

9-7-2025 Sunday Sermon Message
Meditation of the Week: Psalm 91:1-16
Text: Isaiah 25:1-8

Title: **Through Isaiah prophesied that Christ would swallow death on the day of the rapture**

Through the prophet Isaiah, God prophesied that Christ would swallow death on the Day of the Rapture, when He would appear in the distant future:

"He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it."(Isaiah 25:8)

Apostle Paul, who understood the words of this prophecy through the Holy Spirit, testified that on the day of the rapture He would swallow up death in victory that was in the dead in Christ:

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

In the question Jesus asked Martha when He was in the flesh, we can see that the Lord spoke of the coming day of the rapture:

"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?"(John 11:25-26)

Apostle Paul testified of the mystery of Christ's work in victory on the day of the rapture when He swallow death:

"Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In 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. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory."(1 Corinthians 15:54)

Apostle Paul also testified about the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ swallowing death and giving us victory, and how the saints who wait for this day should live until that day:

"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? 56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."(1 Corinthians 15:55-58)

He also testified about the times and seasons of the rapture:

" But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

² For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

³ For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

⁴ But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

⁵ Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

⁶ Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.

⁷ For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

⁸ But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation."(1 Thessalonians 5:1-8)

He testified that we would not fall into the great tribulation but would be raptured before that:

"For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

¹⁰ Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

¹¹ Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do."(1 Thessalonians 5:9-11)

We know exactly the times and seasons of the rapture through the Word. We should discern only the words of God, not the words of some prophets or people who have had near-death experiences.

Then we realize that the time when they will say they achieved peace and safety for themselves is very close to us. If the two state solutions that are about to be voted on by the United Nations General Assembly are passed between September 23 and 25 of this year, it is almost clear that all of them will cry out that they have achieved world peace and security.

The nations of the world have long conspired against Israel to recognize Palestine as a nation and achieve world peace so that Israel and Palestine can live on the land promised to Abraham by parting it. In this way, God's word allows us to know the times and seasons of the day accurately.

But God foretold through the prophet Joel that God would judge them when this day come:

"For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the

captivity of Judah and Jerusalem,

² I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land." (Joel 3:1-2)

Amen! Hallelujah!