

Millennial Roles

Good Teachers

In reading about death, the thought of “what happens next” crossed my mind. We have discussed from time to time, the coming Millennial Reign of our Lord Jesus upon His return to Earth, and what our roles will be. We learn in the Book of Revelation that we will become kings and priests and we shall reign on the Earth.

Revelation 5:10- “And did make us unto our God kings and priests; and we shall reign on the earth.” **(Revelation 1:6)**

By this scripture alone, I again scratch my head and wonder how folks miss that and replace it to float off to heaven. But does that mean we sit around on thrones and occasionally hand out tracts in parking lots? I hardly think so.

Each of us who are blessed to have fulfilled our creation purpose according to God’s will, who remain alive at His return or those asleep in their graves will be resurrected at the sound of the seventh trump and rise from the dead to meet Christ in the air.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52- “Behold, I show you a mystery: we shall not all fall asleep, but we shall all be changed, In an instant, in *the* twinkling of an eye, at the

last trumpet; for *the* trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”

1 Thessalonians 4:15-18- “For this we say to you by *the* Word of *the* Lord, that we who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall in no wise precede those who have fallen asleep, Because the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with *a* shout of command, with *the* voice of an archangel and with *the* trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first; Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in *the* clouds for *the* meeting with the Lord in *the* air; and so shall we always be with *the* Lord. Therefore, encourage one another with these words.”

Again, it would seem a little hard and maybe a little redundant to be called from one’s grave if you are already walking the streets of gold. This is probably the scenario the lazy folks of “churchianity” are hoping for. But we know there will be much work to be done.

We know that at the onset of the Millennial Reign, Jesus Christ will establish His authority first.

Revelation 11:15- “Then the seventh angel sounded *his* trumpet; and *there* were great voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdoms of this world have become *the* *kingdoms* of our Lord and His Christ, and He shall reign into the ages of eternity.”

Christ's judgments of the nations shall begin.

Isaiah 2:3-4- "And many people shall go and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. And He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the Word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And He shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

In our roles as a king, we will rule under Jesus Christ, the King of kings. Under His rule, we will enforce God's law here on the Earth.

1 Corinthians 6:2-3- "Don't you know that the saints shall judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you unworthy of the most trivial of judgments? Don't you know that we shall judge angels? How much more then *the* things of this life? That word "judge" also carries with it the meaning "to manage," as well as to teach and instruct. We will definitely have our work cut out for us.

Revelation 2:25-27- "But hold fast what you have until I come. And to the one who overcomes, and keeps My works unto *the* end, I will give authority over the

nations; And he shall shepherd them with an iron rod, as vessels of pottery are broken in pieces; as I have also received from My Father;”

Also, as the former priests of ancient Israel were responsible for teaching God’s Ways and laws to the nation of Israel, as priests we will do likewise. It will be our responsibility to teach those coming out of the Great Tribulation and moving forward into the Millennium.

Deuteronomy 6:1-9- “Now these *are* the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments which the LORD our God commanded to teach you so that you might do *them* in the land where you go to possess it, That you might fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you, and your son, and your son’s son, all the days of your life, and so that your days may be prolonged. Hear therefore, O Israel, and be diligent to *observe* it, so that it may be well with you, and that you may greatly multiply, as the LORD God of our fathers has promised you, in the land that flows with milk and honey. Hear, O Israel. Our one God is *the* LORD, *the* LORD. And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words which I command you this day shall be in your heart. And you shall *diligently teach them to your children*, and *shall talk of them when you sit in your*

house and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up. And you shall bind them for a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. And you shall write them upon the posts of your house and on your gates.

Hopefully, these instructions are currently part of our daily routines. It is critical to teach them to our children as they reflect our love, our discipline, and how we are teaching them. Children are our legacy.

Proverbs 22:6- “Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” The greatest reward for a parent is to see their children grow up as righteous men and women. Discipline at a young age is critical.

Discipline comes from “disciple” which means to teach. Punishment is not abuse, so do not be duped into thinking you cannot punish your children when they get out of line. You all remember the story I told of a five-year-old who belted his dad at the pool one day...the kid belonged on a milk carton...

Proverbs 13:24- “He who spares his rod hates his son, *but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him.*”

Perhaps we were born to teach. While it may not have been our vocation while we are or were in the work force, we are all teachers in some form or another. We may

be teaching someone without even knowing by displaying bad habits or conduct contrary to what we espouse to be. We truly must remain aware of our conduct.

This especially applies to me after the battles of this past week...ugh!

But to fully satisfy the role we are headed for, we must become good learners. This is our part we are creating right now. Each and every one of us are learning God's word, His laws, and His way of life. We are learning it now so that we may teach it to the future generations in His Kingdom. So while you may sit idly by and be a good listener, as a member of God's church and His representatives here on this Earth, every one of us has a responsibility to teach. Perhaps not today, but your day is coming.

We can best complete the requirements for this position by our continuous reading and studying God's word. Sharing our knowledge with each other on the Sabbath and Holy Days, and being a good witness for those who God may send our way, to have that "ready answer." Drawing close to God on the Sabbath is one sure way to enhance the knowledge and wisdom we will need in the future.

1 Peter 3:15- "But sanctify the Lord God in your own hearts, and always be prepared to give an answer to anyone who asks you the reason for the hope *that is* in you, with meekness and reverence;"

Some characteristics of a proficient teacher are:

- Having a relationship with God the Father
- Having a reverent fear of God
- Having wisdom and biblical knowledge
- A humble and contrite spirit
- Setting good examples in word and deed
- Be a good listener and a learner
- Use authority with responsibility
- Relate to those you teach on a level that stimulates learning
- Have patience and an inner peace (a personal relationship with God achieves this)
- Show mercy and kindness always
- Encourage one another

2 Timothy 2:24- “Now it is obligatory *that* a servant of *the* Lord not be argumentative, but gentle toward all, competent to teach, forbearing,”

Jesus is addressed as “Master” which is applied as teacher throughout the Gospels.

Matthew 19:16- “Now at that time, one came to Him *and* said, “Good Master, what good *thing* shall I do, that I may have eternal life?”

I love what Jesus’ response was.

Matthew 19:17- “And He said to him, “Why do you call Me *good*? No one *is* good except one—God. But if you desire to enter into life, keep the commandments.” Jesus Himself did not even refer to Himself as “good” but only God the Father. *Just another point that shows delineation of authority and not “co-equal.” (Also **Mark 4:38, Luke 9:33, John 1:38**).

Jesus shared God’s truth and wisdom with those that followed Him. We are to seek that wisdom and knowledge and *apply* it to our lives every single day. To be wise we must focus on being good learners and grow in the likeness of Jesus Christ. We can know the Bible and spout scriptures but if we are not living and doing what we are told in it, we are nothing more than clanging cymbals. We must be doers of the word and not just hearers.

James 1:21-25- “Therefore, having rid yourselves of all filthiness and all *the* abounding of wickedness around you, then in meekness accept for yourselves the implanted Word, which is able to save your lives. Then be doers of *the* Word, and not only hearers, deceiving your own selves Because if anyone is a hearer of *the* Word and not a doer, this one is like a man considering his natural face in a mirror Who, after looking at himself, went away and immediately forgot what he was like. But the one who has looked into *the* perfect law of freedom, and has

continued in *it*, this one himself has not become a forgetful hearer, but is a doer of *the* work. This one shall be blessed in his actions.”

We will take what knowledge we learn in the course of our lives and apply it with wisdom. If we remain humble, God will supply the necessary wisdom we will need to be good teachers. We must know the material for ourselves. I never fared well in school handing in someone else’s homework and I always got caught if I cheated on a test. God is even better than my 8th grade English teacher at knowing how much we know.

We will not forget what we were taught through God’s Holy Spirit. God’s word is alive in us as is His Spirit. We are called to serve others and reflect on the gifts we have been given as so many will not receive this knowledge until the Millennial Kingdom. This does not give us a cause or reason to be haughty or puffed up as we have been blessed and chosen to receive this knowledge and understanding now.

If we fail in this, we will miss the mark and we will not receive the understanding or wisdom from God. It is as simple as that. We can have more degrees than a thermometer and have read enough books to fill a library, but without the personal relationship with God, and a humble and contrite spirit, we will cannot receive the “implanted word” that James refers to listed above. We can go through the motions

and play church all we want but, in the end, we might just hear those terrible words, “And then I will confess to them, ‘I never knew you. Depart from Me, you who work lawlessness.’”- **Matthew 7:23**.

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When the Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ begins, Satan will have been locked up. Mankind will have an opportunity to learn God’s ways without the satanic influence we have suffered with since the Garden of Eden. The “I and me” self-centered attitudes of today will be abated for hopefully selflessness. It is vital we achieve these character traits and knowledge now if we are to be effective teachers in the Kingdom of God. The word of God will go out to everyone everywhere. It will be unaltered, unfiltered, and undiluted and uninfluenced by Satan for 1000 years.

Micah 4:1-3- “But it shall be in the last days *that* the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come and say, “Come and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob. And He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths”— for the law shall go forth out of Zion, and the Word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And He shall judge among many people, and will rebuke strong nations afar off;

and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.” I would imagine for those surviving the Great Tribulation, war would be the last thing on their minds. The Lord will accomplish this teaching through His church, the resurrected saints.

The Second Coming of Jesus Christ will be the greatest “hostage rescue and recovery” mission in the history of mankind. Those who survive the Tribulation, the disfigured, the wounded and the hopeless broken-hearted, will cry out for that hope and restoration to which we will be a part of. We will supply them with God’s word, His truth, and way of life. We will give them hope through Christ Jesus, restore joy and direction like never before seen.

Habakkuk 2:14- “For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.”

We will be there. This is what we are being called for and this is why our training and spiritual growth is so critical now.

If those we teach can truly see Christ in us, they will be drawn to the One Who empowers us to teach. It goes without saying that this is a *tremendous* responsibility, but we serve a *tremendous* and loving God Who will supply all that we need to fulfill His creation purpose in us.

We have barely scratched the surface on what roles lies ahead and the responsibilities we will have. Teaching is but one aspect of kings and priests. A new world will have to be built, erasing the ruins of sinful man. Food, housing and cities and infrastructures will also be needed.

As troublesome as the times are, we can look forward with hope to what lies ahead and our duties as God's true Church. Our training is well underway but there is still much to do and learn! Amen.

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2 Timothy 2:5- “Also, if anyone strives *to win* in the athletic games, he is not crowned unless he has competed lawfully.”