



First, Second, and Third Heavens

- The believer, as risen with Christ, can be typically compared to the Third Day's work of creation, when the earth was raised up out of the "darkness that was upon the face of the deep."
- Provisionally, God reckons every believer as not only resurrected, but also seated with Christ in the heavenlies, on the **right hand** of God, and with all things "under His feet" (Heb 2:8) "Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him."
- However, the believer must learn to reckon and yield to God according to these great provisions, through the doctrine in Romans chapter 6, in making these truths practical in their walk.
- We must clarify the fact that, immediately after finishing the work of redemption, Christ sat down on a throne of intercession at the **right hand** of God as Mediator of the New Covenant and as a Great High Priest during this 2000-years called the Church Age.
- Herein, He is making intercession on behalf of believers to lay hold by faith on the great provisions of the gospel, as stated above.
- The God/Man alone knows the "great gulf" that exists between the Kingdom of Darkness and the Kingdom of Light. (Col 1:13) "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son."
- He, likewise, knows the "great gulf" between the believer's eternal standing in Him and their actual walk in this world of darkness, beset by unbelief and the apostasy of the age.
- Therefore, He has chosen to "stand in the gap," through intercession, for believers, until the time He will be exalted on His future throne and Kingdom of Glory in Rev. 4 & 5. His future throne and Kingdom of Glory will also be on the **right hand**, or south of God's throne, spanning

to the **Third and Second Heavens**. (Psa. 110:1) A Psalm of David. "The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my **right hand**, until I make thine enemies thy footstool." (Heb. 1:3) "Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the **right hand** of the Majesty on high."

- The Church is provisionally seated in the **Second Heavens**, where Satan and his evil government are currently set-up. When Christ returns, He will clean out the Second Heavens for His people as Satan is pushed to the earth. This is when the earth will experience gross spiritual darkness and the incarnation of the antichrist during the second half of the 7-Year Tribulation Period.

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