Who Sits On The Throne of Your Heart?

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INTRODUCTION

- Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.
- This seeking first the kingdom of God and his righteousness involves much more than church membership and/or a contentment with one's involvement in the local church.
- Now let me tell you what the rest of your days are about. It's about the devil's attempt to dethrone Jesus from your heart.

1 Inadequate Evidence

Romans 6:17; 1 John 2:3–6; 1 Timothy 6:12

- The conversion of one's past. I'm not talking about the moment that we obey the gospel.
- He is indeed the King. But that does not mean he is the King perpetually.
- The one who says he abides in him ought himself to walk in the same manner that he walked. Now there's your evidence.
- A second inadequate evidence is attendance at assemblies.
- Extensive religious activity is not necessarily an indication of Jesus reigning in our hearts.
- Adequate evidence is now a life that results from such assemblies, a life of worship and holiness and service.

2 The Rivals

2 Corinthians 5:9; Ephesians 5:28; 1 Timothy 4:7

- The devil promoted rivals for our hearts.
- Secularism is the opposite of godliness. Secularism is just seeing everything on the horizontal level.
- If you rule out in your mind the existence and presence of God, you're not answerable to him.
- When secularism dominates one's thinking, materialism inevitably results, and closely on its heels, will be hedonism. Hedonism says that life should be lived solely for pleasure.
- Narcissism is one of secularism's false values. It says, Me first. It says, I'm number one.
- When marriages go awry, it is often this problem of who's reigning on the throne of my heart.

3 The Spiritual Work

Matthew 16:24; 1 Peter 1:3–4; 2 Peter 1:3–4

- If any man wishes to come after me, let him deny himself. Have you thought about that? Let him deny himself and take up your cross and follow me.
- This is not an occasional decision, but it's a way of living.
- Ultimate humiliation ended up in ultimate exaltation.

- Whatever it is that stands between me and doing the right thing, living righteously, whatever it is I must endure to go to heaven. That's taking up your cross.
- Jesus will only sit upon the throne of your heart if you allow him to. He will not force his way there against your will.
- His divine power that has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness through the true knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and excellence.

THE CHALLENGE

How about the way you interact with other people? The way you treat them, the way you talk to them. How about taking self off the throne? And letting someone else dictate what you say and do. First of all, Jesus. But then others.

MY NOTES