

8-24-2025 Sunday Sermon Message

Meditation of the Week: Psalm 91:1-16

Text: 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18

Title: **God Brings Those Who Have Fallen Asleep in Jesus for 2,000 Years**

The apostle Paul testifies that God will bring the saints who fell asleep in Jesus after believing in the gospel of Christ and being born again of the Holy Spirit after the Holy Spirit came on the Pentecost 2,000 years ago.

Their bodies fell asleep in the grave and had already returned to the dust, but when they left the body, God took their souls and spirits to heaven. The apostle Paul is testifying that God will now bring their spirits and souls.

God resurrects their bodies in the grave and unites their spirits and souls to resurrect their bodies.

After that, He will change the bodies of the bride of Christ in the Church of God alive and resurrect them into immortal bodies, and lift them up to heaven with the saints who died and fell asleep in Christ.

We must understand what God's will is to take the saints who fell asleep in Jesus and the bride of Christ in the living church of God to heaven together.

Firstly, God wants to marry them with Christ Jesus. When the apostle Paul spoke of marriage, he said that this is a great mystery and testified that the marriage of a man and a woman into one body is a shadow of a great mystery:

"For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

³² This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church."(Ephesians 5:31-32)

Secondly, when God marries the Church of God that He has established over the past two thousand years with Christ, He wants to fulfill His will. When Jesus came to the world in the flesh, he told His chosen people, the Jews, to pray:

"After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

¹⁰ Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."(Matthew 6:9-10)

The Lord God planned to establish His kingdom on earth and to have His brides rule together in His Millennial Kingdom. In his letter to Timothy, the apostle Paul said of reigning with Christ:

"If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us."(2 Timothy 2:12)

Jesus also spoke of those who would rule in his kingdom through his parable of pound:

"He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.

¹³ And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come....

Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds.

¹⁷ And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities."(Luke 19:12, 13, 16, 17)

The prophet Enoch prophesied that Christ Jesus would bring the raptured saints at His second coming to earth and judge ungodly sinners with them:

"And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,

¹⁵ To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him."(Jude 1:14-15)

The prophet Zechariah also prophesied that He would come to the earth with the saints during the war of Armageddon:

"And 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.

⁵ And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with thee."(Zechariah 14:4-5)

The apostle John also witnessed that when Christ returned as the King of kings, the Lord of lords, the raptured saints come with him as an army of heaven in white linen:

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

¹² His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

¹³ And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

¹⁴ And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean."(Revelation 19:11-14)

Thirdly, the apostle Paul testified that the bride of Christ in the Church of God will work with Christ to fill all things with Christ about what they must do forever:

"Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

²¹ Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

²² And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

²³ Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all."(Ephesians 1:20-23)

The reason why the Lord has given His Spirit to the members of the Church of God for the past two thousand years and made them His brides is to make them His bride to help God fulfill His will in heaven and on earth.

Therefore, now is the time of the end of all things, and we must prepare for the impending great tribulation, the rapture that is just before it, and the great tribulation so that the Lord Jesus Christ will realize God's will in heaven and on earth through His second coming, and become a pure bride until He appears, so that our whole spirit, soul, and body are to appear before Him without reproach.
Amen! Hallelujah!