6-22-2025 Sunday Sermon Message
Devotional of the Week: Psalm 91:1-16
Text: 2 Peter 2:4-9
Title: **God Delivers the Godly out of Temptation and Judges the Unrighteous**

The first godly man in the Bible was Enoch:

" And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah:
22 And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:
23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years:
Genesis 5:21-24)

He walked with God because he knew every thought of God, followed Him, and lived for 300 years with God's disposition at any time. He was pleasing to God:

"By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.By faith"(Hebrews 11:5)

The Bible speaks of how to please God:

"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."(Hebrews 11:6)

We can see that Enoch is now a type of Christians who shall be raptured in the last days without seeing death. The Bible says that it is predestined for people to die once, and then judgment is predestined (Heb 9:27).

The second godly man in the Bible was Noah. God said of him:

"These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God. This is the history of Noah." (Genesis 6:9)

At that time, God saw that man's wickedness was great in the world and that the imagination of his heart's thoughts was only evil, so He regretted that He had made man on the earth. It was because it made his heart griev. Finally, God said that He would destroy the man He had created from the face of the earth. Among the many people at that time, only one man, Noah, found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

Finally, God saved only Noah and eight members of his family from the judgment of the flood and judged all the people and living things that breathed on the earth.

Enoch and Noah were the only godly men in God's eyes when they were alive. Then, after thousands of years, it is doubtful how many people living in the last days are godly in God's eyes.

Jesus spoke of what the world would be like when He returned:

"But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.
38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,
39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.
40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come."(Matthew 24:37-42)

If Christ Jesus had not taken away the sin of the world by shedding water and blood on the cross, all the eight billion people living in this age would have fallen into the fire of hell and

received eternal judgment. Jesus wants to build his church on him, make him one body with him, and make those who believe in his righteousness, which he fulfilled through the shedding of his blood, to walk with him as godly people.

When the resurrected Jesus wrote to the angels of the seven churches, he promised that only one church would be spared from the coming time of testing, the Great Tribulation:

"[7] And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;
[8] I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.
[9] Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.
[10] Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.
[11] Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.
[12] Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.
[13] He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."(Revelation 3:7-13)

This is already the age of the Laodicean church, when God's presence has departed from most churches, and they are spiritually asleep, and the rights of men, not the Word of God, dominate the church. Now the godly have disappeared from the churches, false teachers have preached false gospels, so that people have not been born again and come to the knowledge of the truth, and most of the churches have not met Christ Jesus, who is to appear in the future, and have passed into the great tribulation and are forced to suffer under the antichrist.

The apostle John testified about the suffering Jews and unraptured Christians during the Great Tribulation:

"Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.
[13] And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.'(Revelation 14:12-13)

He says that the Jews who did not believe in Jesus Christ and the Christians who did not born again will not be raptured and will fall into the great tribulation, and those who repent and believe in Jesus and keep God's commandments will not receive the mark of the beast of the antichrist and will die in the Lord.

Most ungodly Christians who do not walk with God in the last days will forever miss the opportunity to be transferred to heaven like Enoch of old. Even now, it is the most blessed thing to believe in the gospel of Christ with all our hearts, to be born again of the Holy Spirit, to live a godly life of walking with God, and to look forward to the hope of being lifted up on the day of the rapture.
Amen! Hallelujah!