calvary. Calvary. It was foretold that Calvary
would come to pass. And shall have nothing aim low. What was it of which the lord Jesus had
nothing when he was cut off out of the land of the living? What was it that he had nothing of?
You cannot say that he had nothing of followers. Oh yes he had some. He didn't have the whole
nation. But he had those 12 disciples. He had Mary, Martha, Mary Magdalene. He had others.
You cannot say he had nothing. You cannot say that he had nothing of attestation from god the
father. Because more than once god the father said this is my beloved son in whom I am well
pleased. Hear ye him. What was it in his first coming of which he had nothing. He had nothing of
that kingdom. Because it was postponed. Now other scriptures confirm this. In Luke 1:32 to 33
we read that the angel Gabriel came to announce to the Virgin Mary concerning a blessed one to
come through her this highly favored one. Highly favored of the lord. This handmaid of the lord.
And listen to what the angel Gabriel has to say to her. He says in verse 31 in Luke 1 and behold
thou shalt conceive in thy womb and bring forth a son and shall call his name Jesus. He shall be great and shall be son of the most high. And the lord god shall give unto him the throne of his father David. And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever. And of his kingdom there shall be no end. Notice where he is to sit on the throne of his father David. Would you say that he seated on the throne of his father David? Not according to revelation 3:21. Because we have the promise there to the overcomer, to the believer by faith. He overcomes the world by faith. To the overcomer I will give to sit with me in my throne even as I have overcome and am sat down in my father's throne. It is unmistakable that Christ is not now seated on his own throne but rather seated not on the Davidic throne. But seated on the throne of god the father. Well someone may say that's the only throne he'll ever sit upon. Not really. Matthew 25:31 tells us an altogether different truth. But when the son of man, Matthew 25:31. But when the son of man shall come in his glory. he's preparing now to judge the nations for their treatment of his brethren but when the son of man shall come in his glory and all the angels with him, then shall he sit notice where, on the throne of his glory. Not the father's glory, but his own glory. And notice in the epistle of the Hebrews, an open letter to the Jews. They were expecting a king on David’s throne. Yet they had rejected him and the person of Jesus of Nazareth so god writing to the Jews in chapter 1 verse 3 points out that though he should be seated on David’s throne, he's seated at the right hand of the majesty on high after he made purification for our sins. In Hebrews 8:1, the same blessed truth is being brought out that up in the heavens there is a ministry. Not only a ministry but a tabernacle. Yes. Now in the things which we are saying the chief point is this. We have a such a high priest who sat down on the right hand of the throne of the majesty in the heavens. Notice where he is. The right hand of the throne of the majesty and the heavens. The very same truth as psalm 110:1. The lord god the father said unto my lord god the son. Sit thou at my right hand until I make
thine enemies thy footstool. What is he doing at the right hand? A minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the lord pitched not man. That’s in Hebrews 8:1. You need only to turn over another page of that remarkable epistle to the Hebrews. And in Hebrews 10:12 we read concerning this same one by which will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ. Once for all and this blessed one, what is he doing now? He is waiting until his enemies are made his footstool. Look at verse 12. But he when he had offered one sacrifice, one sacrifice for sins forever sat down on the right hand of god. Henceforth expecting, awaiting, until his enemies be made the footstool of his feet. Words reminiscent of Psalm 110 verse 1 and 2. And then in chapter 12 of this great epistle. verses 1 and 2 Therefore let us also see we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and perfecter, the finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame. Where is he now? He hath sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Oh yes. By each mention the sacred writer is pointing out that Christ is seated elsewhere than his earthly Davidic throne. The kingship, mind you, is postponed. That great preacher JH Jowett said when the emperor of Germany dismissed his great counselor, the iron chancellor he was called, Bismarck. Punch in England had a cartoon [inaudible] representing a great liner. Bismarck was just leaving the vessel while the haughty emperor was watching the departed guide, this departing guide with proud self-satisfaction. And the cartoon was entitled. Dropping the pilot. Said Jowett that cartoon represents experiences in my own life. But instead of a fallible statesman, I’ve dismissed the infallible god. I’ve dropped the eternal pilot. I’ve called itself dependence. And with a great show of courtesy, I’ve bowed my lord out of the boot. And I’ve taken the helm into my own hands, and steered by my own councils. And the end
has always been sorrow and misery and loss and woe. So it was with Israel. When they rejected
the king, they dropped the eternal king and the kingdom was postponed. But you know as well as
I that our bible does not end with the epistle of Jude. We find kingship perfected or performed in
the book of the revelation. Despite all views and news and blues to the contrary, Christ the lord
Jesus Christ will yet be the eternal king. And all the promises of the kingdom and his kingship
will be fulfilled and perfected forevermore. The scriptures are crystal clear on this phase of the
truth that's now under consideration. Psalm 2, yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.
The king of glory who is to come in. the lord almighty. The lord of hosts. Psalm 24, who is that?
That’s the lord of hosts. The victorious one. The lord Jesus Christ. Psalm 45. The epistle of the
Hebrews tells us that that passage, thy throne o lord is forever and ever is of him. He’s the
eternal king. And so we could go on. And psalm 72. His enemies are going to lick the dust.
Kings of Sheba and seba shall bring gifts. All nations shall bow down before him. Yes. The king
at god's right hand shall strike through many nations in many lands and be victorious over many
kings. He is the stone of Daniel 2:44 and 45 that smites the image on the feat and all of that
colossus becomes as the chaff of the summer threshing floor. And it is blown away. But that
stone cut out without hands becomes a great mountainous, a great kingdom which will never
pass away. That’s the kingdom of our lord Jesus Christ. He receives a kingdom which shall
endure forever, as we find it in the judgement seed of Daniel 7:13 and 14. One like the son of
man comes unto the ancient of days. And he makes an end of all earthly rule, whether
Babylonian, medo Persian, gretation [sp?], or roman. At the time of the roman imperial power,
reinstituted in the end times, he will make an end of it and his will be the kingdom. His dominion
shall be from sea to sea. From the river to the ends of the earth. Zechariah 9:9 and 10 when he
has had all things put under his feet he shall deliver up the kingdom to the father. And god, father
son and Holy Spirit shall be all and in all. 1 Corinthians 15, 24 to 28. That one who became obedient unto the death of the cross is going to be exalted and higher than all because gods given him a name above every name. The name of Jesus that every knee is going to bow. Things in heaven, earth, unto the earth. Every tongue is going to confess that Jesus Christ is lord to the glory of god the father. When he does come in that glorious day, revelation 19:60. King of kings and lord of lords. Hallelujah. Hallelujah forever and ever and ever. The occasion has often been told when one of Queen Victoria’s chaplains and preaching before her at Windsor castle had made the second coming of our lord the subject of his message. After the service, the queen always a most attentive listener spoke to him on the topic he had chosen and said oh how I wish the lord might come during my lifetime. The preacher asked her why does your majesty feel this very earnest desire. The queen a very godly child of the lord replied with quivering lips, her whole countenance lighted with deep emotion. She said I should so long to lay my crown at his feet. There is but one rightful eternal king. The lord Jesus Christ and the lord god almighty is committed to the program of setting him on his rightful throne. The eternal kingship of the lord Jesus Christ been promised presented postponed, but it will yet be performed and perfected. Notice how our wonderful hymnology gives that to us. Crowned him with many crowns. The lamb upon his throne. Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake my soul and sing of him who died for thee. And hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity. Jesus shall reign where’re the sun does its successive journeys run his kingdom stretch from shore to shore till moon shall wax and wane no more. All hail the power of Jesus name. Let angel’s prostrate fall. Bring forth that royal diadem, it belongs to him. He’s the rightful eternal king. Bring forth that royal diadem and crown him king lord of all. Yes. He who had the agony shall have the acclaim. He who had the blood shall have the blessing. He who had the cross shall
have the crown. He who had the death will have the delight. He who had the gore will have the glory. The one who endured the judgement will have the joy. The one who suffered misery will wear the majesty. He who endured ridicule will have the reign. He who had all the suffering will have the satisfaction. And he who had the thorns will have the eternal throne. Bless God our Lord Jesus will reign forever and ever. According to the word of God and the sure promise of the living God. Hallelujah.