

Scripture: Daniel 7

Lord's Day 19.50-53

Singing: 58:1-3 – 356:1-3 – 261:1-3 – 255:1-4

Intro: All sad news in our world should focus us on the good news of Gospel!

A. The Good news is also what Jesus stated before Pilate: John 18:37

Pilate therefore said unto Him, Are thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end what I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Everyone that is of the truth heareth my voice.

B. Scripture exalts Jesus' Kingly office above all His offices

1. Take time to meditate through these passages:

a. Gen 3:15 – Ps. 2, 45, 72, 110 – Is. 9:6-7 – Ezek. 37:21, 22, 24 – Daniel 2:34-35, 44; Luke 1:32-33; Matt. 2:2; 18:18; Acts 2:36; 5:31; Eph. 1:21,22; Phil. 2:9-11 - Rev. 5:12; 19:16

The Comforting Glory of the Enthroned Son of Man

I. He is the Supreme Ruler II. He is the ultimate Savior

I. The comforting glory of enthroned Son of Man as the Supreme Ruler

A. The context is Daniel's troubling dream

1. Four successive beast arise from the deeply agitated great sea (2-3)

a. sea is symbolic of ever moving civilizations (Is. 57:20-21; Rev. 21:2)

b. each beast represents a phase of world – history (vs. 4-8)

c. last one is most fearsome also to Daniel: 7:19-21

B. What was God's intention with these prophetic portions?

1. to remind that these phases are temporal (vs. 21, 26)

2. to remind us things are not what they seem to be: vs. 9-14; Rev. 17:14

3. to prepare us for challenging times which will come (John 16:33)

4. to show us Who is on the throne (vs. 9-14)

C. The Comfort in the heart of the vision (9-14)

1. God's throne remains *secure* though Satan's power rages: vs. 9-12

2. The Son of man is given the throne of heaven and earth: vs. 13-14

II. The Comfort of the Son of Man as the ultimate Savior

A. God draws attention to one specific group: *the saints* (vs. 18, 21, 22, 25, 27)

1. Who are these saints?

a. they the 'workmanship of Jesus Christ' (Eph. 2:10)

b. they are now freed servants of God (John 8:31-36; Rom. 6:11-13)

2. Being freed by Christ is the beginning of another battle

a. the flesh rebels (Gal. 5:16-17)

b. Satan roars (Eph. 6:10-12)

B. How will the saints win this wearying battle?

1. Waiting upon Jesus Christ: Daniel 7:26-27 – Lord's Day 19.52

Living these truths:

A. Saints, take courage!

B. Sinners, take cover in Christ today!