

# Choose Life

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Renewing Covenant  
with Our Gracious King





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# The King We Need

Deuteronomy 17:14-20



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1. Political power is perilous.



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**God's kingdom =**  
God's people  
living in God's place  
under God's rule.

- Graeme Goldsworthy



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So don't worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you. Therefore don't worry about tomorrow, because tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. —  
Matthew 6:31-34, CSB



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What if our attempts at relevance, at mimicking and outdoing the beautiful world, actually limit our ministry potential? What if our increasing strangeness to Western culture is actually to our advantage? What if the fact that you can no longer be warmly embraced in the contemporary cultural fold if you are an orthodox Christian is actually the best thing that has happened to us?

– Mark Sayers



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2. Political power can corrupt.



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Now I know that the Lord gives victory to his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with mighty victories from his right hand. Some take pride in chariots, and others in horses, but we take pride in the name of the LORD our God. They collapse and fall, but we rise and stand firm.

- Psalm 20:6-8, CSB





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3. Political humility is precious.



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All of King Solomon's drinking cups were gold, and all the utensils of the House of the Forest of Lebanon were pure gold. There was no silver, since it was considered as nothing in Solomon's time...

- 1 Kings 10:21, CSB



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Solomon accumulated 1,400 chariots and 12,000 horsemen and stationed them in the chariot cities and with the king in Jerusalem.

- 1 Kings 10:26, CSB



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He had seven hundred wives who were princesses and three hundred who were concubines, and they turned his heart away.

- 1 Kings 11:3, CSB



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Solomon did what was evil in the LORD's sight, and unlike his father David, he did not remain loyal to the LORD.

- 1 Kings 11:6, CSB



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“Today we want the kingdom without the King.”

- Mark Sayers