

“Lord God, you have appointed me as a Bishop and Pastor in your Church, but you see how unsuited I am to meet so great and difficult a task. If I had lacked your help, I would have ruined everything long ago. Therefore, I call upon you: I wish to devote my mouth and my heart to you; I shall teach the people. I myself will learn and ponder diligently upon your Word. Use me as your instrument -- but do not forsake me, for if ever I should be on my own, I would easily wreck it all.”

“Sir, I would see Jesus.”

Sermon Text: Daniel 7:13-14

¹³I kept watching the night visions, and there, in the clouds of heaven, I saw one like a son of man coming. He came to the Ancient of Days, and he was brought before him. ¹⁴To him was given dominion, honor, and a kingdom. All peoples, nations, and languages will worship him. His dominion is an eternal dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will not be destroyed.

>>Malady: No one really desires to have a king, even Christ the King, these days.

>>Telic Note: Our King is the best future government.



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Who wants a monarchy anymore? Who really wants a king? Did you know that roughly 50 countries do? They are reigned, at least in part or at least as a figurehead, by a monarch – queen, king, duke, or some fancy title. That means that **there are very few monarchies these days**. Most monarchies have fallen to their kings' greed or hunger for power or sheer cruelty. If this seems to be a dying form of government, **What can be said in favor of a future King?** How can we desire a King in the present? Why must we think of Jesus as a King—the King—and therefore ...

Crown Him With Many Crowns

1. **Crown Him over all titles.**

The mystery of later chapters in the book of Daniel swirls in visions. This particular vision seems to have shown Daniel an event. This event includes a future title. Daniel was used to titles, like satraps, prefects, advisers, and treasurers. We are familiar with titles, too. Our nation is ruled by thousands of governors, senators, and representatives on the state level. We also know of more local government

and the ever-popular federal government with its three branches. yet he may have never heard of this one before, “One like a son of man,” in Aramaic, “*bar-enash*.”

In the vision, **He has ascended into heaven.**

So the “One like a son of man” is the One coming with the clouds to the heavenly court, where we know all power emanates. Of all the mighty creatures in the world, in the sea, in the heavens, it’s “One like a son of man.” Also, we know that the title doesn’t just suggest a human nature. Here the “One like a son of man” was brought before the “Ancient of Days,” who must be the Father, and to Him is communicated “power and dominion and a kingdom.”

- **The Father has given Him many things.**

If we were to crown a King, it would make sense to look to our Father, the Ancient of Days. No governor, senator, judge, or president should have a title with higher honor than this Son of Man. And I don’t remember any representative or judge or president of the U.S.A. coming with the clouds and receiving things in heaven. The Son of Man is on top. He is in charge. Crown the Son of Man over all titles.

Often we look at our own sons and daughters and allow them to rule the household. Is that cherubic little face that looks like you and your spouse the king of kings and lord of lords? Let’s hope not. As baby Bode gets closer, I’m sure I cannot imagine the temptation to let his little wants come before the honor and glory due to the Son of Man. Friends, if you put any stock in this book, the Bible, you should know that there is only one King, the Son of Man. The title “Son of Man” is used 80 times throughout, and only one man is designated Son of Man in the New Testament. That is Jesus Christ:

- **Mark 2:28** The Son of Man is **Lord** even of the Sabbath.
- **Luke 9:22** The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected...
- **Matthew 11:19** The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’ But wisdom is proved right by her deeds.
- **Matthew 26:64** From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.

What we will find is crowning the Son of Man, Jesus Christ, with all titles will put our sons and daughters in their proper place. When Christ has the power they were unlawfully seizing in the hearts of their parents, then our world goes much better. When Jesus Christ is in power as King, the needs of every other son and daughter of Man are met.

2. **Crown Him over all tongues.**

As we said before, the visions of Daniel contain mysterious things, things of history, peoples, and kingdoms in the future. In fact, there seems to be present *many* peoples, nations, and tongues -- *all* peoples, nations, and tongues.

As it turns out, there is a reason all these peoples of many tongues have just been given to Him. **He has won their lives back.** Jesus Christ, who is entitled the Son of Man, has done so much for every nation, for every tribe, and for everyone of every tongue.

- **Luke 19:10** The Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.
- **Mark 2:10** I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.
- **Matthew 17:22** The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men.
- **Matthew 26:2** The Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.
- **Mark 15:39** When the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, “Surely this man was the Son of God!”
- **Matthew 20:28** The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.

He has done this to serve each people and nation and tongue, because this King doesn’t merely look out for His own power and His own wants. He looks out for the needs of His brothers and sisters.

When each of us confesses with our tongue, we believe in our hearts and, by this faith in the Son of Man, we are saved. Oh, what the Son of Man can do for those who crown Him!

Now what if I haven't crown Him? What if there have been more things this week my tongue has spoken that downgraded Him, that seemed to dethrone Him, that seemed to shame Him, that seemed to chase the Son of Man from my heart?

- **Luke 12:10** Everyone who speaks a word against the **Son of Man** will be forgiven, but anyone who blasphemes against the **Holy Spirit** will not be forgiven.

Confess your sin against the Son, and you will be forgiven! Yet what about that part about the Spirit?

- **The Spirit has gone out into all the world.**

You are a part of this world, and your tongue, too, may sing His praises. Enjoy the words of confession spoken through you by the Holy Spirit. You have confessed your sins. You have been baptized. You have even thanked God this week by the Holy Spirit in your heart. Let your tongue raise His praise, because the Son of Man comes to you, too, as your King, with a promise:

- **Luke 12:8** I tell you, whoever publicly acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man will also acknowledge before the angels of God.

3. **Crown Him over all time.**

As we said before, the visions of Daniel are shrouded in mystery. Another mystery in Daniel 7 suggests an event outside of time. It is true that our King's humanity began within time. **Matthew 12:40** As Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. But now even as a son of man this King, Jesus Christ, rules outside of time.

- **This world is limited by national boundaries.**

So many boundaries—that of space, laws of physics, matter, and time. You are bound by time. The average person lives 27,375 days, and each one of them belongs to your King. You are bound by governments. There may be only 26 monarchies in what seems to be a dying form of government. There may be many more popular governments, in the form of constitutions and republics. But even socialism and capitalism must fall.

- **The next best thing is our heavenly King.**

And the last best thing is our heavenly King. The future is the Son of Man, crowned our King. One of the greatest absolute monarch's, King Louis, known as St. Louis, of France, said this: The three drops on the crown of my head at my baptism, "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," are more precious to me than the crown that I wear as king. Look beyond your 27,375 days, and look forward to the heavenly reign of the King, the Son of Man, forever and ever. Dear Lord, thy kingdom come. Amen.