

6-16-2024 Sunday Sermon Message(English version)
Devotional of the Week: Psalm 91:1-16
Text: Romans 8:16-18
Title: **Heirs of God and Joint Heirs with Christ**

The heaven and the earth, which God created in the beginning, were taken over by the rebellion of Lucifer, Satan, the Devil, and the transgression of the first man, and the present world is still under the control of the forces of Satan until the Lord Jesus Christ returns and judges the world, using principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world, and spiritual evil in the high places.

However, God the Word, who was in the beginning as the Word and created the heaven and the earth with the Father, appeared as a man to judge Satan the Devil, and the first man personally took the temptation of the devil and overcame it. Not only that, but in order to take away the sin, death, and curse that the devil brought to the whole world, He was cursed by the wooden cross, took away sin by shedding His own blood, and judged the devil by overcoming the devil, the ruler of death, by being resurrected on the third day.

Because of this, God awakened through the Lord Jesus Christ to restore the heaven and earth, which had been temporarily given to Satan, and restored all the heaven and earth in the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ. When Jesus announced the restoration of God's kingdom through his death and resurrection, he first told the Jews to pray:

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

The Bible tells us that the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the heir of all things:

"Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;"(Hebrews 1:2)

When Jesus explained to his disciples why the Jews were killing him, he used a parable:

"³³ Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country:³⁴ And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it.³⁵ And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another.³⁶ Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them likewise.³⁷ But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son.³⁸ But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance.³⁹ And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him.⁴⁰ When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen?⁴¹ They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons.⁴² Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?"(Matthew 21:33-42)

At this time, Jesus foretold the Jews that He would take the kingdom of God from the Jews, who would kill the prophets and even kill their sons, and give it to the Church of God that He would establish:

"Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof."(Matthew 21:43)

The Bible tells us of God's calling of Abraham and the promise that in him all the Gentile nations would be blessed:

"For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.¹⁴ For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect:"(Romans 4:13-14)

We can also see that the promise given through Christ as Abraham's seed is the promise of the Holy

Spirit, that God's children, justified by faith in Christ, may become joint-heirs with Christ:

"¹³ Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:¹⁴ That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.¹⁵ Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though it be but a man's covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto.¹⁶ Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ."(Galatians 3:13-16)

The Apostle Paul testified to the suffering Saints in Rome about their coming inheritance:

"¹⁶ The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:¹⁷ And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.¹⁸ For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."(Romans 8:16-18)

The Apostle Paul testified that all these things would be accomplished in the future when heaven and earth were gathered together as one in Christ:

"⁹ Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:¹⁰ That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:¹¹ In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

¹² That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.¹³ In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,¹⁴ Which is the earnest of our inheritance

until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory."(Ephesians 1:9-14)

The Apostle Paul testified of God's children in the church of God who have suffered for Christ in the present world, given to them to be joint-heirs with Christ and to reign with Christ:

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

The Apostle John also went up to heaven and listened to the twenty-four disciples and testified:

"⁹ 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)

Eventually, God will give an eternal inheritance for His children, for the remnant of Israel, and for the remnant of repentant Gentiles. The Apostle John testified of what he saw:

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.² And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.³ And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.⁴ And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

⁵ And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.⁶ And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely."(Revelation 21:1-6) Amen! Hallelujah!