

# THE HEAVENLY MAN CHRIST JESUS

## PART 20 EPHESIANS CHAPTER ONE

Ephesians Chapter One has shown us the magnificence of So Much Heavenly Truth which now starts to conclude **all In Christ Jesus** –

**In these last 4 verses** we see Jesus, **RAISED** from the dead

**EXALTED** far above all demonic power ...

**APPOINTED** to the highest position of authority in heaven and Earth for all time and eternity ...

**SEATED** at The Right Hand of The Father of all life and

**CROWNED** as The Head of the church.

ALL GLORY BELONGS TO HIM.

Ephesians 1:20 **SLIDE**

*Which [Power] He [God] worked [energised] in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and **seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places.***

### SO TODAY WE ARE LOOKING AT **THE MAN RAISED & SEATED BESIDE THE FATHER**

To grasp the impact of all this in context, we must stress ... Jesus was not only raised spiritually ... **JESUS WAS ALSO RAISED PHYSICALLY.**

He was raised as a new human-being - THE HEAD OF A NEW RACE OF HUMAN BEINGS (we spoke about this last week) ...

And for the first time ever ...

### **A PHYSICAL HUMAN BEING ENTERED HEAVEN**

Did you realise that up until this point ...

**NO HUMAN BEING HAD EVER ENTERED HEAVEN?**

NEVER BEFORE HAD HEAVEN KNOWN SUCH A THING ...

**A PHYSICAL HUMAN** ENTERING GOD'S ETERNAL DWELLING PLACE ...

YOU SEE, UNTIL THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS ...

**HEAVEN HAD BEEN SHUT TO HUMAN KIND.**

**NO HUMAN BEING HAD ENTERED HEAVEN EITHER PHYSICALLY OR SPIRITUALLY ...**

**SLIDE** HEAVEN HAD BEEN LOCKED SINCE THE FALL OF MAN

**John 3:13** Berean Literal Bible **SLIDE**

*... **No one has gone up into heaven** except the One having come down out of heaven, the Son of Man*

Jesus previously said, '**No one has seen God at any time**' (John 1:18)

**Look at How God Banished Man from 'The Garden'**

**Genesis 3:23-24** Berean Study Bible **SLIDE**

*Therefore **the Lord God banished him [man]** from the Garden of Eden ... <sup>24</sup> So **He drove out the man** and stationed cherubim on the east side of the Garden of Eden, along with a whirling sword of flame to guard the way to the tree of life.*

If this was true of Eden ... how much more was it true of heaven ...

Peter quotes Psalm 110 and says, '**For David did not ascend into the heavens ...**' (Acts 2:34)

**SO THE SON OF GOD RETURNED TO THE HEAVEN HE HAD LEFT 33 YEARS BEFORE ...**

**BUT JESUS DID NOT COME BACK TO HEAVEN THE SAME WAY HE LEFT - JESUS HAD LEFT HEAVEN AS A SPIRIT ... BUT HE CAME BACK AS A SPIRITUAL MAN WITH A HUMAN BODY**

Human Nature just walked into heaven!!!!

**AT THIS POINT HEAVEN WAS CHANGED FOREVER**

Can you imagine such a thing ...

Can you imagine the look on the angel's faces ... (1 Peter 1:12)

From the angel's perspective all human life was created beneath them. **IT WAS INFERIOR TO THEM.**

**Hebrews 2:6-7** Berean Literal Bible **SLIDE**

*... **What is man, that You are mindful of him, or the son of man, that You care for him?** <sup>7</sup>**You made him a little lower than the angels ...***

Heaven is a superior spiritual place from which all physical matter was conceived and created.

And then the angels watched as this inferior man fell to an even lower state of sin and depravity.

**AND NOW ONE OF THESE INFERIOR HUMAN BEINGS ENTERED HEAVEN**

**BUT IT GETS EVEN MORE AMAZING ...**

**Not only did a human-being enter Heaven for the first time ...**

**THIS SAME HUMAN WAS EXALTED TO THE MOST PRIVILEGED POSITION IN ALL TIME & ETERNITY ...**

**JESUS THE MAN WAS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER NOT ONLY SPIRITUALLY BUT ALSO PHYSICALLY**

**Ephesians 1:20 **SLIDE****

***Which [Power] He [God] worked [energised] in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and **seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places.*****

**The right hand of the king was anciently the seat of honour (compare 1Sa 20:25; 1Ki 2:19; Ps 45:9), and denoted participation in the royal power and glory (Mt 20:21).**

**Christ's sitting at the right hand of God—predicted in Ps 110:1, and historically referred to in Mk 16:19; Acts 2:33; 7:56; Eph 1:20; Col 3:1; 1Pet 3:22; Rev 3:21**

**A PHYSICAL HUMAN WAS CROWNED WITH GLORY & HONOUR**

**Hebrews 1:3-4 Berean Study Bible**

***... [Jesus] sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on High <sup>4</sup> **So He became as far superior to the angels** as the name He has inherited is excellent beyond theirs.***

**SO JESUS WAS SEATED BESIDE THE FATHER ...**

**BUT I HAVE TO ADD HERE**

**CHRIST JESUS DID NOT SIT DOWN IN RETIREMENT.**

**HE DIDN'T SAY, 'THANK YOU GOD THAT IS OVER ... NOW I CAN PUT MY FEET UP FOR THE REST OF ETERNITY ... GET A CAMPERVAN & GO AND SEE ALL HEAVEN**

**JESUS DIDN'T SIT DOWN IN RETIREMENT**

**HE SAT DOWN IN HONOUR & GLORY**

***YEARS AGO, I HEARD A LEADER IN THE FAITH MOVEMENT SAY, 'When Jesus sat down in heaven His work ended.'***

**THIS IS CORRECT CONCERNING HIS EARTHLY MINISTRY PROCURING SALVATION ...**

**BUT THEN THIS MAN SAID, 'He's not going to do another thing until He comes back again.'**

**THIS IS SO NOT TRUE BECAUSE AT THIS POINT ...**

### **JESUS' HEAVENLY MINISTRY BEGAN**

Jesus didn't sit down in retirement. He sat down in honour and glory and

### **HERE HIS HEAVENLY MINISTRY BEGAN**

Hebrews 8:6 Berean Study Bible **SLIDE**

***Now, however, Jesus has received a much more excellent ministry, just as the covenant He mediates is better and is founded on better promises.***

### **WHAT IS HIS HEAVENLY MINISTRY?**

**JESUS CHRIST THE PHYSICAL HUMAN SAT BESIDE THE FATHER  
AS THE PEOPLE'S PERSON**

***He didn't forget his days on earth ...***

***Jesus represented lower humanity at the highest level -***

**Next to The Father's heart**

He sat down at the highest position in eternity ...

As a Human **on your behalf** ...

***Abdul Kalam was the 11th President of India from 2002 to 2007***

**He was called The People's President.**

***Why?***

***Because He Used His Privileged Position Of Power To Represent The People.***

***He had come up from street level to the seat of power and now represented the people he'd known at street level ...***

**THE OPPOSITE IS TRUE OF MANY LEADERS WHO BECOME  
ALOOF, IMPERSONAL & DETACHED**

***Marie Antoinette, in her ignorance, said, when she was told of the starving people – 'Let them eat cake'.***

But our Lord Jesus Christ, seated next to the Father is not detached from us in his palatial mansion. He is anything but a detached, disconnected, aloof, indifferent, disinterested, impersonal ruler.

## **HE IS ONE OF US!!! A HUMAN BEING**

### **HE UNDERSTANDS US FROM A POSITION OF POWER**

*Today with Covid there's a lot of empathy around ...  
People feel like we're all in the same boat,  
That ad sings, 'We're all in this together ...'*

**BUT JESUS IS NOT IN THE SAME BOAT AS US ...**

**HE IS IN A RESCUE BOAT ... there for us ...**

**Your car might be caught in a flood being swept down river ...**

**But Jesus is in the rescue boat beside you, ready to pull you out.**

**HE WAS ONCE IN THE SAME BOAT BUT NOW HE HAS ALL  
POWER & ALL AUTHORITY.**

*You could get two druggies going through withdrawals in a clinic  
saying to each other, 'I understand what you are going through ...'  
But they are both subject to the same addiction ...*

**In Jesus you have one who is not a druggie but has experienced all  
your symptoms ...**

**This is Jesus ... 100% identified ... yet without sin.**

## **NOT ONLY THE PERFECT MAN BUT THE EXALTED MAN**

***ONE OF US IN THE HIGHEST POSITION IN THE LAND & HEAVENS***

**THIS PERFECT MAN JESUS ... NEXT TO THE FATHER...**

***EXALTED TO THE HIGHEST POSITION ... ALL POWERFUL ...***

***INDESTRUCTIBLE -***

**UNDERSTANDS YOUR EVERY WHIM AND CONCERN - not only  
because He's compassionate, but because He's been in your  
shoes!**

**HE FELT WHAT I FEEL ... YET WITHOUT SIN.**

**Hebrews 4:15** Berean Study Bible **SLIDE**

***For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with  
our weaknesses, but we have one who was tempted in every way  
that we are, yet was without sin.***

See also [Hebrews 4:14-16](#); [Hebrews 9:11-12](#); [Hebrews 9:24](#).

***He walked where I walk ... He stood where I stand  
He felt what I feel ... He understands  
He knows my frailty ... Shared my humanity***

*Tempted in every way ... Yet without sin  
God with us, so close to us ... God with us, Immanuel!*  
(Graham Kendrick)

HE'S FELT THE COLD ... THE HEAT ...  
HE'S KNOWS THE DISAPPOINTMENT ... THE REJECTION ...  
HE KNOWS THE PREDJUDICE ... THE LONELINESS ...  
HE KNOWS THE RELIGIOUS EXTREMISM OF THOSE AROUND HIM.

Romans 8:34

*Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died and furthermore is also risen, **who is even at the right hand of God**, who also makes intercession for us.*

- **ON BEHALF OF US.**

1 Timothy 2:5

For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the Man* Christ Jesus.

### WHAT IS THIS INTERCESSION?

*I have always had trouble with this concept of Christ pleading my case before God ... pleading for mercy ... especially since I have seen that **judgement has been concluded for us** ... And yet I have heard many sermons on it.*

*The Puritans used to say that Jesus was there before the throne as our defence attorney, because the prosecution – the devil - brought accusation after accusation against us.*

HOWEVER, SCRIPTURE DOESN'T SAY JESUS IS BEFORE THE THRONE BUT **AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER**

**SLIDE THIS CONCEPT OF THE HIGH-PRIEST PLEADING FOR MERCY IS WRONG**

### **THIS INTERCESSION IS NOT IN A COURTROOM**

Jesus already took our judgement of sin when he died. Christ's blood-sacrifice paid for all sin and all guilt was cancelled in our case.

No one can ever accuse you again.

At the cross, the devil was cast out of heaven (See Luke 10:18)

And God will no longer receive any accusation against you ever again.

**YOU HAVE BEEN MORE THAN AQUITTED - YOU HAVE BEEN JUSTIFIED**

LOOK AT Romans 8:34 ... '**WHO IS HE WHO CONDEMNNS?**' – NO ONE CAN.  
Because there is nothing to condemn ...

CHRIST HAS DIED FOR US & BEEN CONDEMNED FOR US ..

**THIS ADVOCATE IS NOT PLEADING FOR MERCY TO THE FATHER FOR OUR ONGOING SIN.**

**SO HOW IS THIS HUMAN INTERCEDING FOR US TO GOD?**

TO UNDERSTAND **HOW HE DOES THIS** WE SHOULD LOOK AT **WHERE HE DOES THIS** -

**HE IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD.**

THE WORD ADVOCATE (*entynchanei*) to confer with; to entreat.

HE CONFERS WITH THE FATHER & ENTREATS FOR US ...

HE BOASTS ABOUT US ... DECLARES OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS ...

**SLIDE THE FATHER & THE SON ... SEATED SIDE BY SIDE ... 100% IN AGREEMENT**

I see this concept of Jesus united with the Father forever side by side ... rejoicing together ... discussing you ... as they both agree to give you more -

- **To cleanse you continually from the filthiness of the flesh and this world**
- **To perpetually soften your hardness ...**
- **To remind you He has not left you or forsaken you**
- **To encourage you when you feel discouraged ...**
- **To inspire you constantly to move on ...**
- **To inform you of The Finished Work and Heavenly Truths**
- **To hear you ... hug you ... hold you ... all in agreement together**
- **To rejoice in you ... hope for you ... TO BELIEVE IN YOU.**

**DID YOU KNOW, THE FATHER & THE SON BELIEVE IN YOU?**

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*For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who was tempted in every way that we are, yet was without sin.*

**Hebrews 4:16** Berean Study Bible **SLIDE**

***Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.***

- To 'receive' the 'mercy' we've already been given ...