

# The Government of God

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## Summary:

I am going to divide up for you the vast domains of the Kingdom of God into three heavens and then we will consider how the Lord governs His great Kingdom.

## Three Heavens and the Endless Kingdom

The Bible describes three heavens. Each is different to the other. If we are to have a proper understanding of the Kingdom of Heaven then we need to understand the purpose of this 1st heaven we now live in...and its purpose in relation to the other two.

I need to clarify for you the biblical idea of three heavens and what each is for. I do this to prepare you for a vision of the future here on earth that is a whole lot more than you have been led to believe is possible on earth...but it is not the "heaven on earth" that "end time" eschatology proposes.

So I propose to show you more than what you think is possible with regard to our future earth....and less than what you have been taught with regard to "heaven on earth". But unfortunately I can only give you a brief outline idea for you to study further.

Let me briefly describe each heaven....

## The Third Heaven

Paul describes in 2 Cor.2:12 how he was caught up into "**the third heaven**" and "heard unspeakable things that is not lawful for a man to utter". Isaiah and Daniel had similar experiences and so did John. All saw the third heaven in which was situated the throne of God (Is. 66:1; Rev.4:2; Rev.5:11; Dan.7:10). From this throne proceeded a river of fire, an unbelievable stream of power and glory that even Sera-

him had to cover themselves. Around this throne were a series of other thrones whereon sat the great princes of the universe and the mighty Cherubs who mediate the flow of God's power and from there outwardly innumerable quantity of heavenly beings all gathered.

From Job 1 and 2 and other scriptures we understand that there are regular such meetings when all the sons of God gather in the third heaven for a "family gathering" to discuss the issues of the Kingdom with our heavenly Father. All have a right to voice opinions and all report of their doings (don't ask me how!) and all receive instructions. In Heb 12:22 this great assembly is called the heavenly Mt. Zion where we too have a right to access as part of this great assembly.

## The Second Heaven

*In Col. 1:16 we read, "For by him (Jesus Christ) were all things created that are in heaven and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones or dominions or principalities or powers...."*

All visions of the third heaven reveal to us that above all is the great throne of God but around Him are other thrones, principalities, dominions, powers...etc. This reveals to us that there are innumerable empires, kingdoms, and creations in what we can call the second heavens. This is the realm of spirit beings. God has created a wonderful realm of existence for His children to live wonderful creative lives in for eternity, to enjoy creative work using unheard of

powers in spirit bodies that have eternal existence and are able to work with unheard of powers. The vastness of this realm is endless.

This is a truly amazing realm of eternal existence. When people have a near death experience and get to see a glimpse of "heaven" this is the realms that they see. That is why each one seems to have a different story to tell. What we do know is that much of it is very much like our present earth. Rivers, flowers, cities, but with each person coming back with the same wonderful stories..."I did not want to come back; I cannot describe the smells, the tastes, the colours, the music is incredible and everywhere; the joy and happiness and peace and love is indescribable."

This realm by the way is also all around us. We just cannot see it. Our earthly bodies cannot interact with that realm. You need a spirit body to connect with it and to be able to handle the power of that realm.

### **The First Heaven**

This is where we are now. Living and working in a physical world. It has been given by God to men to work in. We have a purpose here. This physical world has a purpose. Jesus gave a parable of a property owner who planted a vineyard and gave it to his servants to operate with the understanding that he comes back to inspect to see if there is production going on.

God made the earth, He is the owner and He has given it to us to manage. The "coming of the Lord" is a fruit inspection time...are we producing from His property what He designed this earthly creation for?

So lets see what we have available to us here in the first heaven and what can it produce....

First thing to realize is that this is an incredibly constricted world. It was created

with severe limitations. We are extremely limited as to time, energy, space, etc. We are given a world made of 92 elements, 4 powers (electro-magnetic, gravity, strong nuclear and weak nuclear force), and 4 dimensions (three dimensions of space and one of time).

In the last 100 years we have come to a far greater understanding of our environment we live in by going to the far reaches of the very small (atoms and sub-atomic particles) and the very far and very large (the existence of galaxies and endless space).

We have learned to harness electro-magnetic and nuclear power...but not yet all their powers and we still need to learn to control gravity (but that is coming!). We learned in the last 15 years something incredible about our universe...not only is it incredibly vast but that it is expanding and the expansion is accelerating meaning we live in an endless universe that is endlessly expanding.

We also learned in the last century how incredibly "thin" or nebulous our physical world is. When scientists wanted to find out how solid are we, how much space is there between our atoms they were shocked! If you take all the atoms of all the 7 billion people on earth and squeeze them together so that their nuclei touch then you could squeeze all 7 billion people into a coffee cup. What we think is a solid world around us is just a very thin smoke of vapour we call the "real" world. In fact deeper research as to the nature of our physical reality indicates we are probably a "holographic projection" (read Michael Talbot's "The Holographic Universe".)

And in this very limited world that God has placed us in, we are limited to how much time we are given here, how much energy we are given, how many elements we can work with, what we can see, our sight spectrum of colour is extremely limited to a small spectrum of about 7 primary colours, (with better electro-magnetic spectrum capture we should be able to see thousands more colours but not in this body!)

And if that were not enough this world seems designed to both sustain us and kill us. We are bombarded with deadly space radiation, we are surrounded everywhere with deadly viruses and bacteria that are both helpful and want to kill us. We seem to be left here on our own, abandoned by God, we cannot hear Him, see Him, interact with Him. We are attacked by unseen demons and spirit entities who for what ever reason hate us. What in the world is going on here! No wonder the cry of one and all is "Hey let me out of here, I want to go to the real heaven, number 2 or 3 would be just fine" (but I would prefer not to die!)

So here is my answer for the conundrum of our existence in this the 1st heavens:  
- Gen 1:31 says explicitly that when God created this realm for us it was very good! And I say it is still very good for us to do exactly that for which it was made!

Consider this analogy to help you understand the purpose of this world:

This world is God's womb. Like a mother who conceives a child, that child needs to go from conception to birth for 9 months in her womb. The growth is needed to grow the body that new child needs to function in the world that the child will be born into.

While in the womb the growing child is severely restricted in movement, it kicks every now and then but cannot walk, a thumb is there for sucking on, growing ears can scarcely make out sounds, growing eyes can see nothing but darkness.

And that is what this physical world and physical body is all about. We are purposely restricted into a small space of time, energy, movement etc. We cannot hear God or see God with this limited body, nor the real spirit world around us. We are given extremely limited powers to work with. Our flimsy bodies can only handle about 3000 calories of power dur-

ing a day of activity. Our sight is extremely limited, our motion extremely constricted. Purposely so.

Our purpose here is to come into existence, to be the place where new spirit beings are conceived and grown. As such we need to develop our own unique Identity of who we are, develop our unique personality and above all develop our character in the image of our Lord Jesus Christ. His image is imprinted into our spirit DNA when He comes to conceive a new creation with our spirits

To develop character we need a world of choices, free choices. We cannot develop our own choices if we see a myriad number of angels always around us looking at us observing our actions. We need privacy. We need challenges to overcome. We need to work at things. We need to learn to socialize with other beings so we are placed in societies and we learn to love others and work with others.

We learn about the love of God by being placed in families where we can experience what heaven is like. The love of a father and mother, the joys of brothers and sisters. We develop our God likeness by becoming fathers and mothers and caring for family and working for the needs of others. That is what God is like.

And when we have done these things then it is time to transit into the 2nd and 3d heavens to join our heavenly Father and our universal family for our endless eternal destiny. But that eternal destiny is not to come back here to earth! There is a new heavens and a new earth waiting for us....it seems to look a lot like this one but it is not this one.

So now my conclusions from this:

- It is not the purpose of God to have spirit beings living in this constricted 1st heaven existence here in our physical universe. Spirit bodies are too powerful, too dense, too quick, too creative to ever possibly exist in this meagre physical world. So it is not the

purpose of God to bring you back in your glorified body to be constricted in this plane of existence....there are incredible universal empires and realms in the second heavens waiting for you. Trust me and all those who have been in the 2nd heavens...you do not want to spend eternity here.

The Kingdom of God is not only an eternal Kingdom but it is not static, meaning that it is ever increasing. Isaiah says "Of the increase of His Kingdom there is no end..." There will for all eternity be a steady and endless supply of new babies being born to go through the gestation period that you and I have to go through here in this 1st heaven realm of the physical universe, If babies could be made in the 2nd heaven then that is how God would have done it.

- God wants higher productivity from this realm that He has created. Not only greater numbers of children but better quality children. That means the church needs to get its act together and get off its religious entertainment kick and get on with the tough job of DISCIPLESHIP! That means growing God's kids into the "Full stature of Jesus Christ" here on earth before we pass them onto the next heaven.

- That means we need to organize earth better to achieve God's expected results. For this I posit my future plans for the church on an endless earth:

- we need to have medical breakthroughs to conquer sickness and disease.
- we need to conquer aging problems so that we have more time to develop our discipling process. Isaiah suggest hundreds of years as a good life to come.
- we need to solve our economic problems with respect to greater productivity and more fair distribution of wealth so that we can have more leisure time for personality development and creative spiritual work (family time, fellowship time etc).
- we need to solve problems in physics to capture more energy so that we can unlock more resources through space colonization so that we can have endless growth in an endless and expanding universe.

## The Government of God

### The Great Council of God on Mount Zion

I want to introduce to you the concept of the Great Heavenly Council of God. I do this because it is critically important for you to understand this concept to understand how the Kingdom of God is administered and it will help you to understand how to function as a priest before God.

I want to describe to you the setting given to us in a number of scriptures of the throne room of God ("room" being a very poor way to describe it!), who is there, how it is arranged and what happens there.

My reason is that you and I have been invited by the Lord to participate in this great court room of heaven. You are invited by the Lord to be a participant in His great work of bringing all things under the dominion of Jesus Christ. As such the Bible tells us He has made us to be "kings and priests unto God." (Rev.1:6)

I am going to be doing some important future teachings on the process of being made into a king and priest by God. In your priestly role God invites you to enter into His presence in the great city of God and take your place in the great council of heaven and participate in its proceedings. To have the legal right to do that He clothes you in the garments of the High Priest, one who has legal access to the Holy of Holies and invites you to act as intercessor to present cases in need of attention by the high council.

On earth He has crowned you with authority as a king. You are given territory within which to exercise His authority to carry out the mandates of the Divine Council to establish His Kingdom on earth.

## God's Theocratic Republic

Christians are fond to describe God's rulership in terms of an autocratic theocracy. God decrees and all rush to obey. Actually that is only partially correct. So lets peek into some activities in heaven as revealed by scripture to see how things actually work.

It is a family affair...

**Job 1:6** *"Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord and Satan was among them."*

This is not a government of Ruler and subjects. It is a relationship of Father and His family of children. Right now we here on earth are in training and are subjected to discipline of strict obedience. But this is so we can one day take our rightful place as kings and priests.

## The Constitutional Monarchy of His Kingdom

God's government is not a democracy. That is law and what is right and wrong is not decided by a majority vote. It is in its essence a Republic. A Republic is the idea of the rule of law. In a republic people are not subjects, they are citizens. We are citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem and operate under the law of God. The laws by which the creation of God operates is the Constitution of the Heavens. It was drawn up from the foundations of the earth by His divine decree. That is why scripture says "In the beginning was the Word" (Jn1:1).

All those who wish to be part of His family must sign up to obey the rules of the Constitution of Heaven. God Himself does all things by His decreed Constitution. There are some who do not wish to be ruled by God's Constitutional order. Satan and his fallen angels are among those.

## The Great Governing Council of God

The scene in heaven of the composition and order of the Great Council of God is described in a number of scriptures.

In psalm 82 we read: *"God stands in the assembly of the mighty ("the El") He judges among the gods (the elohim).....I have said you are gods and all of you children of the most High."*

In Revelations and Isaiah we see glimpses of the composition of this great assembly around the throne of God.

We have the great Cherubim who represent the various powers around the throne along with the seven Spirits of God being the great 7 angels. Then there are thrones around His throne of very powerful beings called "the elders" who are crowned with principalities and then around that the worshipping Seraphim and around that an angelic host that are so great that they cannot be numbered.

This great assembly is called the "Host of Heaven" which at the same time are the sons of the Most High. All love and adore their heavenly Father, all worship Him and all have tasks and work to do in the endless multiverses of the various orders of creation.

## The Assembly on Mount Zion

This great assembly comes together in a place the Bible calls The New Jerusalem, the City of God, Mount Zion in the sides of the North (meaning in the heavens). This great city of God is situated in what Paul describes as the third heaven.

The first heaven is our physical universe. All indications are that it is endless and endlessly expanding at a quickening pace according to the latest satellite data. There also seems to be indications of parallel universes and that means that our physical universe is not only endless put also eternal. This is God's nursery for an endless supply of new children for His family. This first heaven with its severe limitations is our discipling place where we learn

obedience and how to become kings and priests.

The second heaven is the realm of paradise and the great and vast expanse of the principalities of the endless reaches of the spirit world. These are the abode of the heavenly angels who are not allowed to trespass into the first heavens without God's permission. This is what Jude describes as the angels who left their abode and mingled with men. When we "die" here on earth we enter this endless realm of paradise.

The third heaven is the throne of God, His heavenly city of habitation and the gathering place of all His children when it is time to report back on what everyone is doing and where decisions concerning the family realms are decided upon.

### **Our invitation to participation in the great council of God...**

All of God's sons whether they be part of the angelic order or the human order have been given tasks to do. All tasks in both the heavens and on earth are discussed in the great council of God. Anyone of God's children may bring a request before the Great Council to ask for a decision for action.

Hebrews 12:22 describes this great assembly and our invitation to join in its deliberations: *"But you are come unto Mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the first born which are written in heaven and to God the judge of all and to the spirits of just men made perfect."*

You have been invited to attend "the general assembly".

### **You are invited to participate in its deliberations.**

When Job was complaining to God about how bad things have turned out in his life

and how ill treated he has been there came an interesting reply from God:

Job 15:8, ***"Have you listened in the council of God? And do you limit wisdom to yourself?"***

If Job had made the effort to enquire before the Lord for his troubles he would have been told that a council decision was taken that Satan may take away his prized possessions as a test of Job's faith. Instead Job was relying on his own wisdom to try to figure out what was happening in his life.

In Jeremiah's day the prophet was confronted by the false prophets of his day telling the people, "Don't worry about Babylon, God will never allow them to defeat us and take Jerusalem. We are a special people. We are Abraham's descendants. We have a special relationship to God. This is what God prophesied through Jeremiah..."

Jer. 23:16-18 *"This is what the Lord says, Do not listen to what the prophets are prophesying to you; they fill you with false hopes. They speak visions from their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord. They keep saying to those who despise me The Lord says You will have peace. And to all those who follow the stubbornness of their hearts and say No harm will come to you. **But which of them has stood in the council of the Lord to see or hear his word. Who has listened and heard his word?"***

Before a prophet can prophecy he is required to stand in the great assembly on Mount Zion and hear the decision of the great council. There are a lot of so called prophets today who do not get their visions and voices from the assembly on Mount Zion in the third heaven. They have all sorts of techniques for accessing the second heavens to see and hear the strange gods who are in rebellion against the great Lord on high.

Jeremiah knew how to enter the great as-

sembly and hear the Lord. The religious leaders of his day were deceived by their perceived favourites of God deception. That by the way is the same false prophecies happening today. The modern evangelical prophets telling those same people who Jeremiah describes as those who despise the Lord (Jesus) and who follow the stubbornness of their hearts saying Don't worry, be at peace, the Lord is with you because of your special genetic relationship to Abraham, no evil will befall you. Instead of declaring the command of God they should repent, accept Christ as saviour and trust in Him for salvation and the blessings of Abraham.

Here is how the Heavenly Council operated in the past to destroy a rebellious Israel with Ahab and Jezebel at its head: 2 Chronicles 18:18-22:

*"The Micaiah said Therefore hear the word of the Lord: I saw the Lord sitting on his throne and all the hosts of heaven standing on his right and on his left. And the Lord said, Who will persuade Ahab of Israel to go up that he may fall at Ramoth Gilead? So one spoke in this manner and another spoke in that manner. The a spirit came forward and stood before the Lord and said I will persuade him. The Lord said In what way? So he said I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of his prophets. And the Lord said You will persuade him and also prevail, go out and do so. Therefore look! The Lord has put a lying spirit in the mouth of these prophets of yours and the Lord has declared disaster against you."*

This is the great council in action. Everyone participates. A decision is made: Israel is to be destroyed for their sins. Now who has ideas on how this decision is going to be carried out? Someone volunteers the assignment and goes forth to do the desire of the Lord and His council.

Here is my teaching to you:

You are called to be a priest who is a partici-

pant in the activities of the great council of God on Zion. As a priest you have the right of authority to enter the council chamber. You have the right to place an issue for decision before the council. We call this intercessory prayer. You do not need to cry, or plead, or beg. You have rights of standing in the court of heaven. You have rights to present cases before the court.

If you have been given divine authority over a family or business or been placed in company where you must be a blessing or have an extended family you have legal standing before the great council to petition for those for whom you are responsible.

In future blogs I will be covering areas on teaching you how to train as a priest before God. How to dress your self. How to enter the council with praise and worship. How to bless and pronounce judgment. How to forgive sins. How to bind and loose. How to restrict Satanic activity. How to release blessings.

Training to be a priest in the great council of heaven is very much like training to be an advocate able to present cases before the Supreme Court. You will need a thorough understanding of the laws of God as revealed in His word as well as the case laws of scripture on how they are to be applied. This will take dedication and a willing heart to present the needs of earth to heaven and the decrees of heaven to earth.

In the meantime Psalm 100:4 ***"Enter into his gates (of His city) with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him and bless his name."***