

12-27-2020 weekly message

Meditation of the week: Psalm 91:1-16

Text: Hebrews 1:3-14

Title: Creator Jesus Christ, the brightness of God's glory and the express image of his person

When Jesus appeared to the world in the flesh, when speaking of God the Father, he said, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." (John 4:24).

That's right! God is not just spirit, but he is a Spirit. We cannot dare to see with our eyes nor touch him. However, in order for God to deliver the word of truth to the sinners, he must appear in the image of Adam.

Therefore, Jesus, who was conceived by the Spirit of God and appeared as a man who was in the beginning as the Word, and who was with God, and he was God who created the heaven and the earth with the Father as well as all things on the earth (John 1:1-3). He is the brightness of God's glory and the express image of God's person. In other words, Heavenly Father had to be a man who could be seen and communicate with man.

Apostle John, who had seen Jesus closely and had fellowship with him, testified of him:

"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; (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)" (1 John 1:1-2).

Jesus also testified many times that He is the brightness of God's glory and that He is the express image of His Person:

"I and my Father are one." (John 10:30)... "Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us." "Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how savest thou then, Shew us the Father?" (John 14:8-9)... "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." (Matthew 11:28-29).

God said to King Ahaz, "Ask thee a sign of the LORD thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above." (Isaiah 7:11), "But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the LORD." (Isaiah 7:12).

God said through the prophet Isaiah to ask for a sign about how Christ Jesus, God's only begotten Son, will appear on the earth to save the Israelites, but he refused. He lived with his own interest only for his own comfort at that time, not interested in Christ, who would appear after his death. Most Christians today also are not interested in Christ, who will appear to lift them up to heaven sooner or later, and are deceived by the words of peace and safety, thinking only of their own comfort for eating and drinking.

But God testified of the signs to be revealed for the coming birth of Christ through the prophet Isaiah:

"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." (Isaiah 7:14)

The Holy Spirit, through the prophet Isaiah, testified of the sign of Christ Jesus, the brightness of God and the express image of His person:

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this." (Isa. 9:6-7)

That's right! Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son, is not only the Son of Heavenly Father, but He is the Almighty God as well as the Eternal Father, and appeared to the world in the form of the Son of Man to fulfill the word promised to David in the future. He will judge the world and become the King of Kings and Lord of Lords and establish his eternal kingdom.

The Christ, who created the heaven and the earth, and all things with the Father through his Word, is upholding all things in the whole universe and is running without any errors until the day when He judges heaven and earth in the future.

But when the time is coming, if he calls unto them, all things will stand up together unto judgment: he said through the prophet Isaiah:

"Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens: when I call unto them, they stand up together. (Isa. 48:13)..... Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people: let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it.

2For the indignation of the LORD is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter.
3Their slain also shall be cast out, and their stink shall come up out of their carcasses, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood.

4And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree.

5For my sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment.

6The sword of the LORD is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, and with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for the LORD hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea." (Isaiah 34:1-5)

Therefore, the Holy Spirit is warning us not to reject God's word in order not to enter the God's judgment

" 25See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:

26Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.

27And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

28Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

29For our God is a consuming fire.
" (Hebrews 12:25-29)

That's right! The present sinful world in which we live is not for the inevitable of God's judgment that will be under the foothold of Jesus Christ:

" And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:

11They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment;

12And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail." (Hebrews 1:10-12)

However, God sent God the Son who is superior to the angels, to the world to remove the sins and purify all those who believe in Him. Apostle Paul testified of the power of Christ's blood:

" But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;
12Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

13For 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 9:11-14)

That's right! Our salvation is the only way through believing in the Blood that the Lord Jesus Christ shed to remove the sins of the world. We are saved by grace by believing in His blood.

When God speaks unto the Son, saying " Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.." (Hebrews 1:8), confirming to the Son Jesus Christ as God himself whom we believe.

Amen! Hallelujah!