

THE LORD'S DAY

January 28, 2024

10 O'clock A.M.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFLECTION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 99

Yahweh reigns; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; Let the earth quake

The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples

Let them praise your great and awesome Name! Holy is He!

The King in His might loves justice and executes righteousness.

Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is He!

*HYMN OF ADORATION

Come Thou Almighty King

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*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF FAITH

A Westminster Creed

I believe there is but one true and living God.

There are three persons in the one true and living God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

I believe in God the Father who has foreordained all things.

He made all things of nothing, by the word of His power, in the space of six days, and all very good. The Father, by His providence, preserves and governs all His creatures and all their actions.

I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, the only Redeemer of God's elect.

Our Lord Jesus endured the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, the cursed death of the cross, and burial. He rose again from the dead on

tells us that after Jesus comes again, raising the dead, bringing judgement on all his enemies, and salvation to his people, his people will participate in a marvelous feast with their Lord and Savior. Revelation 19 describes this sublime meal as a great wedding feast celebrated by Christ, the groom, and his people, who are pictured as beautiful bride who has been made ready for her savior and husband.

Each time we partake of the Lord's supper, we are getting a foretaste of this certain heavenly meal in our future where we will feast and celebrate for all eternity our reunion with our Savior and Redeemer. If we enjoy and celebrate Christ's presence in the Lord's Supper here on earth, just imagine what it will be like to dine with our Savior on this coming glorious day, when we will see one another face to face and, in the words of the hymn writer Horatio Spafford, "Our faith shall be sight!" The next time you partake of the Lord's Supper, meditate on this stunning truth, that a certain future day is coming when we will dine with our sovereign King and Savior, the one who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood.

Lord Supper Preparation

Saving The Best For Last

By: Eric Venable

“And when the hour came, he reclined at the table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, ‘I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.’ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said ‘Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.’ ---Luke 22:14-18

How we think about the future directly affects what we do in the present. One quick example of this that comes to mind occurred in October 2008 when the United States Congress passed legislation attempting to hold up the economy by injecting seven hundred billion dollars into it. I remember hearing that the stock market significantly rose that day. Why? Because even though the markets hadn't received a dollar from the bailout plan, many believed that the government's promised future actions were going to change things, so many in the financial sector responded positively.

The word “eschatological” (from “eschatology”) is a big theological word with a very simple but significant meaning: “thinking about the end.” How we think about the future as Christians, especially God's future for us and our final redemption, is important. As Christians, we believe God's future for us and or final redemption still has final phase, lying ahead of those who believe in the gospel. In a sense, God is saving the best for last.

In all three accounts of the Lord's Supper that we have in the gospels, Jesus connects the Passover meal that he shared with his disciples to something that will take place in the future. In Luke 22:16 Jesus mentions that he will not eat the meal again” ...until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” Likewise, in the other gospel accounts Jesus after telling his disciples to drink of the cup that is his blood of the new covenant, mentions that he will not drink of the cup again until he drinks it anew with his people in his Father's kingdom. What is Jesus talking about in passages like these?

Passages like these (among others such as Revelation 19) mention an upcoming day that will be great and glorious for God's people. Scripture

the third day, and ascended into heaven. He now sits at the right hand of God the Father and will come to judge the world on the last day.

I believe in the Holy Spirit who effectually applies the redemption of Christ to His elect.

I believe by the Holy Spirit's sovereign grace we are effectually called, justified, and sanctified, and gathered into the visible church, out of which there is no ordinary possibility of salvation.

CONFESSION OF SIN

based on Daniel 9

Heavenly Father, You are the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant love with those who obey You. We have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from Your commandments. To You, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame, because we have sinned against You. All of us have transgressed your law and turned aside, refusing to obey Your Voice. Listen to our pleas for mercy, and forgive us. Incline Your ear and hear. For we do not present our pleas before You because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive us through the sin-substitutionary death of Your Son Jesus. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Psalms 103:11-13

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

As a father shows compassion to his children, so, the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

*HYMN OF ASSURANCE

*God Moves in a Mysterious Way
Ushers come forward at this time*

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TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Doxology

*READING OF GOD'S WORD

Mark 13:1-9,14-31
Pew Bible Pg. 1010

PASTORAL PRAYER

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Judgement

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Come Ye Thankful People, Come

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*BENEDICTION

*GLORIA PATRI

#735

**Stand if you are able*

Scripture Reading
Mark 13

And as he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!”² And Jesus said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.³ And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴“Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?”

⁵And Jesus began to say to them, “See that no one leads you astray.⁶ Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray.⁷ And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet.⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains.⁹“But be on your guard...

¹⁴“But when you see the abomination of desolation standing where he ought not to be (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.¹⁵ Let the one who is on the housetop not go down, nor enter his house, to take anything out,¹⁶ and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak.¹⁷ And alas for women who are

pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days!¹⁸ Pray that it may not happen in winter.¹⁹ For in those days there will be such tribulation as has not been from the beginning of the creation that God created until now, and never will be.²⁰ And if the Lord had not cut short the days, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect, whom he chose, he shortened the days.²¹ And then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘Look, there he is!’ do not believe it.²² For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform signs and wonders, to lead astray, if possible, the elect.²³ But be on guard; I have told you all things beforehand.²⁴ “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.²⁶ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.²⁷ And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near.²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates.³⁰ Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.