BIBLE STUDY DEPARTMENT

THEME 2008: *...THAT THOU MAYEST PROSPER...*

TOPIC: ***HEAVENLY PLACES***

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Memory verse - And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

Eph. 2:6

Notes

Wow! The thought of the immense possibilities we possess as gods is so inspiring and over whelming.

Part of the excitement that comes with this knowledge is the position we occupy by reason of our status. The bible says that we hitherto were dead in sin but God in his infinite mercy quickened us and made it possible for us to seat together in heavenly places in Christ (Eph. 2:6).

Notice that the bible does not talk about sitting in heavenly places by Christ Jesus as many of us render this scripture; but in Christ Jesus. To say "by Christ" is to suggest a certain place where Christ dwells, and we are present with him. But to say "in Christ" describes our position by reason of our new status and estate by reason of Jesus' saving work of grace (Gal. 2:20; Col. 1:27; Jn. 14:20). What is important is that we acknowledge and maintain this position (I Cor. 10:12; II Pt. 1:2-10). That is where the power for Godly abilities and capacity to achieve lies (consider Jn. 14:12).

We have the records of those who have fallen from their estate (see Gal. 5:4). Therefore, we ought to be watchful (Heb. 12:12-15).

Remember the devil who today is the ark enemy of God and his people once had his place in heaven (Isa. 14:12-15). Therefore again, take heed (I cor. 1:12).