THE LORD'S DAY

April 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

Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 87. What must we believe about the resurrection?

A. We must first of all believe that at the last day there is going to be a resurrection of all the dead, both the righteous and the wicked. When that happens, those who are still alive on earth will be instantly changed, and the very same bodies of the dead that were buried will be reunited with their souls and raised up by the power of Christ. Through the Spirit of Christ and by virtue of his resurrection, as their head, the bodies of the righteous will be raised in power, spiritual and imperishable, and made in the likeness of Christ's glorious body. Christ will raise up in dishonor the bodies of the wicked, who offend him as judge.

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

Q. 88. What is going to happen immediately after the resurrection?

A. Immediately after the resurrection all created beings, angels and humans, will be finally judged. No one knows the exact time this is going to happen so that everyone can anticipate, pray for, and always be ready for the coming of the Lord.

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF ASSURANCE

Whate'er My God Ordain Is Right Ushers come down on last verse

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TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Doxology

*READING OF GOD'S WORD

Joshua 1
Pew Bible pg. 210

PREACHING OF THE WORD

New Leadership

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

*BENEDICTION

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Scripture Reading Joshua 1

God Commissions Joshua

1 After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, 2"Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. ³ Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. 4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory. 5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. ⁶ Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. ⁷Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. 8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua Assumes Command

¹⁰ And Joshua commanded the officers of the people, ¹¹ "Pass through the midst of the camp and command the people, 'Prepare your provisions, for within three days you are to pass over this Jordan to go in to take possession of the land that the LORD your God is giving you to possess.""

¹² And to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh Joshua said, ¹³ "Remember the word that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, 'The LORD your God is providing you a place of rest and will give you this land.' ¹⁴ Your wives, your little ones, and your livestock shall remain in the land that Moses gave you beyond the Jordan, but all the men of valor among you shall pass over armed before your brothers and shall help them, ¹⁵ until the LORD gives rest to your brothers as he has to you, and they also take possession of the land that the LORD your God is giving them. Then you shall return to the land of your possession and shall possess it, the land that Moses the servant of the LORD gave you beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise."

¹⁶ And they answered Joshua, "All that you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go. ¹⁷ Just as we obeyed Moses in all things, so we will obey you. Only may the LORD your God be with you, as he was with Moses! ¹⁸ Whoever rebels against your commandment and disobeys your words, whatever you command him, shall be put to death. Only be strong and courageous."