"And the next unto him was Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan, the seven princes of Persia and Media, which saw the king's face, and which sat the <u>first in the</u> kingdom;)" Esther 1:14 KJV

Seven princes of Persia were the king's favorites. They had his ear, his honor, and his favor. They were the first power of the kingdom after the king. They always had the best of the best! God says to His own, "Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore



with lovingkindness have I drawn thee." God has known and drawn every soul that should love Him from before time began! "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. We love Him, because He first loved us." Dear believer, God knew you before you existed and determined that you should become like Jesus! God made man "in His own image. God...hath...spoken unto us by His Son, ... Who being the ... the EXPRESS IMAGE of His person...BY HIMSELF purged our sins [and] sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high, for in Him dwelleth ALL the fullness of the Godhead bodily. For WHOM HE DID FOREKNOW, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the IMAGE OF HIS SON. According to the faith of God's elect...In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, PROMISED BEFORE THE WORLD BEGAN. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and ... we know that, when He shall appear, WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM." Each and every believing soul has the ear of God! "For we have not an High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Are you in need? You have direct access to the Throne of God! God will not only supply your need, but He will give it to you at the best time in just the right amount! If He allows you to be persecuted or harmed by Satan's minions, it is for His glory and His grace will be sufficient for the trial. You will be more than amply compensated! Death itself is only a small step into the very presence of God! "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for Thou art with me." Your life cannot be taken from you for "it is hid with Christ in God!" Immortality is the reality of the Redeemed!

> When seated first beside the KING, We'll hear the gates of heaven ring, When ransomed hosts will shout and sing, As to their Lord their joy they bring! ~CGP

Not only will believers reign immortal, they will do it with exceeding pleasure! "Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in Thy presence is fulness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore!" We soon grow weary of the most pleasurable activities of human life. Ice cream becomes undesirable if it is all you have to eat. Abundance of money is not a guarantee of happiness. Look up the list of lottery winners and see what happened to them after they won. The wealthy are seldom believers. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and ALL these things shall be added unto you!" Have what YOU want and you'll work for every bit of it! Have what God wants for you and it will be an eternal supply! When seated next to the KING, "nothing shall be impossible!"

"And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come He might shew the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus." Ephesians 2:5-7 KJV