The Best Seat In The House

(Matthew 20:20-24 KJV)

*20 Then came to him the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him. 21And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom. 22But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able. 23And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father. 24And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation against the two brethren.*

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t is human nature to want to sit in the best seat in the house—at sporting events it’s the skybox seat, or the seat on the fifty-yard line or the seat directly behind home plate. These places command the best view at the most expensive price. In fact, at a concert, the best seat in the house ladies especially if you were single, were the ones closest to the musicians so he could touch your lifted hand—as you faked a fallout! Moreover when you invite a guest to your house you invite them to sit down in the best seat in the house don't you? If one of your kids is sitting there, you ask him/her to move and then you ask the invited guest to sit down in that most important seat in the house.

If you study your bible correctly, the Jews always occupied the “best seats” in the synagogues. In fact, Jesus made mention of it when he said of the Pharisees, “*They love the best places at feasts, the best seats in the synagogues*” (Matthew 23:6). As in most church buildings today, synagogues typically had a raised platform in the front where the worship leaders would sit. Visiting rabbis and other religious dignitaries, that were often asked to participate in the service, by reading a scripture or giving a lesson. So it was an honor to have the opportunity to sit in one of these seats up here. They were classified as, "The Best Seat In The House!"

So let me interject this question, "What do you suppose is the best seat in the church building? I would venture to say that it's the back seat! I know this to be true because it’s the one that's the most occupied. And someone might ask the question why? Well maybe and don't be surprised, "it may be because it’s the farthest seat away from the preacher.

So, what seat would you prefer in the church, that would be satisfactory for you to occupy? Which seat of certainty, assurance, and determination you would like? Would it be the Pastor's seat, the Deacons seat, or rather would you prefer the Board of Directors seat—because you see these are the most important seats of the church, excluding the Board of Directors seat because that seat is a manmade seat, it's not a scriptural seat. In order to be biblically sound there are only two ordained seats in the entire bible—those are the Pastor's seat, and the Deacons seat. Here's the scriptural evidence:

**The Pastor's Seat:**

**Jeremiah 3:15 (KJV)**

*And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.*

**The Deacons Seat:**

**(Acts 6:3 KJV)**

*Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.*

**But there are also other seats of the bible that we should well aware of according to:**

**(Psalm 1:1 KJV)**

*Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.*

**There's:**

1. The Seat Of God (**Job 23:3; Ezekiel 28:2**)
2. The Seat Of The Scornful (**Psalms 1:1**)
3. The Seat Of The Image Of Jealousy (**Ezekiel 8:3**)
4. The Seat Of Violence (**Amos 6:3**)
5. The Seat Of Moses (**Matthew 23:2**)
6. The Seat Of Satan (**Revelation 2:13**)
7. The Seat Of The Beast (**Revelation 16:10**)
8. The Mercy Seat of God (**Exodus 25:17**)