

## A Sceptre of Righteousness

**Heb 1:8 But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.**

We see in this text that God the Father is saying to God the Son; "***Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever:***" from which we can discern that Jesus Christ has an eternal throne. We can ascertain from other scriptures that this throne, being eternal, is not an earthly throne, because God tells us in: ***Heb 1:10 And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: 11 They shall perish; but thou remainest;***

God the Father also says to God the Son; "***a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.***" The scriptural defining of "***a sceptre of righteousness***" can be found in these texts:

***Ro 5:17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)*** We are told here; righteousness is a gift from Jesus Christ.

***Ro 5:21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.*** We see here; the one source of righteousness and eternal life.

***Ro 8:10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.*** Here we see; being born again, the restored spiritual life, is from Christ.

***Ro 10:4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth.*** Here we see; the fulfillment of the law demand of a (one) sacrifice for sins to be forgiven.

***1Co 1:30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:*** We see here that we are created in Christ and by him made wise, righteous, sanctified and redeemed.

***Ga 2:21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.*** This text shows us what the law could not accomplish, but what Jesus Christ did accomplish.

***2Pe 1:1 Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:*** Here is a description of an apostle of God, and the people of God, clearly defined as receiving righteousness through Jesus Christ.

If we search scripture we find a scriptural definition of a natural golden sceptre in: ***Esther 4:11 All the king's servants, and the people of the king's provinces, do know, that whosoever, whether man or woman, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, there is one law of his to put him to death, except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden sceptre, that he may live: but I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days.***

Here we see; the only way to come unto the king was by invitation, or by appearance before the king with the knowledge, that if the sceptre is not extended to you, you will be put to death.

The picture I want you to see is this: We have access to God the Father only through God the Son. Remember that Jesus taught: ***Joh 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.*** We, having been born again, have been invited to appear before God the Father. When we appear before God the Father, we will not rely on our righteousness, which is as filthy rags in the sight of God, rather, we will be granted access to see God the Father by the sceptre of the righteousness of Jesus Christ. "***a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.***" The righteousness of Christ is the golden sceptre extended to us. In other words, when we appear before God the Father, God will present to us Christ in his full glory, and proclaim unto us; "***this is my Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.***"

There is a kingdom of God upon the earth. To be a part of this kingdom of God, you must approach the King by invitation, or by taking your chance of coming uninvited and being put to death. In either case you are accepted into the presence of God the Father through Christ, the Son of God.

Sceptre by definition means: a rod or a staff; it also means; to cudgel or pummel with repeated blows; and has the definition of; to smite with a (usually single) blow with the hand or any instrument.

**"to smite with a (usually single) blow with the hand or any instrument."** From this definition; we know from scripture; it only took one blow from Christ to overcome satan, and to purchase unto God the Father, all those that God the Father gave God the Son to save. The body sacrifice, of Jesus incarnate and the blood of that one true sacrifice for sin, is for us the sceptre of righteousness unto God. Jesus was the defined instrument that with a single blow ruined satan's throne.

Each time a sinner is born again, we see the definition of **"cudgel or pummel with repeated blows"** brought to fruition. How? Every time a sinner is saved by the grace of God, satan is reminded of the victory of Christ incarnate.

The 1<sup>st</sup> definition of sceptre **"a rod or a staff"** can be found in scripture as follows: **Ge 49:10 The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.** Shiloh is a picture of Christ and means, by definition; tranquility or an epithet of Christ. Since the coming of Christ; to him has all the gathering of the people of God been.

If we be children of God; we have come before King Jesus and he has given us his righteousness (help out the golden sceptre (himself) unto us) and made us accepted in the beloved. That is why King David could say, and we can say with King David: **Ps 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.** What great comfort we have, when we have been indwelt by the Comforter, which Jesus promised to send in his stead.

Praise the Lord for the finished work of Jesus Christ! Praise the Lord for salvation by grace! Praise the Lord for holding out to us His Golden Sceptre, Jesus Christ, and receiving us, unto our eternal rest, under God's Lordship and provision for us. Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!  
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