

2026-10-18 Heiser on Sonship

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Should the average Christian at home who might be hearing this for the first time be using this information? Essentially, they might be thinking, "Why should I care?"

I tell people that it ought to get you to think better as a Christian about two things:

1. Your status: how God looks at you. (Identity)
2. Your destiny. (Story and Purpose)

You take the cosmic geographical worldview idea. Again, in biblical theology, the nations are owned. They're under dominion by other powers, and the kingdom of God is assaulting those powers. You're part of that kingdom.

That whole worldview is why, when you get to the Book of Revelation, Jesus, in a crazy passage in Revelation to Jesus, quotes a messianic psalm and applies it to you and to me. He says to him that overcomes, "I will put him over the nations, and he shall rule them with a rod of iron."

Rev 2:26 – *To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end,
I will give authority over the nations*

Revelation 3: "Behold, I stand at the door." Now everybody knows that part of it, but it's the same thing: "I will give to him the morning star." He says later in Revelation, "I am the Son of David, the bright and morning star."

In other words, the sons of God who presently have become corrupt, they're in rebellion, and they dominate the nations and enslave the nations and try to keep them from the kingdom of God, from the gospel. They will be (are being) displaced and replaced by the sons of God, which are us. This is your destiny.

God doesn't look at you as, "Oh, you're going to get to heaven someday and start playing harps and floating around." There's going to be a new earth, and you are going to replace them, which is why Paul says in 1 Corinthians 6, when he's trying to convince the Corinthians, "We quit taking each other to court and suing each other over this crazy stuff." He says, "Don't you know that you're going to judge angels? Don't you know that you're going to judge the nations? Don't you get it?" Apparently they didn't get it.

Christians, we are the new sons of God. We are the new upper-tier members of the divine council. In our glorification, the new earth, when the eschaton comes and is finally consummated, we displace them and replace them in a global Eden.

Mt 12:28 – *But if it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons,
then the kingdom of God has come upon you.*

1Cor 14:25 – *as the secrets of their hearts are laid bare.
So they will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, "God is really among you!"*

Again, I hate sermons about heaven. I almost can't sit because it's this ethereal, mindless set of mantras or something, with people floating around or what it is. You get to experience and participate in what Eden was supposed to be on a global scale. That is how God looks at you, and that is the destiny God has in mind. He's telegraphed that thing from the Old Testament through the New Testament, but we just don't get a lot of it because we're missing the framework for a lot of the language.

God's View of You – A Son with a Destiny

Not heaven someday, but a renewed earth and authority now.

— Michael Heiser

1

YOUR STATUS

You are a son of God.

- You are a new member of the divine council (upper tier).
- God doesn't see you as just going to heaven someday.
- You are part of God's kingdom on earth now.



"Don't you know that you are going to judge angels?"

1 Corinthians 6:3

2

YOUR DESTINY

Authority over the nations.

- The nations are under the dominion of other spiritual powers, but the kingdom of God is assaulting them.
- You will replace the rebellious sons who now dominate the nations.
- You will rule the nations with Christ, bringing God's purposes to the earth.



"To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations, and he shall rule them with a rod of iron." Revelation 2:26

3

THE REAL HOPE

A renewed earth, not just heaven.

- There will be a new earth.
- You get to experience and participate in what Eden was supposed to be—on a global scale.
- Together with Christ, you will bring reformation to people, businesses, cities, and nations.



"But if it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you." Matthew 12:28



THE NATIONS ARE OWNED

People and nations are under the dominion of other spiritual powers.



THE KINGDOM IS ASSAULTING

You are part of God's kingdom, pushing back those powers.



SONS REPLACE REBELLIOUS POWERS

We displace the corrupt sons and bring God's rule to the earth in a new Eden.