

9-8-2019 Weekly Messages

Meditation of the week: Psalms 48:1-11

Text: Psalm 46: 1-11

Title: God's Plan Escaping his people from the Present World to Refuge in heaven

Since Satan brought sin, death, and curse to this world, the earth has been turned into a miserable prison made by the Satan. But God has planned to kill and destroy the devil and proclaim it to the serpent Satan (Gen. 3:15). In addition, God has created a plan to move those who believe and obey His plan from this ruined earth to the heavenly refuge.

The first man translated to heaven was Enoch, who walked with God for three hundred years. And God chose Noah, the only man who found grace in God's eyes, and chose them by calling Abraham among his offspring to be circumcised. He also chose his grandson Jacob and chose his descendants as his people.

He gave them the Law and opened the way for their sins to be forgiven through the Law. God shed the beast's blood to cleanse the sins of their flesh. But because of the blood of the beasts, they could not purify their souls, so that they could not enter the refuge in heaven after death. Finally, they rose from the grave and entered the heavenly refuge as Apostle Matthew testified:

" And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

52And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,

53And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

54Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.

"(Mt 27: 51-53)

That's right! They followed Enoch to an refuge in heaven from the earth worse than ancient Egypt. It was not Exodus from Egypt but from the earth. Apostle Paul testified of how they were brought to heaven's refuge:

" For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:

14How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? '(Hebrews 9: 13-14).

Christ Jesus, the seed of the woman who appeared at the end of the world to destroy the Devil and his work (sin,

death, and curse), became the Lamb of God who removed the sins of the world, crucified the sins of the law, shed His blood, died, and resurrected. He was to save the souls of all who believed in Him (1 Peter 1: 9). Since then, so many Christians have been persecuted in the past two thousand years, wandering in the world, living the lives of pilgrims, and have been buried in the graves. But their spirit and soul had already escaped to heaven's refuge by the hands of angels. Now they are waiting to escape to heaven, without leaving their flesh and bones on the earth. Indeed, the living Christians are also waiting for Christ's Day, the day of the rapture, when the Lord Jesus Christ appears in the air and calls upon their names to change their bodies immortal and incorruptible, and escape with them to the refuge in heaven.

Apostle Paul testified of the rapture of the Old Testament saints and the rapture of the New Testament Saints when he wrote to the Corinthian Saints:

" But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

21For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead.

22For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

23But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. "(1 Corinthians 15: 20-23).

That's right! We Christians will soon become Christ's on the day of Christ Jesus, who will reappear, and our spirits, souls, and bodies shall escape from this hellish world under Satan's reigning and be moved to the place of our refuge in heaven, to our Father God. . We shall go to heaven with a glorified body that no longer dies or corrupts. It will be an incomparable day comparing to the joy of the ancient Israelites' escaped from the slavery of Egypt for 400 years. As Joseph did not leave did not leave his bones in Egypt, we shall not leave even a piece of our bones in the hellish world dominated by the Devil.

Apostle Paul testified to the Saints in Thessalonica who eagerly awaited the day when this would happen:

" Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and *by* our gathering together unto him, 2That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

3Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;*

4Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God..... But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

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

3For 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.

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

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

6Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. "(2 Thess. 2: 1-4, 1 Thess. 5: 1-6).

But when the great tribulation hits the world, following the day of Christ, all the Jews and the Gentiles (including those who are not born again Christians) shall all go through the great tribulation and suffer greatly. But God will move the rest of the Jews and Gentiles to heaven who repent, believe in Jesus, and keep the commandments. Apostle John testified of those who would ascend to heaven among the remnant of the Jews:

" And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

3Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

4And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel..... And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Zion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads..... These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

5And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God."(Revelation 7: 2-4; 14: 1,4-5)

Apostle John also testified of those who did not go

to heaven among the remnant of the Jews and whom God would feed for three and a half years:

" And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

14And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

"(Revelation 12: 13-14).

Apostle John witnessed of the multitude of Gentiles coming out from the great tribulation being saved and relocated to the throne of God:

" After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

10And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.....

These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

16They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

17For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes..

"(Re 7: 9-10, 14-17)

That's right! God of our refuge planed to destroy the devil and move his people, the Gentiles, and his bride, his church, to the safe place in heaven. Not only will he take the Devil and let him rule no more the world anymore, but he will have his people dwell in his restored heavens and earth, and at the end of the millennium, he will finally judge all nations, He is establishing His eternal kingdom in the new heavens and earth without any curses.

Amen! Hallelujah!