

*He said to them, "The **kings of the nations lord it over them, and those who have authority over them are called 'benefactors.'** But not so with you.*

*But one who is the greater among you, let him **become as the younger**, and one who is governing, as **one who serves**. For who is greater, one who sits at the table, or one who serves? Isn't it he who sits at the table? But **I am in the midst of you as one who serves.***

*But you are those who have **continued with me in my trials. I confer on you a kingdom**, even as my **Father conferred on me, that you may eat and drink at my table** in my Kingdom. You will **sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.**" (Luke 22:25-30)*

What kind of kingdom did Jesus confer on them?

How did the Father **confer** a kingdom on Jesus?

What do **trials have to do** with this, and what is **significant about continuing with Him** in His trials?

Why does Jesus seem to say the **purpose** of the kingdom is so they may **eat and drink at His table**?

*Jesus answered him, "Most certainly, I tell you, **unless one is born anew, he can't see the Kingdom of God.**"*

*Jesus answered, "Most certainly I tell you, **unless one is born of water and spirit, he can't enter into the Kingdom of God!***

*That which is born of the flesh is flesh. That which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Don't marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born anew.' The wind blows where it wants to, and you hear its sound, but **don't know where it comes from and where it is going.** So is everyone who is **born of the Spirit.**" (John 3:3, 5-8)*

*In that hour the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "**Who then is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?**"*

*Jesus called **a little child** to himself, and set him in the midst of them, and said, "**Most certainly** I tell you, unless you turn, and **become as little children**, you will in **no way enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.** Whoever therefore **humbles himself as this little child**, the same is the **greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.** Whoever receives one such little child in my name **receives me**, (Matthew 18:1-5)*

***Have this** in your mind, which was **also in Christ Jesus**, who, existing in the form of God, didn't consider equality with God a thing to be grasped, but **emptied himself**, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he **humbled himself**, becoming **obedient to death**, yes, the death of the cross. Therefore **God also highly exalted him**, and gave to him the name which is above every name; (Philippians 2:5-9)*

That **you might eat and drink at my table** in my kingdom.

What had **Jesus just talked about** right before this?

*But not so with you. But **one who is the greater** among you, let him become as the younger, and one who is governing, as **one who serves**. For who is greater, one who sits at the table, or one who serves? Isn't it he who sits at the table? But **I am** in the midst of you as **one who serves**. (Luke 22:26-27)*

What is the nature and **purpose of thrones** here?

What does it **mean to judge** in God's government?

Why are they to **judge only the twelve tribes**?