

10-17-2021 Weekly Messages

Meditation of the Week: Psalm 91:1-16

Text: 1 John 1:1-4

Title: **Those who listen to the words of the Lord will live**

Apostle John testifies of the One who was the Word in the beginning and was with God became a man and appeared in the name of Jesus and called him as a disciple:

“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled of the Word of life;” (1 John 1:1).

He testified before of Jesus saying, "**And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.**" (John 1:14).

He was the disciple who always listened closely to Jesus, saying that he was the disciple whom Jesus loved. He personally heard the words of Jesus near at him, and looked closely leaning on his knee, and touched him with his hands. He made detailed testimony of Jesus as the word of life more than any other disciples.

He could see and feel the fullness of grace and truth in Jesus. He knew more about Jesus than any other disciples. The Jews at that time saw Jesus and saw what He was doing, but they knew nothing but that He was the son of Joseph the Carpenter of Nazareth. All of them pursued only the things of the flesh, so they could not know that Jesus is the Creator God and that eternal life dwells in him.

Because He is no longer in the world in the flesh, we cannot see him with our eyes, and we can no longer hear what he says, and we cannot touch him either. No one can live with him like his old disciples and nor hear directly from him the words of his life. So how can we receive the life that is in him?

Jesus spoke of the way to receive the eternal life to them who at that time were spiritually dead because of their ignorance without their disobedience and unbelief: :

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live..” (John 5:25)

Before Jesus died, he told his disciples that it would be good for them to leave them. They could not understand what Jesus was talking about his departure to make it good for them. Jesus spoke of the reason, with the words that the Holy Spirit, the Comforter and Spirit of truth, could not come unless he left them:

“I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. 13Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

14He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. 15All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you. " (John 16:12-15)

Jesus foretold that when the Holy Ghost come, the words of the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms, which were written through the anointing of the Holy Spirit, as well as the words of God written in the New Testament through the apostles, would take the place of His words. Apostle Paul testified of all the Scriptures:

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.
" (2 Tim. 3:16-) 17)

Therefore, in this age, the only way to see Jesus, who gives eternal life, as Apostle John, to touch Him, and to hear His voice is no other way unless we look deeply into the written Word of God. Even in Jesus' day, He had given the Jews the words of life countless times, but they could not receive eternal life because they did not listen and not looked closely at Him.

In the Old Testament times, the LORD God had not spoken his words unto the Jews for four thousand years since prophet Malachi, because they did not repent from worshipping idols and serving the Gentile nations. God comforted them through the prophet Isaiah, knowing himself of double chastening against them. Finally, through the prophet Isaiah, Jesus Christ, the light of life was prophesied of the appearing in the land of Israel:

“The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.” (Isaiah 9:2).

When Jesus also testified that the prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled through him:

“15The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles;

16The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.” (Matthew 4:15-16)

However, most of them rejected the kingdom of heaven that had come upon them, and killed their King, Jesus Christ, not receiving the words of life. They joined with the servants of Satan..

The gospel of Christ, which God gives grace for the past two thousand years, regardless of whether Jews or Gentiles whosoever believes in the Lord Jesus Christ has been testified through Apostle Paul. (1 Cor. 15:1-3)

Sooner or later God will appear with the heavenly clouds in the air to take his children of God home in heaven. calling their names. Apostle Paul testified of this:

“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18Wherefore comfort one another with these words.” (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18).

However, with the Rapture, the Age of Grace shall be ended, and Jews and Gentiles who do not believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and the unregenerate churches of God shall experience great suffering when the day of the Lord comes as they undergo trials in the great tribulation ruled by the Antichrist. The prophet Zechariah prophesied of what would happen in the day of the Lord that the day of judgment:

“Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. 2For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city

shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

3Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

4And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

” (Zechariah 14:1-4).

God will open the gates of heaven and destroy the armies of all nations who are united with the Antichrist And the Second Coming Lord Jesus Christ will destroy them all and will establish His Kingdom in the earth:

“ And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

10All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananeel unto the king's winepresses.

11And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.

12And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.

13And it shall come to pass in that day, that a great tumult from the LORD shall be among them; and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbour, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour.

14And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance.

”(Zech. 14:9-14)

Amen! Hallelujah!”