

5-11-2025 Sunday Sermon Message

Devotional of the Week: Psalm 91:1-16

Text: Ephesians 1:1-14

Title: **God's Will for Heaven and Earth, Satan's Interference and Ending**

Even before God laid the foundation of the world, He predestined those who would become His children in Christ to be holy and blameless before Him. God predestined us to adopt as children through Jesus Christ according to His good will. Also, the Apostle Paul testified that God chose to adopt us as His children so that they might praise His grace and glory.

Also, in order to adopt us as sinners, God has given us the grace to forgive all sins by redeeming them through the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

God has made known to us the mystery of his will, which he has planned in him according to his pleasure, and the apostle Paul testified of the mystery of his will:

**"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 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times."**(Ephesians 1:10)

He also testified that we who have purchased Christ may praise His glory because we are predestined to inherit Him according to His purposes.

He testified to a very important fact about the witness we have received in Him:

**"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, <sup>14</sup> Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory. In him you also heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation,"**Ephesians 1:13-14)

When we believe the gospel of Christ, God has given us an inheritance by being born again by the Holy Spirit as a testimony of redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

**"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."**(Galatians 2:20)

**"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?"**

<sup>20</sup> **For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."**(1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

He also testified to those who have not been born again of the Holy Spirit something very important:

**"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?"**

<sup>6</sup> **But I trust that ye shall know that we are not reprobates."**(2 Corinthians 13:5-6)

Satan, who knows the mysterious will of God for heaven and earth, has been constantly sabotaging God, using his principalities, authorities, rulers of the darkness of this world, and evil spirits on high to prevent God's will from being fulfilled in heaven and on earth for a long time.

The forces of Satan are preparing everything under the illusion that they will reign forever in heaven and on earth by attracting those who will not ascend to heaven on the day of Christ, that is, on the day of the rapture. In order to imitate the seal of the Holy Spirit by believing in Christ, we must know that He is preparing to receive the mark of the beast that He makes so that He will perish with Him forever.

Thus, Satan the Devil wants to empower the antichrist whom he anointed at the beginning of the great tribulation so that all those who have not received the Holy Spirit and remain in the world will receive the mark of the beast that he makes, so that they may receive the wrath of God. The Apostle John saw and testified to this scene in the Holy Spirit:

**"And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?"**

**<sup>5</sup> And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.**

**<sup>6</sup> And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.**

**<sup>7</sup> And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.**

**<sup>8</sup> And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.**

**<sup>9</sup> If any man have an ear, let him hear."(Revelation 13:4-9)**

The apostle John testified about a false prophet who helped the beast of the antichrist:

**"And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.**

**<sup>12</sup> And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.**

**<sup>13</sup> And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,**

**<sup>14</sup> And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to**

**them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.**

**<sup>15</sup> And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed."(Revelation 13:11-15)**

The Apostle John testified that the false prophet would eventually cause all people to receive the mark of the beast to hinder God's plan to unite all things in Christ:

**"And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:**

**<sup>17</sup> And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.**

**<sup>18</sup> Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six."(Revelation 13:16-18)**

Finally, God will stand up to judge the works of Satan, the antichrist, and the false prophets:

**"And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,**

**<sup>8</sup> And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.**

**<sup>9</sup> And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.**

**<sup>10</sup> And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.**

**<sup>11</sup> And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.**

**<sup>12</sup> Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.”(Revelation 12:7-12) Amen! Hallelujah!**