

## LIFE IN THE KINGDOM

### 4. THE PROMISED LAND

Within the perfect and wonderful plan of God for humanity and within his will He has blessed us and promised us the Earth as an inheritance, to reign over it.

*So God created human beings[a] in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. 28 Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground."*

*Genesis 1:27-28 NLT*

The entire Bible from Genesis through to Revelation tells us that God promised us the Earth to reign over and receive everything we need from it. It ends with God coming to dwell with His children and the children reigning with Him for eternity on the land that He promised.

The most famous prayer that Jesus left us tells us to ask the Father that his Kingdom come to Earth so that his will can be done here on Earth as it is done in heaven. This can be found in Matthew 6:10.

Religious deception has caused us to live thinking about the "promised heaven" and waiting to die to start living everything that the Lord indicated to us. The gospel that is generally preached is escapist and offers in various ways an escape hatch from living on Earth, which is what we were actually created for. Following through and living this way would lead us to die without having lived our purpose.

Understanding that Our Father's promise has to do with the inheritance that He left us as children, which is the Earth, will allow us to understand that His word is to be lived here and now. His Word is to build your family, your church, your people and then govern by establishing the Kingdom of heaven on Earth.

We must live with the understanding that Jesus died for us on the cross, rose from the dead and ascended into heaven then was seated at the right hand of the Father. Jesus is the head of the body, (Church), and that body is all of us here to carry out his will. We are your mouth, your ears, your hands, your feet; We are the executors, the ones who carry out the good works that He prepared in advance for us to do. As the head, Jesus directs and His body, (us), obediently carries out His will and purpose.



*Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything.*

*Colossians 1:18 NLT*

Thanks to our Faith in Christ Jesus being our Lord and believing that He rose from the dead, we receive a new birth, (resurrection), to become part of His body.

*So, my dear brothers and sisters, this is the point: You died to the power of the law when you died with Christ. And now you are united with the one who was raised from the dead. As a result, we can produce a harvest of good deeds for God.*

*Romans 7:4 NLT*

### **Study Questions**

1. According to the text what is God's promise regarding the Earth and how does this promise relate to God's will for humanity?
2. According to what is stated in the passage, we have a divine purpose. How has the understanding and living of this purpose been affected by the misconception of focusing on the promised heaven and postponing full life on Earth?
3. The text highlights the importance of understanding that God's promise is related to the inheritance of the Earth. How does our perspective and focus change when we understand that God's word is to be lived in the present, building his church and establishing the Kingdom of heaven on Earth?

