

# **The Rulers of the Gentiles**

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Read Matthew 20:25-28

1. Jesus instructed His disciples in humility and service; not to exercise Lordship over others. Matthew 18:1, 3.
2. As a Christian, your position, authority, and talents should be used to serve others.
3. Heaven views the greatest amongst humankind to be those who are living a life in service to others.
4. Jesus, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, lived fully to meet the needs of man and to draw their thoughts ever heavenward in spirit and in truth.

## **ISRAEL ASKED FOR A HUMAN KING**

1. This led the children of Israel into a strong moral downfall.
2. There were times that God would allow His people to be taken into captivity in an effort to correct their sinful ways.

## **CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

1. God's church is instructed not to be structured after that of the Gentiles.
2. Constantine came to power and eventually professed to be a Christian.
3. As problems arose in the church, the church began to reach out to the state for help.
4. Once the church and state united, things became much worse. Persecution of the faithful few will always result when there is a strong coalition of church and state.
5. We are to maintain separation of Church & State with God as the church's leader.