***Our Placement is so Close to God***

**SEATED IN HEAVENLY PLACES, BY GRACE WE ARE SAVED (Ephesians 2:6-9; Revelation 4:4)**

“and raised us up together and made us sit (enthroned) together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.”   
Ephesians 2:6-7

“Around the Throne were 24 thrones, and on the thrones, I saw 24 elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads.”   
Revelation 4:4

Revelation 4:4 gives us a more detailed picture of what is involved in us being seated with Jesus. John saw 24 elders sitting in the government of God described as enthroned,   
sharing in God’s authority,   
robed as worshipping intercessors,   
and crowned with the reward of a victorious life, overcomers. Through intimate partnership with God, we share the Father’s government.

“Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.”   
Luke 12:32

Jesus longs that we should be with Him to share the glory of His inheritance as King overall. The kindness of the Father is not only to cleanse us and save us from eternal punishment.

It is the kindness of God to clothe His former enemies with dignity and strength by granting the place of royalty and beauty, and by bestowing on the redeemed purpose and the authority and riches that come with it.

“He raises the poor out of the dust, and lifts the needy out of the ash heap, That He may seat him with princes—With the princes of His people.”   
Psalm 113:7–8

Let’s ponder these words!