

Why We Can Trust That God Is Still in Control

The Greek word *thronos* shows up an astounding 46 times in Revelation. Most of the time, *thronos* is translated as “throne,” and the vast majority of times, it underscores the reality of God’s sovereign rule over all things. Listen to the *Yellow Balloons* podcast on the Charisma Podcast Network to learn how no matter how bad and out of control things appear on earth, God is still in control. God is on His throne, and nothing threatens that rule.

In Revelation 3:21, *thronos* appears, and we are told something mindboggling: those who overcome as He overcame will be given an unthinkable reward: the reward of sharing His throne—to participate in ruling the earth as servants of Christ.

Jesus left us to be His faithful *martyria* or witnesses. He sits on the throne of heaven. Meanwhile, Satan still sits on an earthly throne of power—but only for a time. Jesus is coming back to take that throne, and when He does, He will invite His faithful *martyria* witnesses to share the throne with Him.

What makes a faithful witness? One who obeys His commands. What is Jesus’ primary command? To love others. To serve with our gifts to the benefit of the body. Jesus, the King, came to earth and exhibited the life of a servant. His faithful servants who demonstrate they are willing to serve others during this life are the ones He desires to rule the new earth where righteousness dwells.

Throughout the book of Revelation, disasters prevail—famine, war and death among them. But none of these things surprise the one sitting on the throne of heaven.

No matter how bad things get, God exhorts us to be faithful

and endure difficulty. He is not surprised and is still on His throne. We can trust that He is in control, whether or not we can see how His ways are leading to our best. If we are faithful witnesses, we are pursuing our best, and nothing else comes close.

The book of Revelation centers around a very simple message. This is the fourth in a devotional series on the value and messaging in revelation. We pray it spurs you on toward faithful obedience to Christ. {eoa}

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