


Let's Worship God

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Monday - Isaiah 11:1-3 - Messiah: What He's Like

Messiah means 'the anointed one'. Priests and kings were anointed ones, but they pointed to someone greater. They pointed to someone in whom the Holy Spirit dwelt without measure. In fact, the word 'Christ' is the Greek word for Messiah. Where does the Messiah come from? He is from the family of Jesse who was the father of King David. God had promised David there would always be someone to reign on his throne (2 Samuel 7). Ultimately from David would descend the Messiah, the anointed one, the One who would be the final prophet, priest, and king, who would sit on the throne of David forever.

We have a blessing in our New Testament day that Old Testament believers in Jesus Christ did not have. That is the way the Spirit is given to us. These, in Isaiah's day, looked forward to him whose blood would be shed somehow or another, who would be hung on a tree or something of the sort, who would be accursed by God so that they could receive everlasting blessing. They looked forward to him, and they were saved. It was all by the working of the Holy Spirit on them. Now we have all that. But we have something special that has come since Pentecost. We have the Holy Spirit dwelling in us. Because of that we have a fullness of joy, a strength of assurance that none of the Old Testament saints were privileged to have. This did not affect their salvation, of course, but it often affected their comfort. God in His grace has made us to be alive in a place, in a time where we have the fullness of the Holy Spirit. This is because the Holy Spirit was most fully and is most fully upon our Lord Jesus.

Jesus is a prophet, so He knows exactly what to tell us about God. He is the final Priest, and so knows how to and has accomplished complete salvation for His people. He is the King who is able to save His people to the uttermost. He does all this for the sake of his people. He delights to save His people from their sin. Do you know this Messiah?

Questions

1. What does the word Messiah mean?
2. What advantages do we have over Old Testament believers?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would grow in humility and obedience.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. Isaiah 11:9

Praise: Psalm 95 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Tuesday - Isaiah 11:3-5 - Messiah's Government

There are many places in the Bible that speak of the Lord Jesus Christ as King, not merely because He is God. He is that, but He is the redeemer. He is the entire Saviour, the complete Saviour, the only Saviour for His people. He is given all power and authority in heaven and on earth. He is king over all the earth. He is king over all people. He is king over all nations, though they rebel against Him. The time is coming when that rebellion shall end. Now that is what Isaiah is looking forward to, and we are in the midst of that happening. It has begun ever since Christ's resurrection, and it shall continue that Jesus is bringing all things under His feet to present them to the Father until He comes again in glory.

Messiah's government is one of justice and righteousness. Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ, judges not merely outwardly, but He judges inwardly. Jesus, as He governs all things, is not impressed or distracted with extraneous matters. He is not fooled by perjury. No one will be able to bribe Him. No one will be able to get away from Him. Jesus Christ will not condemn the innocent. Often the saints of God have been tarred with all kinds of accusations. Jesus knows, Jesus sees, and Jesus vindicates us at the proper time. The Lord Jesus Christ brings justice to His enemies. He puts an end to His enemies. Some are destroyed (verse 4). God shows His power, His glorious might, His spotless holiness, His sparkling uprightness. He vindicates the truth of His promise that He shall end the wicked. God is glorified in this. But for many, this is not the way He puts a stop on His enemies. I want you to think, to consider, and to remember that at one time you were an enemy of God in Jesus Christ. And you are not now. Jesus has made an end of you as an enemy. All the destruction spoken of here in verse four is what some of the wicked get upon their own heads, and it is what all the wicked deserve. It is what we deserve. But amazingly, all this destruction Christ took upon Himself, all the wrath that we have deserved, placed upon Him. Jesus puts an end to His enemies by condemnation or by conversion.

Questions

1. How is Christ different from earthly judges?
2. How does Christ put an end to His enemies?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that God in His grace has changed you from being His enemy.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. Isaiah 11:9

Praise: Psalm 96 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Wednesday - Isaiah 11:6-9 - Peace and Joy

When God made the world, there was no such thing as death. When did death come in? When Adam ate the forbidden fruit. It used to be that man only ate fruits and vegetables and things like that. And that was enough for him. So did the animals. Wolves lived together with lambs, leopards with kid goats, and calves with lions. And a little child could have led them. But all was destroyed, all was put into disorder by the first Adam's sin. Paul teaches us in Romans 5 that the Lord Jesus Christ, Messiah, of Whom Isaiah is speaking here in chapter 11, is the second Adam. By the first Adam and by his sin, all things fell. Paul later teaches in Romans 8 that all of creation is groaning, waiting for the redemption of all things in Jesus Christ. Christ, the second Adam, is restoring all things.

But there is a picture of something even more wonderful in verse 8. By nature, we're all seed of the serpent. We are all lost in our sin. But here the serpent is no longer dangerous. In verse 8, we might say that the serpent has become saintly. And that is a picture, the work of the Holy Spirit as he applies the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ. He takes snakes in the grass, such as we once were, and makes us to be holy and godly. He takes the fiercest people, the nastiest people - Jesus sends His Spirit to them and He changes them utterly.

There shall eventually be no more destruction within, and there will no longer be any destruction from the outside. And the cause of this is the knowledge of God as we read about here in verse 9, given by Christ. It is in his holy mountain, a picture there of the church of Jesus Christ in all ages. All the earth will be covered with the knowledge of the glory of Jehovah that brings about peace and joy, justice and righteousness. This is what Jesus is doing, but He's not done yet. By the time the Lord Jesus returns, all the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. Because King Jesus rules. King Jesus reigns. King Jesus is governing all things for the glory of His father and for the blessing and delight of you, His children.

Questions

1. Who is the second Adam?
2. Who can change the fiercest people?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that Christ is restoring all things.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. Isaiah 11:9

Praise: Psalm 97 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Thursday - Isaiah 11:10-16 - A Signal for the Peoples

This prophecy is partially fulfilled by the envoys coming from the land of Babylon after Hezekiah has been used by God for the destruction of the great Assyrian army. (2 Kings 20:12-19; 2 Chronicles 32:31; Isaiah 39) There's also a partial fulfilment in 2 Chronicles 30. Hezekiah holds a great Passover, and he called for people to come down from what was left of the northern kingdom. But if you read these verses, you'll see that this prophecy is talking about nations all over the world. That didn't happen in Hezekiah's time or Josiah's time. At the end of Hezekiah's reign, something far greater waited. Someone far greater was coming, a descendant of Hezekiah, one who would fulfil all things. This is the great king, the rod of Jesse, the branch who would come forth from David. In Romans 15:7-13, Paul applies this prophecy of Isaiah to Jesus. In John 12:32, Jesus says, "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." What does that have to do with this? Well, Jesus is the banner or signal to the people. In ancient days there would be a standard or banner raised that would mark the leader, and you would follow the flag. Jesus is the one who leads forward, and He has as those who assist Him, primarily the elders of the church of Jesus Christ. Ministers bear His standard as they preach Jesus Christ to the nations, and in Christ the peoples become united.

Here is the promise: As the banner of Jesus Christ is lifted up, as Jesus is exalted, as Jesus' Person and work are displayed, people shall come to Him. You witness for Jesus Christ. Do so in your families, with your children. Do so with your extended family, your relations. Do it with your friends and your neighbours, your coworkers. Live for Jesus and speak of Jesus. The outcome is certain. The elect are all over the place, there will be people who come to Jesus. We who understand, by God's grace, the sovereignty of God ought to be those who are most eager to go out and tell people of Jesus, because we know we're going to bump into those whom God will save.

Questions

1. How is this prophecy fulfilled?
2. Why should we speak to others of Christ?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for the salvation of family and friends.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Praise: Psalm 98 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Friday - Isaiah 11:10-16 - The Nations' King

We read that Christ's resting place is glorious. What is that resting place? He who obeyed unto death, Who by His own shed blood rescued for eternity His own people, rose from the dead and ascended into Heaven. There He sits, reigning. His redemptive work is done. He reigns over and is conquering all things because of His redeeming work, because of His mediatorial work as Prophet, Priest, and King. There is not only rest for Him, but rest for you as well. Rest from your guilt. Rest from your strife. Rest from all the efforts of trying to make yourself good enough for God. Rest from the threat of God's wrath. Rest from all the condemnation that previously you had feared and the fear of death itself.

We read that in that day the Lord shall recover the remnant of His people, and all these nations are named here. What could this be talking about? God is allowing Isaiah to see what Paul taught about in Romans 11 where an olive tree represents the one people of God, the one true Israel. The Jews are broken off because of their disobedience; some of them anyway. The Gentiles are grafted in. But a time is coming when the fullness of the Gentiles shall come in, and then there should be a great movement of those who are Jews back into the one people of God. The Jews shall look upon Him whom they have pierced, and they shall believe upon Him. As we read in Revelation, the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdom of our God and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever. Someone might say, 'but that's not the way things look today.' Does the way things look today determine how they shall be? At one point there was a handful of people who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ. Now they are over the world, with all kinds of languages, among all kinds of peoples. The kingdom of Christ is advancing, and the nations must yield, shall yield to Him. We have the blessing of participating in that. We have the privilege of being used by God in its advance. Let us give glory to God. Let us rejoice in our king who even now is protecting us, caring for us, ruling over us, and destroying all His and our enemies.

Questions

1. What rest do we have in Christ?
2. What promises do we have hear of Christ's Kingdom?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that Christ is a triumphant King.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. Isaiah 11:9

Praise: Psalm 99 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Saturday - Isaiah 12:1-2 - Joyful Confession

What day is being spoken of here? It is the day that God spoke of in the previous chapter. It is a day that we have not seen yet. It is a day when we shall see worldwide revival, when we shall see people from all nations coming to Jesus, when, as Paul calls it, the fullness of the Gentiles come in. God will work in a special way upon the Jews so that they no longer reject Messiah, but come to Him overwhelmingly to the great glory of God. It is a day of confession. It's a day of deliverance. It will be a day of consecration where the people are united in being given over to God.

If it be a day of confession, what are they confessing? The first thing to be confessed is sin. When God works redemption in a sinner's heart, the sinner comes to see that he is just that, a sinner. He may have thought that he was weak, or stupid, or that he made some mistakes. But the sinner never really comes to see that he is a sinner until the Holy Spirit works in his heart, bringing conviction, enabling him to see that he is what he truly is, a wretched, filthy, guilty sinner.

We have a confession of faith on this day. God has already turned His anger away. The only way that His anger can be turned away is by somebody else paying the penalty. That somebody else is Jesus. Then comfort and happiness come. Note the order. There's never comfort with God's judgment over us. The comfort only comes after you have confessed your sin.

God is our salvation. He doesn't merely give us salvation, He is our salvation. He is the one that we receive, and He takes us to Himself. Then there is no more fear. This is the way that it is for all believers. Once they know Jesus, and they confess their sin and confess their faith, fear is kicked right out. We receive strength, for no fear paralyzes us, and God's strength is made perfect in our weakness. God becomes our song. We sing about Him, and we sing to Him using His very own words here in the Psalms. He is our ultimate reward. He is our ultimate joy. This is the joyful confession of these verses, the confession of faith in Jesus Christ. This is what brings joy on this day, this great day that is yet to come.

Question

1. Who pays the penalty for our sin?
2. How does God become our song?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Praise: Psalm 100 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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**God tells us that
Ezra read from
the book of the Law
day after day
and that
the people of God
were filled with joy!**

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