

LESSONS FROM RICK JOYNER'S BOOK "THE FINAL QUEST"

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Recap of the previous lesson (Remain Standing: Be a Blessing)

- With authority comes responsibility.
- The more authority you are given, the more potential for both good and evil you have.
- The higher the spiritual authority that you walk in, the further you can fall if you are without love and humility.
- Every human failure or victory resonates far beyond our comprehension, even to generations to come.
- Pride makes you vulnerable to the attacks of the devil, and pride is the hardest enemy to see.
- Only Jesus can carry authority without stumbling. Therefore, stay close to Him; inquire of Him before making major decisions. And, walk in humility.

Today's Topic: ENTHRONED WITH JESUS

Theme Scripture: "To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne" (Revelation 3:21)

(60:4) *As I continued toward the judgment seat, I began to pass those who were of higher rank in the kingdom. After many more veils had been stripped away from me by meetings with those who had stumbled over the same problems that I had, I began to meet some who had overcome. I met couples who had served God and each other faithfully to the end. Their glory here was unspeakable, and their victory encouraged me that it was possible to stay on the path of life and serve the Lord faithfully. (1 Corinthians 4:2)*

(5) *Those who stumbled did so in many different ways. But those who prevailed all did it the same way: They did not deviate from their devotion to the first and greatest commandment—loving the Lord. In this way, their service was done unto Him, not to men. These were the ones who worshiped the Lamb and followed Him wherever He went. (Mark 12:28-30; Revelation 14:4)*

(8) *Near the judgment seat of Christ, those in the highest ranks were sitting on thrones that were all a part of His throne. Even the least of these thrones was many times more glorious than any earthly throne. (Revelation 3:21 Versus Revelation 7:9) Some of those on the thrones were rulers over cities on earth and would soon take their places. Others were rulers over the affairs of heaven, and still others ruled over the affairs of the physical creation, such as star systems and galaxies.*

(61:2) *It was apparent that those who were given authority over cities were esteemed even above those who had been given authority over galaxies. The value of a single child surpasses that of a galaxy of stars because the Lord has chosen men as His eternal dwelling place. In the presence of His glory, the whole earth seemed as insignificant as a speck of dust. Yet, it was so infinitely esteemed that all of creation's attention was upon it.*

(61:6) *At one point the Lord looked toward the galleries of thrones around Him. Many were occupied, but many were empty. He then said, "These thrones are for the overcomers who have served Me faithfully in every generation. My Father and I prepared them before the foundation of the world. Are you worthy to sit on one of these?" (Revelation 20:4)*

(7) *I remembered what a friend had once said, "When the omniscient God asks you a question, it is not because He is seeking information." I looked at those who were now seated on the thrones. I could recognize some of the great heroes of the faith, but realized most of those seated had not even been well-known on earth.*

(8) *Many of those on the thrones had been missionaries who expended their lives in obscurity. They had never cared to be remembered on earth, but wanted only to be remembered by Him. I was a bit surprised to see some who had been wealthy, and rulers who had been faithful with what they had been given. However, it seemed that faithful, praying women and mothers occupied more thrones than any other single group.*

There was no way I could answer "yes" to the Lord's question regarding whether I considered myself worthy to sit here. I was not worthy to sit in the company of any who were there. I knew I had been given the opportunity to run for the greatest prize in heaven or earth, and I had failed. I was desperate, but there was still one hope. Even though most of my life had been a failure, I was very glad that I was here before finishing my life on earth.

When I confessed that I was not worthy, the Lord asked, "But do you want this seat?"

"I do with all of my heart," I responded.

(62:4) *The Lord then looked at the galleries and said, "Those empty seats could have been filled in any generation. I gave the invitation to sit here to everyone who has called upon My name. The seats are still available. Now the last battle has come, and many who are last shall be first. These seats will be filled before the battle is over. Those who will sit here will be known by two things: They will wear the mantle of humility, and they will have My likeness.*

(2 Timothy 4:5-8)