

Are You Walking Or Riding?

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(Eccl 10:6 KJV) Folly is set in great dignity, and the rich sit in low place.

(Eccl 10:7 KJV) I have seen servants upon horses, and princes walking as servants upon the earth.

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Introduction: King Solomon was wiser than any other man. He was the composer of over 1000 songs, the author of 3000 proverbs. He could intelligently discuss any subject from architecture to money, from weather to sad to say, “idolatrous women.”

One day he was looking out his window and he saw some travelers passing by, some walking, some riding horses.

He wrote in his journal that day these words. “Today I saw a great evil, I saw servants riding horses, and princes walking as servants.” Those who should walk were riding and those who should ride were walking.

A. God created us to rule an His heirs

1. Everything else was to be our servants
2. God told man in Genesis to rule over the earth, over fish in the sea, birds in the air, and every creature that moves on the face of the earth.
3. Man was told to subdue the earth and rule over it. Man was not to be a tenant but the ruler of the earth.

B. Because of Adam and Eve’s disobedience man lost his place of authority.

1. Instead of riding, they had to walk. Rulers now walking, while a slave named Lucifer was in the saddle.
2. Man has had to walk ever since. His authority taken by a lessor one.

C. But that all changed the day Jesus died on the cross.

1. Everything we lost in Adam, we regained and much more in Christ.

2. God created us to be kings, and then he redeemed us by the blood of Jesus to live as heirs and kings.
3. There is no longer any need for us to live like slaves, to be walking like servants.

(Rom 5:17 KJV) For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

D. Note these key words, “they shall reign in live.”

1. Paul didn't say we would reign in death, or reign in the future world, he said we would reign in life. Right now on this earth!

E. The message of the gospel of Jesus Christ is a transforming message.

1. One that changes everything about us.
2. Old things are passed away and behold all things are made new.
3. It is made possible by the death, burial, and reassertion of Jesus Christ.

F. I have personally seen this transformation in the lives of literally 1000s.

1. From sinner to saint
2. From bondage to freedom
3. From alcoholic to preacher
4. From deadbeat dad to loving fathers
5. From poverty to wealth
6. From defeat to victory

G. The power of the Holy Ghost enables us to rule and reign, to ride instead of walk.

(Eph 3:20 KJV) Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

H. King Solomon said I saw something so wrong, or out of order, a servant riding and a ruler walking.

1. Am I riding or walking?
2. Am I serving my servants or are my servants serving me?
 - A. The human body was created to be a servant of the spirit. But in the lives of many it is the master.

- B. Our appetites ride on horses and our spirit man trudges along on foot.
- C. Money and material things should serve us, but many people are serving money.

I. Our flesh should never be allowed to ride.

- 1. The spirit man should be in the saddle and the flesh should be walking.
- 2. We were created to reign to rule here in this life.
- 3. It is time for us to get back in the saddle.
 - A. Crucify the flesh
 - B. Renew your mind for prosperity in body, soul, and spirit.

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