

9-29-2024 Sunday Sermon Message  
Devotional of the Week: Psalm 91:1-16

Text: Hebrews 12:1-2

Title: **Let us look unto Christ Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith!**

Christ Jesus Himself spoke through the Apostle Paul about Himself being the Author and Finisher of our faith:

**"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty."(Revelation 1:8)**

**"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 21:6)**

**"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last."Revelation 22:13)**

Even before Jesus appeared in the world, He gave all the people of the world a book of faith, telling them in detail from the book of Genesis to the book of Revelation about whom and what all people in the world should believe in and what they should believe. He used the word "Author" of faith to express the meaning of the founder of faith. Four thousand years before Jesus appeared in the world, wrote down in detail that he was the author of the faith and what he had completed for those who believed in him, and revealed it to the world.

Jesus spoke to the old serpent that came to the Garden of Eden and tempted the first men, Adam and Eve, to sin against God, and told them whom the world should believe:

**"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."(Genesis 3:15)**

God foretold that Christ Jesus, who would choose the Israelites as His wife and become the seed of the woman as the descendants of the Israelites, would appear, die on the cross, be resurrected on the third day, judge Satan, and bruise his head by throwing him into the lake of fire at the end of the Millennium. Through these words of prophecy, He said that people

should not believe in the devil but in Christ Jesus, the Author of faith.

When the Israelites were in the wilderness after their liberation from Egypt, God revealed them to look in faith to Christ Jesus, whom they were to believe in like a serpent on the cross, and to be saved:

**"<sup>8</sup> And the Lord said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.**

**<sup>9</sup> And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived."(Numbers 21:8-9)**

God also prophesied through the prophet Isaiah that the Christ Jesus, who would appear in the world in human form, would be despised and rejected by the Israelites as Christ Jesus, who would die for all their sins and be resurrected, and that they should believe in Him:

**"<sup>4</sup> Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.**

**<sup>5</sup> But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.**

**<sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."(Isaiah 53:4-6)**

Christ Jesus himself spoke of the finisher of faith. In other words, He spoke of the salvation He completes for those who believe in Him:

**"And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day..."<sup>47</sup> Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.**

**<sup>48</sup> I am that bread of life.**

**<sup>49</sup> Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.**

**<sup>50</sup> This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.**

**<sup>51</sup> I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live**

**for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.**

**“( John 6:40,47-51)**

Christ Jesus spoke through the apostle Paul about what He had done to complete for those who believed in Him:

**" who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”(Hebrews 12:2)**

It was only later that Jesus was able to endure all the suffering and shame. In other words, when He died on the cross to take away the sins of the world, was buried, and was resurrected on the third day, He spoke of what He would rejoice in on the day He would finish for those who believed in Him. He told Martha in advance of what He would accomplish before He died:

**“<sup>25</sup> Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:**

**<sup>26</sup> And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?”(John 11:25-26)**

The joy of being before Christ Jesus was to see those who believed in him die and rot in the grave and be resurrected again, and those who were alive were resurrected alive at his coming and changed into bodies that did not die and incorrupt. In other words, Jesus' rejoicing was a foresight of what would happen on the day of the rapture when he would appear to Christians who believed in him. The Apostle Paul testified in the Holy Spirit of what would happen on the day of Christ's rejoicing:

**“<sup>13</sup> But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.**

**<sup>14</sup> For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.**

**<sup>15</sup> For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.**

**<sup>16</sup> 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:**

**<sup>17</sup> 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.**

**<sup>18</sup> Wherefore comfort one another with these words .”(1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)**

The Apostle Paul testified that God planned before laying the foundations of the world what He would accomplish for those who believed in Him through the sufferings and humiliations of His Only Begotten Son, Christ:

**“<sup>4</sup> According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:**

**<sup>5</sup> Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,**

**<sup>6</sup> To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.**

**<sup>7</sup> In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;”(Ephesians 1:4-7)**

God has also given us a testimony to the purpose of His decree in all these things:

**“<sup>8</sup> Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence:**

**<sup>9</sup> Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:**

**<sup>10</sup> 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:”(Ephesians 1:8-10)**

God has planned and fulfilled the transformation of heaven and earth into sin, death, and curse through Satan's rebellion for the past six thousand years through Christ Jesus. When Christ finally establishes the Millennium Kingdom on earth, heaven and earth will

There will be no devil, no sin, no death, no curse, and the eternal kingdom of God.

Amen! Hallelujah!