

## **THE RELATIONSHIP IN THE RIGHT HAND TO GOD THE FATHER**

### *The Significance of the Location Identified as the Right Hand*

#### Introduction

- A. The Importance for the Christian to Understand "in Christ" Truth
  - 1. "In Christ" Truth Is Centered at the Right Hand
    - a. Position in Christ
    - b. Possessions in Christ
  - 2. "In Christ" Truth Places the Believer Positionally at the Right Hand
    - a. The Matter of Imputation
    - b. The Matter of Future Actuality
  - 3. Without understanding a Christian's position in Christ, he or she cannot understand his or her privileges in the Right Hand
- B. The Identification of an Intimate Relationship with God the Father
  - 1. In Christ
  - 2. Through Christ
- C. The Indications of a Unique Place for the Christian in the Right Hand
  - 1. Better Than Spirit Beings
  - 2. Better Than Other Saints
- D. The Influence of English Words by the Greek δεξιός (*dexios*)
  - 1. Dexterity / Dexterous
  - 2. Ambidextrous

#### **I. WHERE IS THE RIGHT HAND? – ITS PLACE IN THE THIRD HEAVEN**

- A. The Throne of God in Heb. 12:2
  - 1. Jesus = Human Nature
  - 2. Jesus Is in a State of Being Seated → κεκάθεικεν

3. Author and Finisher of Our Faith → εἰς τὸν τῆς πίστεως ἀρχηγὸν καὶ τελειωτὴν Ἰησοῦν
4. Endured the Cross , Despising the Shame
5. In the Right Hand of the Throne → ἐν δεξιᾷ τε τοῦ θρόνου τοῦ θεοῦ

B. The Throne of God in Rev. 3:21

1. The Promise to the Overcomer (cf. 1 Jn. 5:4, 5)
2. I Will Give (Future Active Indicative)
3. To Sit (1<sup>st</sup> Aorist Active Infinitive)
4. With Me → μετ' ἐμοῦ
5. As I Also Overcame and Sat Down
6. With the Father of Me in His Throne → μετὰ τοῦ πατρὸς μου ἐν τῷ θρόνῳ αὐτοῦ.

C. In the Third Heaven – 2 Cor. 12:2

**II. WHY IS THERE A RIGHT HAND ON THE HEAVENLY THRONE? – THE PROVISION OF A PLACE FOR ASSEMBLY**

A. The Provision of a Place for the Human Nature of God the Son Jesus Christ

1. Son of Man – Lu. 22:49; Ac. 7:56
2. Jesus – Ac. 2:32, 33; Heb. 12:2
3. Jesus Christ – Heb. 3:22

B. The Problem of the Immensity of an Infinite God and Finite Beings

1. Deity Is Everywhere → The Infinite Essence of God
2. The Persons of the Godhead Are Everywhere and Beyond
3. The Need for a Place for Congregating of Created Beings

C. The Place for the Congregating of Spirit Beings with the Godhead

1. A Place of Organized Meeting – Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7

2. The Mount of Meeting or Congregation – Isa. 14:13 → בְּהַר-מוֹעֵד

D. The Position for Christians in Christ – Eph. 2:6

### **III. HOW DOES THE CHRISTIAN EXIST AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER? THE PERTINENCE OF THE BELIEVER'S POSITION IN CHRIST**

A. We Were Raised Together with Christ – συνεγείρω

B. We Have Been Seated Together with Christ – συγκαθίζω

C. In the Heavens – ἐν τοῖς ἐπουρανίοις

D. In Christ Jesus – ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ

### **IV. WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RIGHT HAND POSITION? – THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING IN THAT PROXIMITY**

A Unique Relationship to the Manifestation of God the Father

1. A Unique Relationship Out of (ἐκ) the Right Hand of Power – Matt. 26:64; Mk. 14:62; Lu. 22:69

2. In (ἐν) the Right Hand of the Majesty on High – Heb. 1:3

3. In (ἐν) the Right Hand of the Majesty in the Heavens – Heb. 8:1

B. Uniqueness of the Right Hand

1. It Is a Place of Access

2. It Is a Place of Privilege

3. It Is a Place of Intimacy and Nearness

4. It Is a Place of Honor

5. It Is a Place of a Position of Status

6. It Is a Place of Power / Authority / Strength

7. It Is a Place of Partnership

**Conclusion**

- A. The Direct Provision from "in Christ" Truth to the Right Hand of God the Father
  
- B. The Divine Placement of the Christian in the Right Hand of God the Father
  - 1. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit at Salvation
  
  - 2. Imputation by the Persons of the Godhead
  
- C. The Distinct Privileges of the Christian at the Right Hand of God the Father
  - 1. Immediate Access
  
  - 2. Direct Access
  
  - 3. Association Together with the Son
  
- D. The Definite Position of the Christian on the Throne of God
  
- E. The Proximity to God the Father Together with Jesus Christ
  
- F. The Program for a Partnership Together with Jesus Christ