

Ascension Day (1)

On Ascension Day, this year celebrated on Thursday 25 May, we proclaim that Jesus is our Lord. That he died for our sins and has been raised from the dead and has risen to heaven.

He is alive forever, and he was enthroned at the right hand of God the Father and has been given all authority in heaven and on earth on the first Ascension Day, 2000 years ago.

We have an advocate in heaven. He listens to our prayers.

He will crush all his enemies.

He will come again.

Therefore, we must go and make disciples of all nations

and serve him with love, obedience, reverence and in worship till our life's end.

The Ascension of Christ proclaims his authority over all. 1 Peter 3:22 says that Christ *“has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand - with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him”* And Jesus said: *“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you”*. Matthew 28:18-20.

Ascension Day proclaims the Lordship of Christ in every area of life. Jesus has all authority. Jesus is Lord over the world of business, sports, entertainment and government. Jesus Christ is Lord over the Church, schools, shops, entertainment, manufacturing, public service, justice and parliament.

Every professional, worker, manager, teacher, policeman, politician, business person, mother, father, and every person in authority are under his authority is **individually accountable to God** and will one day give account of their lives before the almighty Christ, Lord, King and Judge who reigns in heaven and has dominion over everything.

Ascension Day is a glorious celebration of and holy reminder and assurance that *“the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.”* Habakkuk 2:14