

The Kingdom & The Kingship of Our Own Kingdom

Being created by God in his image, every human has certain God-like characteristics. One of these is that we are totally in control of our lives. Unlike animals and Heavenly beings, we've been given the responsibility of managing our own affairs – we operate under our own recognisances. We are not slaves, robots or automatons. Although we are given control of our lives, we do have a higher being who we are accountable to and will all have to give account.

Our status as self-controlled beings means that in our own right we are kings. Kings have ultimate authority in their sphere of influence – called their domain. This is their kingdom¹ and our kingdom is our lives.

No one can make excuses for their actions, because as kings we make all the decisions. No one can excuse themselves and say, “X made me do it”. We all make a decision to do whatever we do and also to comply with the demands of others. When people say, “X made me do it”, what they are really saying is, “I've decided to abdicate my will to the will of this person because of reasons of my own safety, my desire to please them, or...” Apart from instinctive reactions such as pulling our hand away from a hot object, we all make decisions based on our own authority as kings of our lives.

Even in situations of slavery or repression, we still make our own decisions. We can't blame the oppressors because we choose to comply with their demands as a lifesaving mechanism.

These decisions we make are made in our heart, not our mind. Our mind processes what our heart thinks and so we eventually do what we want.

Jesus said, “Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.”² He verified our mode of thinking.

Our heart is where our allegiances are. This is the seat of our decision-making and our loyalties determine what we do and say – as well as what we want to become and what we want to happen around us.

This seat in our heart is called our ‘Seat of Government’ in Kingdom language. We govern ourselves and our circumstances from our heart – not from our mind – because kings act by governing. We all have a seat of government, we all govern our lives because we are kings in our own right, according to the God-image in us.

When we come into God's Kingdom we become kings and priests to him and for him.³ This is not instantaneous or automatic. A process has to take place where we transfer our kingship of ourselves over to the King of Kings.

NOTE: This process does not happen when we are born again. It does not happen when we are baptised in water by immersion; when we are confirmed; or when we enter into eternity.

The process of transfer is a voluntary transaction that we enter into with our Lord and Master, King Jesus. The transfer is not done in a moment of enlightenment. It is a process that takes time, and something has to be done.

To put it bluntly, until this process is complete, we are not at the starting point of living the Kingdom life. Up to this point could be called ‘growing up’ or ‘our childhood’. We have to become sons of Father to really start operating in his Kingdom.

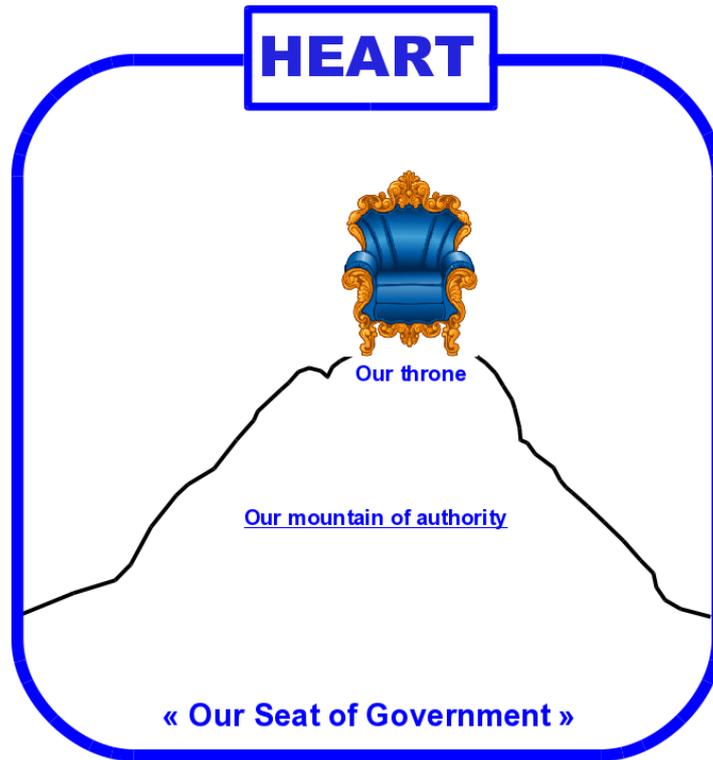
Here's how the process goes:

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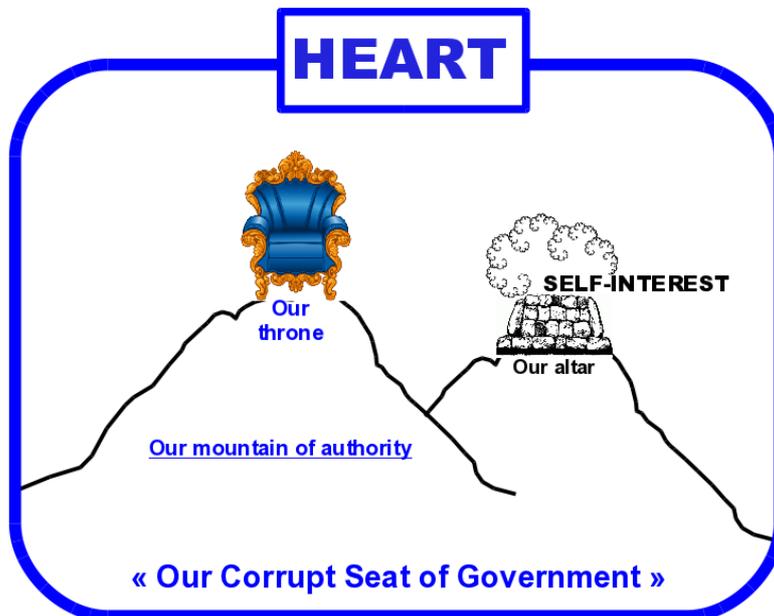
2 - Matthew 12:34 (NKJV) [“For a man's words depend on what fills his heart.” (J.B. Phillips translation)]

3 - Revelation 1:6

This is the setup for our seat of government as it should be so that we can be used as Father's governors of the Earth as we were created to be.



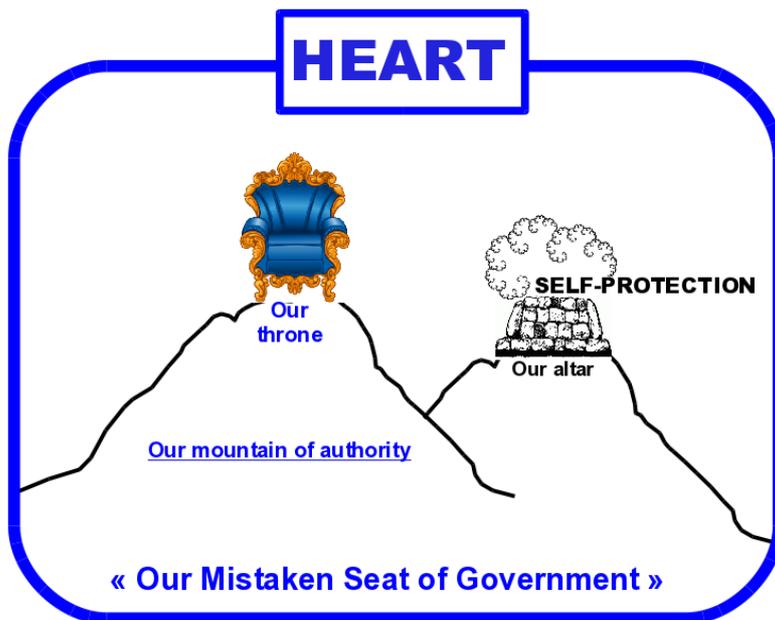
However, because of the Fall we have a problem. The problem is that we are totally absorbed as people with our own interests.



Instead of worshipping God and serving his purposes on Earth we have an altar to ourselves on the side. In other words we are idol worshippers because we worship ourselves by ignoring God and doing everything for ourselves.

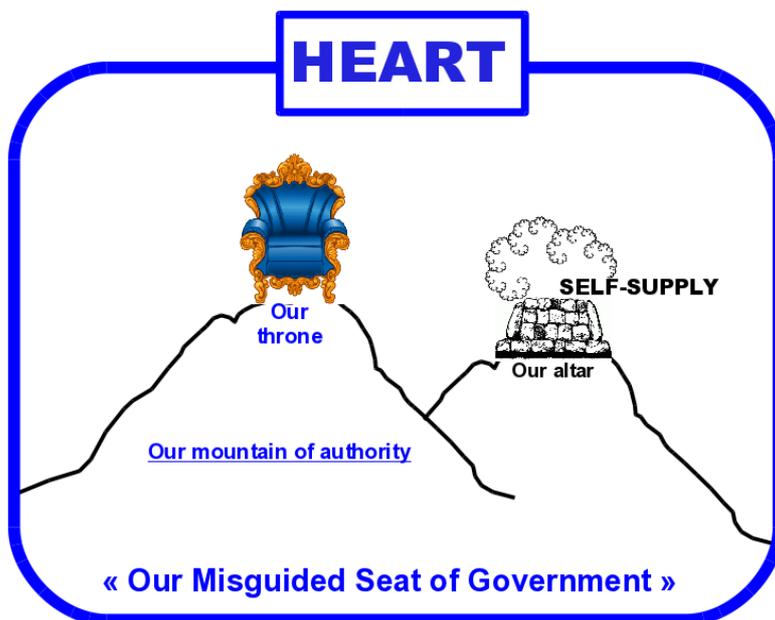
When we realise our idolatry, surrender to God's supremacy and become born-again, we enter a period of development where this altar is dismantled. After some time the altar is destroyed and we feel we are right where God wants us to be in our relationship with him.

If we are listening to him at this point he shows us that there is still an alter to our 'self' still remaining. It's an alter to ourself based in self-protection. In this stage we are not totally dependent on God of protection, so we rely on our own plans and strategies.



This notification to us can be easily ignored in our self-righteousness as the religious spirit tells us that all we have to do is carry out God's work for him and worship him on Sundays – this is all God wants from us. Many of us are stuck in this place and do not proceed.

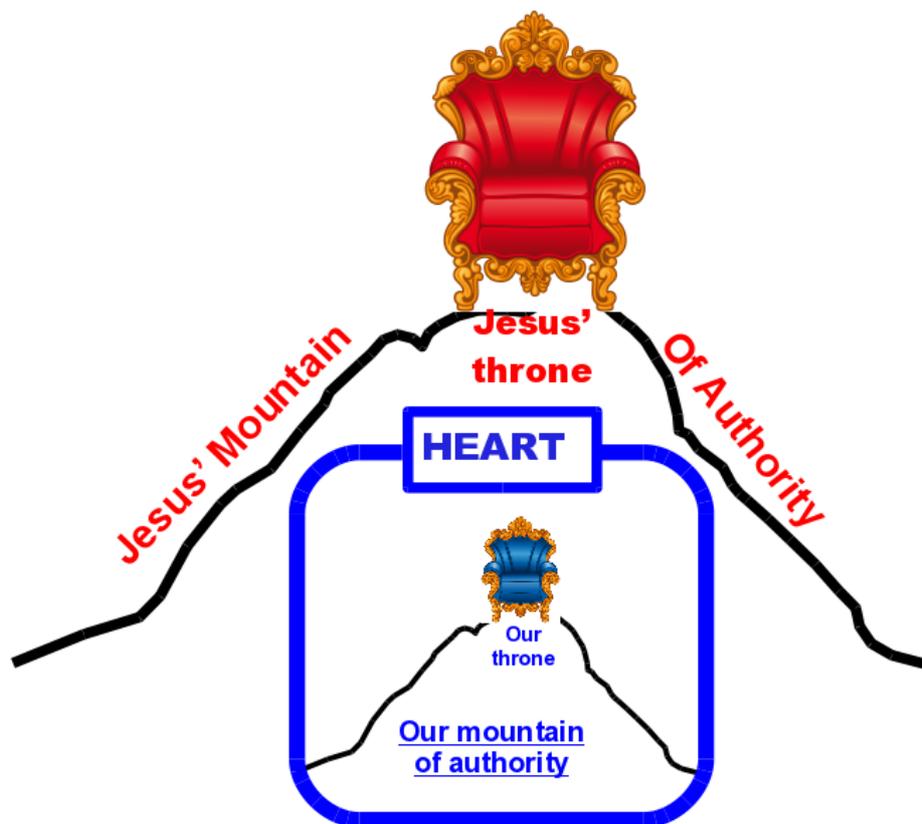
If we do submit to God's request to trust him in all areas of our lives, and succeed, he then shows us that there remains another alter to be demolished. This is an alter to ourself based in self-resourcefulness.



This is a very difficult alter to remove because as kings we are used to looking after our own supplies. We plan for financial supply from the time we are young. We educate ourselves for wage-earning, we get casual jobs while we are being educated and we spend most of our lives working to earn money for the resources we need. We even plan for financial supply when we retire, and believe it or not, we plan for the resources necessary at the time of our death.

If we are to move into the Kingdom so we are operate there as we were intended by our creator, this last

alter must be destroyed. When it is, and we've completely surrender to the King of Kings, Jesus' throne of governance is now in a place of ascendancy over our throne. In this way he is the King of me-king and his Kingdom power and authority flow through us.



« Our Kingdom Seat of Government »

We can now BEGIN to operate in the Kingdom as we were designed to do. It's take quite a bit of time to get here, but it's all worth it.

This is the only way we can operate properly in the Kingdom and live the Kingdom life.

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