

Living in the Kingdom: In Submission and Commission

Living in the Kingdom – as a subject of King Jesus – means living in Submission to the King

In Submission – to Christ’s Kingly authority (bowed knees)

Ps. 95:6 – “Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care.””

Why should I bow before Him?

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His crown covers the scars of thorns, His scepter is held by hands marked by nails....all for me.

Implications of submission to Christ the King:

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An attitude of Submission to Christ’s authority, leads to Commission -

In Commission – to His call on my life (Titus 2:11 “...eager to do what is good.” (open hands)

Heb. 12:28 – “Therefore, since we received a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe.”

Philip Yancy in *Prayer: Does It Make any Difference?*

We have different roles to play, we and God. As God made clear to Job, we humans lack the capacity to figure out providence and cosmic justice and answers to the “Why?” questions. It is our role, rather, to follow in Jesus’ steps, by doing the work of the kingdom both by our deeds and by our prayers. What is God doing in the world? The answer is another question: What are God’s people doing? We are Christ’s body on earth, to borrow Paul’s metaphor. We are “in Christ,” a phrase the New Testament repeats 164 times. Those we minister to, Christ ministers to; those we forgive, Christ forgives. When we extend mercy to the broken, we reach out with the hands of Christ himself.

All who are part of God’s Kingdom, under the reign of King Jesus are called to many roles, and some are called to very specific tasks. What has He called you to?