

Heaven - Ruling on the New Earth

1. We are created to rule and reign.

John 18:36; Genesis 1:26-28; Isaiah 9:6-7; Romans 12:2

“We will not sit around looking at one another or at God for eternity but will join the eternal Logos, ‘reign with Him,’ in the endlessly ongoing creative work of God.”

- Dallas Willard, *The Divine Conspiracy*.

Take Loving Dominion-

- **Over my own heart and character.** *Romans 14:17*
- **Over my sphere of influence.** *2 Corinthians 2:15-16; Galatians 5:22-24*
- **Over how I spend my life.** *Luke 19:17*

“Our faithfulness over a ‘few things’ in the present phase of our life develops the kind of character that can be entrusted with ‘many things.’ We are, accordingly, permitted to ‘enter into the joy of our Lord.’ That ‘joy’ is, of course, the creation and care of what is good, in all its dimensions”. - Dallas Willard, *The Divine Conspiracy*.

2. We will rule and reign with Jesus on the New Earth.

Isaiah 57:13; Daniel 7:17; Daniel 7:13-14; Daniel 7:18; Revelation 5:9-10; Revelation 3:20-21

Next Week’s Reading Guide:

Genesis 2:8-9, 11-12; John 14:2-3
Ezekiel 28:13, 36:35; Isaiah 35:1, 55:13
Isaiah 65:17; Luke 19:12; Hebrews 11:8-16
Hebrews 12:22, 13:14; Habakkuk 2:14
Revelation 21; Philippians 3:20
Revelation 22
Revelation 5:9-12, 6:10-11, 7:15, 8:1

Discussion Questions:

1. How is your dominion over your own heart? What is your biggest “heart” struggle? (anxiety, judgement, fear). Share.
2. What is your main sphere of influence? How is your “loving dominion” there? What fruit of the Spirit are you strongest in? What fruit needs the most cultivation?
3. What 3 main areas are you spending your life on? How are you being expanded now for more responsibility on the New Earth?
4. Just for fun: based on what you love to do now, what do you think Jesus might give you to govern on the New Earth?