

3-17-2024 Sunday Sermon Message
Devotional of the Week: Psalm 91:1-16
Text: Psalm 42:1-11

Title: **The Prayer of the Raptured Saints in the Psalms of David, the Destruction of the Antichrist and the Millennial Kingdom**

King David confessed that he had lived only in the hope of being resurrected and raptured with Christ on the day of his resurrection. He overcame all afflictions, looking to Christ alone in the midst of suffering, and in his prayers in the midst of difficulties are revealed the prayers of the saints who await for the rapture in their sufferings at the end of time:

" As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.² My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?³ My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?⁴ When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.⁵ Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.⁶ O my God, my soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember thee from the land of the Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from the hill Mizar.⁷ Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.⁸ Yet the LORD will command his lovingkindness in the day time, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.⁹ I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?¹⁰ As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; while they say daily unto me, Where is thy God?¹¹ Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God." (Psalm 42:1-11)

He foresaw and prophesied that the Antichrist, who would appear in the world after the apostasy and rapture and persecute and kill the Israelites and the Gentiles, would fall into the lake of fire and be destroyed when the Lord Jesus Christ appeared:

" Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.² For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.³ Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.⁴ Delight thyself also in the LORD: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.⁵ Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.⁶ And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.⁷ Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.⁸ Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.¹⁰ For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.¹¹ But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace." (Psalm 37:1-11)

Also, when King David saw the Millennial Kingdom of Christ on earth after the Antichrist being slain by the Lord of lords, the King of kings at the end of the Great Tribulation, he testified of what he saw:

"⁶ He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: as showers that water the earth.⁷ In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth.⁸ He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.⁹ They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; and his enemies shall lick the dust.¹⁰ The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.¹¹ Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him.¹² For he shall deliver the needy

when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper.¹³ He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy.¹⁴ He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in his sight.¹⁵ And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba: prayer also shall be made for him continually; and daily shall he be praised.¹⁶ There shall be an handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: and they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.¹⁷ His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and men shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed.¹⁸ Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things.¹⁹ And blessed be his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with his glory; Amen, and Amen .”(Psalm 72:6-19)

The Apostle John also saw and testified in the Holy Spirit that the Antichrist would be judged by the Lord Jesus Christ by falling into the lake of fire, and he saw and testified to the millennial kingdom of Christ in the whole world at the end of the Great Tribulation:

" And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.²⁰ And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.²¹ And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.”(Revelation 19:19-21)

The Job and Matthew also testified that vultures will gather where the corpse is:

" She dwelleth and abideth on the rock, upon the crag of the rock, and the strong place.²⁹ From thence she seeketh the prey, and her eyes behold afar off.³⁰ Her young ones also suck up blood:

and where the slain are, there is she....For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.²⁸ For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.”(Job 39:28-30, Matthew 24:27-28)

The Apostle John also testified of the Millennium at the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ:

" And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

² And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,³ And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.⁴ And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.”(Revelation 20:1-4)

Apostle John was raptured in the Holy Spirit and ascended to the throne in heaven to testify of what he had heard:

"And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;¹⁰ And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.” (Revelation 5:9-10)

They testified of the rewards that the raptured saints will receive in the millennial kingdom when they come down with the Lord. Amen! Hallelujah!