

## WORSHIPING ON THE LORD'S DAY

December 15, 2019

*Worship, as God intended, is a supernatural event. As we enter into this service of worship, we cross the threshold of the secular to the sacred, from the common to the uncommon, from the profane to the holy. Prepare yourself therefore for this most holy convocation!*

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Prelude

Worship Theme

Christ is the Messenger

Isaiah 41:25-29: "I have aroused one from the north, and he has come; from the rising of the sun he will call on My name; and he will come upon rulers as *upon* mortar, even as the potter treads clay. Who has declared *this* from the beginning, that we might know? Or from former times, that we may say, 'He is right!?' Surely there was no one who declared, surely there was no one who proclaimed, surely there was no one who heard your words. Formerly *I said* to Zion, 'Behold, here they are.' And to Jerusalem, 'I will give a messenger of good news.' But when I look, there is no one, and there is no counselor among them who, if I ask, can give an answer. Behold, all of them are false; their works are worthless, their molten images are wind and emptiness."

**God Calls us to Worship Before the Cross** Ps. 67:3-5

+We Adore Him

Insert, "Come Praise And Glorify"

We Confess Our Sin

O most holy God, since You have given Your one and only Son to die for us, have mercy on us and for His sake, grant us forgiveness for all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of You, Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, so that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life. For the sake of Christ, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter, serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

We Thank Him For His Forgiveness

Hymn #195, "Joy To The World!"

*Based on Psalm 98*

**God Calls us to Worship Thru Dedication** Mt. 6:33-34

We Give Him Our Offering & Concerns

We Give Him Ourselves

Hymn #199, "See, Amid The Winter Snow"

**God Calls us to Worship Thru Fellowship**

Ps. 6:48-51

We Read His Word

Sermon

\*We Partake Of The Lord's Supper

Hymn #648, "My Jesus I Love Thee"

**God Blesses us in the Benediction**

Welcome and Announcements

Postlude

(Containers have been placed at the front for communion cups and small trash)

+You are invited to raise your hands during the prayer of adoration.

\*Visitors, please see note below on the Lord's Supper.

## Godly Living in a Hostile World: In Relation to Unjust Suffering, Pt. 3

1 Peter 2:21-25

Study Notes for December 15, 2019

### I. Introduction

The Attack of Satan in Revelation 12 serves as the commission of the antichrist in Revelation 13.

### II. Godly Living in a Hostile World: Living Under Persecution, 1 Peter. 2:21-25.

- A. Its Inevitability, v. 21a.
- B. Its Chief Participant and so Our Pattern, v. 21b.
- C. Its Justness, v. 22.
- D. Its “Glory”, v. 23a.
- E. Its Endurance, v. 23b.

### F. Its Purpose, vv. 24.

#### 1. The “Tree” of this Passage- Christ’s Work on our Behalf, v. 24a.



Overlapping photos of Juno Beach during WWII (D-Day) and today!

### He Himself

This speaks as much to Christ’s voluntary action as it does to the shock that Christ gave Himself for our sin (cf. Heb. 9:11a, 12a)

Unlike that moment when God granted Abraham a substitute that his son, Isaac, would not have to die, when it came to the Son of God there would be no substitute!

### Bore

This comes from a Greek word that means to carry or to bear the burden of something.

A burden no one or no thing in this creation could bear (cf. Rom. 8:L22)

### Our Sins in His Body

The wording here is ceremonial language which was used in the Bible in the context of the sacrificial system.

### On the Cross

An Unusual Choice of Words: Cross (σταυρός [*stauros*]) vs. Wood (ξύλον [*xulon*])

Why ξύλον (*xulon*)

Deut. 21:22-23a

Gal. 3:13

### \*Point

1. Do you understand what happened when Christ hung on the cross? According to the text before us, Christ did not simply open the door of salvation so that any and all who might wish could trust Him for their salvation. On the cross Christ did not simply make salvation possible. Rather...

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2. What does this mean? If Christ died for you on the cross then...

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## 2. The “Forest” and so the Point the Peter is Making Here, v. 24b.

Peter is writing this passage to explain first why God ordained for you and me to suffer in this life, and then secondly- with Christ as our pattern- why God ordained for Christ to suffer when He walked the earth. The answer is one and the same. Why did Christ “bear our sins in His body on the cross”?

**That we might die to sin**

**Live to righteousness**

**By His wounds you were healed**

**Illustration:** The Suffering of God’s People and Hosea 2

1. Background
2. The Passage

Verse 13: this is in reference to the judgment that came upon the Northern Kingdom in 722 BC

Verse 14a: “Therefore...”

In light of the wretched condition of God’s people at this time, we expect to read, “Therefore I will forever forget her!” But instead we read...

Verse 14

**\*Point:** As awful as may be the wilderness, it is here that God incubates the faith of His people!

Verse 15a

**\*Point:** Through the trials, pain, and sufferings of life God removes the distractions of this world, leaving only Himself at the Christian’s side... where the Lord suffers along with them!

Verse 15b

## 3. An Important Analogy: Our Salvation from Sin, v. 25.

When a person comes to a saving relationship with Christ, there are notably three elements to their conversion...

- a. The Agony and Insecurity of Being Lost
- b. The Turning from Self-trust to Christ-trust
- c. The Glorious Salvific Result

### **\*Where We Live**

1. In this regard, the passage before us raises implicit questions: What is it that originally brought you to that glorious position where you flourished under Christ’s Shepherding care?
2. From this, we see the place and purpose of suffering in the lives of God’s children. Lostness/Vulnerability/Difficulty/Trial produce in us a longing to cling to God who alone is the Shepherd and Guardian of our soul (cf. Ps. 119:71; Heb. 12:11; Jam. 1:2-4)...
3. So Godly Living in a Hostile World will involve desert/wilderness living where (cf. 1 Cor. 7:35)...

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