

1-5-2025 Sunday Sermon Message  
Devotional of the Week: Psalm 91:1-16  
Text: Joel 2:1-13

Title: **Reward for the Bride of Christ in the Day of Christ and the Day of the LORD**

Christ Jesus said that he would reward his bride, the church, when he come to take her.

The Lord, appearing to the Apostle John, said, "<sup>12</sup> **And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.**

<sup>13</sup> **I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.**"(Revelation 22:12-13).

Before he left the world, he said to his troubled disciples, " **Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.**

<sup>2</sup> **In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.**

<sup>3</sup> **And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.**"( John 14:1-3)

The Apostle Paul said that this is the day of Christ, saying, "**Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.**"(Philippians 2:16)

He confessed that the reason why he was running for the gospel of Christ's grace, enduring all suffering, was to rejoice of the reward he would receive on the day of Christ, the day of the rapture, when Christ would appear in the future.

Yes! When the bride of Christ meets the Lord in the air, they will come before the judgment seat of Christ and receive the reward, along with crowns, for their work for Christ. The apostle Paul exhorted Christians to be his followers.

**"Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample."**(Philippians 3:17)

For this reason he testified in many places in the New Testament about the day of Christ, which he had received from Christ Jesus, and he did not know the day or the hour, but he testified about the times and the seasons:

**"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.**"(1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)

Not only the Apostle Paul, but also King David spoke of this day when he spoke about his lifelong desire. "**As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.**"(Psalm 17:15)

The Apostle Paul said of the times and seasons of the coming of the day of Christ, "**But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.**

<sup>2</sup> **For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.**

<sup>3</sup> **For 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.....**

**for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; For the day does not come, except the apostasy come first.**"(1 Thessalonians 5:1-3, 2 Thessalonians 2:3)

Now, as we listen to these words, we are told in the Holy Spirit, "**For when they shall say, Peace and safety;** Those who hear what the

Holy Spirit is saying to the church can discern how close the time is coming.

Now, going back to the book of Joel, we see that Joel 2 is raptured in the day of Christ and then comes down to earth with the Lord Jesus Christ to judge the sinful world. In the Bible, **the day of the LORD refers to the day of the wrath of the LORD**, the day of God's final judgment of the world. But when He says that the day of Christ is also the day of the Lord, he is referring to the day of the rapture when the Lord Jesus Christ appears. In other words, **LORD** means the Lord Jehovah, and Lord refers to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The prophet Joel descending to earth with the Lord Jesus Christ on the day of the Lord Jehovah shows us the tremendous reward that the raptured bride of Christ will receive together on the day of the Second Coming:

**<sup>3</sup> A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them. <sup>4</sup> The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run.**

**<sup>5</sup> Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array.**

**<sup>6</sup> Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness.**

**<sup>7</sup> They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks:**

**<sup>8</sup> Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path: and when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded.**

**<sup>9</sup> They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief.**

**<sup>10</sup> The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining:**

**<sup>11</sup> And the Lord shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the Lord is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?<sup>12</sup> Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning:**

**<sup>13</sup> And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.”(Joel 2:3-13)**

The prophet Zechariah also prophesied of the day of the Lord Jehovah:

**" Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.**

**<sup>2</sup> For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.<sup>3</sup> Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.<sup>4</sup> And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.**

**... And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord,”( Zechariah 14:1-4, 9) Amen! Hallelujah!**