

## Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. Does it excite you that there is a human, son of David, "sitting at the right hand of the Majesty on high"? Why or why not?
2. How do your personal dreams, (dream trip, dream job, dream marriage, dream retirement, etc.), give you a glimpse of the glory to come? In what ways do these things fall short of what is to come?
3. How should Jesus' inheritance influence the way we share about him with unbelievers?
4. Jesus is sitting at the right hand of God. How should this truth effect our evangelism?
5. In what ways have you been distracted by less important plans & purposes? How would a biblical view of God's grand plans & purposes change how you handle these things?
6. Pastor Steve spoke of the problem of various utopian visions of the future. Is there a similar problem with dystopian views of the future? What are some examples? How does God's plans for the future guard us from discouragement?

## RBC Lord's Day Sermon



Sunday, June 14, 2020

**Real Life**

**Hebrews 1:1-4**

### The Thrill of Living

#### John Mellencamp – "Jack & Diane"

"Oh yeah, life goes on, long after the thrill of living is gone...

Holdin' on to sixteen as long as you can

Change is coming 'round real soon

Make us woman and man"

#### Real Life...

#### 1 Timothy 6:17-19

<sup>17</sup> As for **the rich in this present age**, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. <sup>18</sup> They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, <sup>19</sup> thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, **so that they may take hold of that which is truly life**. 

### The Structure of Hebrews 1:1-4

**A** Long ago, at many times and in many ways, **God spoke** to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> but in **these last days** he has spoken to us by his Son,

**B** whom he appointed the heir of all things,

**C** through whom also he created the world (ages).

**D** <sup>3</sup> **He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds (carries) the universe by the word of his power.**

**C'** After making purification for sins,

**B'** **he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,** 

**A'** <sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

### Son of God: Messiah (Heir & King)

#### I. OT Background to "Last Days"

<sup>2</sup> but in **these last days** he has spoken to us by his Son...

#### Genesis 49:1, 10

<sup>1</sup> Then Jacob called his sons and said, "Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you what shall happen to you **in days to come**. ...

<sup>10</sup> *The scepter shall not depart from Judah*, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.

**Numbers 24:17** (24:14 – “Latter Days”)

<sup>17</sup> I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near: a star shall come out of Jacob, and *a scepter shall rise out of Israel*; it shall crush the forehead of Moab...

**Isaiah 2:2–3** (Cf. Micah 4:1–2; Hosea 3:5)

<sup>2</sup> It shall come to pass *in the latter days* that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, <sup>3</sup> and *many peoples shall come*, and say: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

**Daniel 2:28, 44**

<sup>28</sup> but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and he has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be *in the latter days*. Your dream and the visions of your head as you lay in bed are these...

<sup>44</sup> And in the days of those kings *the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed*, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever...

II. Jesus Owns Everyone & Everything

<sup>2b</sup> ...whom he appointed the heir of all things...

**Psalm 2:7–8** (Heb. 1:5)

<sup>7</sup> I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

<sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and *I will make the nations your heritage*, and the ends of the earth your possession.

III. Power, Authority & Glory belong to Jesus

<sup>3b</sup> ...he *sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high*...

**Hebrews 10:12–13** (1:13 – Psalm 110:1)

<sup>12</sup> But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he *sat down at the right hand of God*, <sup>13</sup> waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet.

B. Jesus' Enemies are Being Subdued (Authority & Power)

C. The Majesty on High!

**Illustrations:**

1. AGT – Boy [9], Cousin [21], India
2. Solomon's Court

Jesus, Everything We Hope For...

Everything we long for is found exclusively in Jesus.

I. The Power & Authority of Jesus

A. Unbelievers, Hear the Command of Your Gracious King: Repent!

**Acts 17:30–31**

<sup>30</sup> The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now *he commands all people everywhere to repent*, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.” (& Heb. 1:3b)

B. We are not Our Own

1. A Life of Repentance & Service
2. Authorized Ambassadors (Confront & Promise)

II. Jesus' Majestic Inheritance

A. Jesus is the Fulfilment of Our Deepest Longings

1. All Space & Time Belongs to Jesus
2. Ultimate Purpose, Joy, Excitement are Found in Jesus

B. Utopian Visions of the Future

1. What do they get right?
2. What is their fatal flaw?

C. *Real Life Can Only be Found in Jesus!*

A. Jesus has Completed His Priestly Work