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The LORD hath prepared His throne in the heavens; and His kingdom ruleth over all.
Psalm 103:19 (KJV)

Thought for today...

We are reminded daily that the times we are living in are unprecedented. Things such as jobs and the economy (that we previously considered to be at least somewhat stable and consistent), are disappearing and failing, and even the very fabric of society seems to be collapsing, as governments worldwide struggle to demonstrate effective leadership.

Thankfully, followers of Christ know that our hope is not in or of this world, as despite being citizens of a particular country at this point in time, we are - more importantly - citizens of a heavenly kingdom.



The New Living Translation Version of Isaiah 9:7 tells us: 'His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity...'

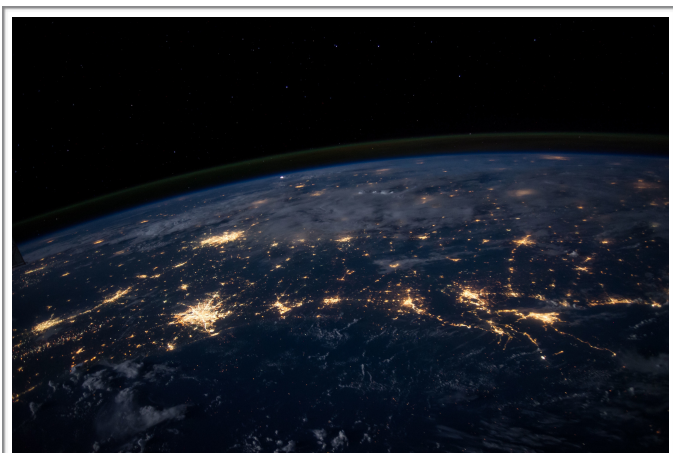
Imagine that - living with a government of peace, fairness and justice; a kingdom established by God where Christ rules, reigns, and is sovereign.

The LORD knows that we are concerned about how we will feed, clothe and make provision for our families, where we will live and work, how we will pay our rent or mortgage, and yet He has promised: **“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”** Matthew 6:33 (New King James Version).

'The LORD will not let the godly go hungry, but he refuses to satisfy the craving of the wicked.' Proverbs 10:3 (New Living Translation).

As Christ's followers, we are prompted to pray for His kingdom to come: **'Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.'** Matthew 6:10 (NKJV). His coming kingdom will be established on the earth, and whilst we are not privy to know when that will be, until Christ returns, we are required not only to contribute to building His kingdom, but to make it our priority.

Many people will choose to scoff at the thought of such a kingdom being a reality. Mark's gospel gives the warning: **“... The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!”** Mark 1:15 (NLT).



The kingdom of God is one of 'righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.' (Romans 14:17).

Are you a citizen?

