

9-16-2018 Weekly Message

The contemplation of the week: Psalm 98:1-9

Text: Psalm 8:1-9

Word Title: **What is man?**

King David praises the Lord God who has glory in the heavens. God has testified that he has given strength to babies and sucklings to calm their enemies and avengers. Also, David could not understand how God placed man-like baby in his mind when he thought of the heavens, the moon, and the stars God created with his fingers.

He praises God, the Creator, who made Adam the first man God created little lower than the angels, but with glory and honor to rule over the things he created. In addition, looking at the day when Satan is to be cast out of all the sovereignty of the world by the last Adam and the second man, the Lord Jesus Christ, and looking to rule the whole earth, he said, "**O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!**" he praised the Lord.

When God created all things, He created all creation by the Word. But on the sixth day, when he created man, he made with his own hands and made his own image and likeness:

" **And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.**

27So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

.... And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

"(Genesis 1: 26,27; 2: 7)

Before the sin of man, it was a glorious appearance with the image and likeness of God as the Son of God. But King David did not know what

purpose God created man. In addition, most of the people who are now living on the earth are living without knowing what purpose God made them. Everyone born after Adam has no God's image and likeness, so we see that men are lamenting for their miserable situation.

But God is going to make men as infants and babies like the Lord Jesus Christ living by faith to redeem a dead spirit, and save the soul that is bound to perish forever, and give life to the body of incorruptible and immortal when He comes. .

Two thousand years ago, the Lord Jesus Christ, who has removed the sin of the world, will come back and judge the Satan, and will occupy the earth which the first man Adam gave up to Satan and become the last Adam to rule over the whole earth. David, who realized this through the Holy Spirit, said, "**O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!**" He praised the Lord.

Now when we look at the heavens, the moon, and the stars, we think how humble ourselves are and how weak we are as infants. However, God has planned to make his will through the men he has created, and has been keeping people in his hearts for six thousand years since they lost God's image. God wants every man to trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, who came as the last Adam, to receive the Spirit of the last Adam and be restored to the image of God.

But even though the spirit and the soul are transformed into the image of God by believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, the body still remains in the dead, corrupting body inherited from Adam. When the last Adam, the Lord Jesus Christ, appeared in the air, all those who received the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ, the last Adam, would be transformed into the image of God, not a fragile image, but glorious. Apostle Paul realized this great mystery and testified:

" Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

52In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. "(1 Cor. 15: 51-53).

Those who participate in this glorious resurrection will win over the devil who has won the power of death by victory over death through the Lord Jesus Christ. God sent His begotten Son, who was in the beginning as the Word, for those who lost His image because of Adam, who was the first man, to remove all the sin of Satan by his own death, He gave his own spirit to all those who believed without discrimination, to win from death.

He will cleanse the heavens defiled by Satan, renew the hosts of all the heavens, renew all things on this earth, and fill them with his own people, the Gentiles who believe in himself, and his children.

It is not yet, but God is still longing to accomplish His plan, so that even one person wants to join in this glorious plan. Apostle Peter testified about the longing of this God:

" Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

4And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of the creation.

5For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

6Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

7But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store,

reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

8But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day *is* with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

9The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

"(2 Peter 3: 3-9)

The first man, Adam, was made lower than the angels, but those who became the sons of God, who became the brothers of Jesus Christ and the children of God, who received the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ, the God who created the angels, It will be restored to form and receive the angels' ministering. To Christians in Rome who had this hope, the Apostle Paul sent a message of encouragement:

" For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

14For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

15For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

16The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

17And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together.

18For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are not worthy to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

"(Romans 8: 14-18)

Amen! Hallelujah!