

## WORSHIPING ON THE LORD'S DAY

April 24, 2022

*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

God is All-Wise

Daniel 2:19-22: "Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven; Daniel answered and said, 'Let the name of God be blessed forever and ever, for wisdom and power belong to Him. And it is He who changes the times and the epochs; He removes kings and establishes kings; He gives wisdom to wise men, and knowledge to men of understanding. It is He who reveals the profound and hidden things; He knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with Him.'"

**God Calls us to Worship Before the Cross** Ps. 45:1-2

+We Adore Him

Insert, "Our Great God"

We Confess Our Sin

Most gracious and most merciful God, we confess to you that time after time we have entered your presence with countless prayers, but with hearts that have been closed to your grace. We have lifted our hands to you in praise, but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil. We hear of the heavenly hosts singing your worth and glory, but we have dishonored your name and sought our own pleasures. We have rehearsed your commandments, but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor. We pray, Lord, that you forgive our unfaithfulness and pardon our acts of injustice. Grant us the healing that comes from your presence, and the cleansing of your all-powerful Word, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

We Thank Him For His Forgiveness

Insert, "Complete in Thee"

**God Calls us to Worship Thru Dedication** Ps. 45:10-11

We Give Him Our Offering and Concerns

We Give Him Ourselves

Insert, "Lord, Plead My Case"

*Psalm 35:1-10*

**God Calls us to Worship Thru Fellowship**

Ps. 45:13-15

We Read His Word

Sermon

\*We Partake Of The Lord's Supper

Insert, "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

**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.

## The Benefits that Flow from Christ, Pt. 6c

Romans 8:1-30

Study Notes for April 24, 2022

### I. Introduction: Review of Our Future Glory (cf. 1 Pet. 1:7; Phil. 3:20-21a; Rev. 21:4; Rom. 8:20-21)

### II. The Benefits that Flow from Christ, Romans 8:1-27.

- A. No Condemnation, Rom. 8:1-4a.
- B. Fellowship with God, Rom. 8:4b-8.
- C. A Transformed Life, Rom. 8:9-11.
- D. A New Priority, Rom. 8:12-13.
- E. Sonship, Rom. 8:14-17.

### F. The Promise of Glory, Rom. 8:18-25.

1. The Content of our Glory, vv. 19b, 23b-c.
2. The Centrality of our Glory, vv. 19-23a.

### 3. The Consequences of our Glory, vv. 18, 24-25.

#### a. The Promise of Glory Leads to a Biblical Outlook When It Comes to Life in this Age, v. 18.

“Consider” (λογίζομαι [*logizomai*])

“Worthy” (ἄξιος [*axios*])

\*If all the suffering that any individual could experience in a single life were combined and placed on a scale opposite the glory that someday will be ours in Christ, the scale wouldn't budge. Take all the griefs of a life and it will not compare with the glory that God individually has in store for those in Christ!



### Three Truths about Suffering

1. Earthly Suffering is Temporal, 2 Cor. 4:17
2. Earthly Suffering Cannot Take from us Anything that God will not Restore a Hundredfold in Christ, Mt. 19:29.
3. Earthly Suffering cannot Keep us from Receiving God's Promised Glory, Jn. 17:12; 10:27-28; Rom. 8:38-39.

MacArthur wrote, “As followers of Christ, our suffering comes from men, whereas our glory comes from God. Our suffering is earthly, whereas our glory is heavenly. Our suffering is short, whereas our glory is forever. Our suffering is trivial, whereas our glory is limitless. Our suffering is in our mortal and corrupted bodies, whereas our glory will be in our perfected and imperishable bodies.” (*Romans 1-8*, p. 450).

### \*Where We Live

1. So have you reached the point in your walk with Christ where the trials and difficulties of this age are momentary and light? Ought you to arrive at this point?
2. How does the Bible describe the world?

It is \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_,

Lk. 22:44; 1 Thes. 3:1-2; Jn. 16:33b; 2 Cor. 12:8-10!

3. How is it then that Paul could say that the afflictions of this life are as nothing? See Lk. 14:26...

Recall the words of D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones in this regard, “Nature every year, as it were, makes an effort to renew itself, to produce something permanent; it has come out of the death and the darkness of all that is so true of the Winter. In the Spring it seems to be trying to produce a perfect creation, to be going through some kind of birth-pangs year by year. But unfortunately it does not succeed, for Spring leads only to Summer, whereas Summer leads to Autumn, and Autumn to Winter. Poor old nature tries every year to defeat the ‘vanity,’ the principle of death and decay and disintegration that is in it. But it cannot do so. It fails every time. It still goes on trying, as if it feels things should be different and better; but it never succeeds.” (Quoted in *Romans*, MNTC, John MacArthur, Vol. 1, p. 458)

Samuel Rutherford wrote, “If ye knew the mind of the glorified in heaven, they think heaven came to their hand at an easy market, when they have got it for threescore or fourscore years wrestling with God. When ye are come thither, ye shall think, ‘All I did [suffered], in respect of my rich reward, now enjoyed of free grace, was too little.’” (*Letters of Samuel Rutherford*, Letter X, p. 51)

**b. The Promise of Glory Leads to an End-Time Perspective, vv. 24-25.**

“Hope” (ἐλπίς [*elpis*])

**Two Characteristics of “the Hope” that We Have in this Age...**

1. Its Nature, v. 24b (cf. Rom. 12:3; 14:10, 13)

\*Hope is a certainty that relates to the future!

2. Its Earthly Consequence, v. 25 (cf. Heb. 11:13-16)

“Perseverance” (ὑπομονή [*hupomonē*])

Thomas Brooks wrote, “God sometimes strips His people of their nearest and dearest earthly mercies that they may the more prize, and the better taste of spiritual and heavenly mercies! God takes away uncertain riches that His people may the more prize certain riches! God takes away natural strength that His people may the more prize spiritual strength! God takes away the creature that His people may more prize their Savior.” (*A Believer’s Last Day, His Best Day*)

Q: How is it that we “persevere” in this hope? Because we know the character of God! (cf. Ps. 20:7; Prov. 18:10)

**\*Where We Live**

1. Clearly living in hope is such an important part of living as Christians in this state of sin and misery. Yet rarely do we live in hope. Why is that?
2. Shepherds of Grief, Jam. 1:2-4...
3. A Case Study: Korah, Ps. 42:5...

D. Martin Lloyd-Jones wrote speaking of Korah, “This man was not content just to lie down and commiserate with himself. He does something about it, he takes himself in hand. But he does something which is more important still, that is he talks to himself. This man turns to himself and says: ‘Why art thou cast down O my soul, why art thou disquieted within me?’ He is talking to himself, he is addressing himself... ¶ I suggest that the main trouble in this whole matter of spiritual depression in a sense is this, that we allow our self to talk to us instead of talking to our self. Am I just trying to be deliberately paradoxical? Far from it. This is the very essence of wisdom in this matter. Have you realized that most of your unhappiness in life is due to the fact that you are listening to yourself instead of talking to yourself? Take those thoughts that come to you the moment you wake up in the morning. You have not originated them, but they start talking to you, they bring back the problems of yesterday, etc. Somebody is talking. Who is talking to you? Your self is talking to you. Now this man’s treatment was this; instead of allowing this self to talk to him, he starts talking to himself. ‘Why art thou cast down, O my soul?’ he asks. His soul had been depressing him, crushing him. So he stands up and says: ‘Self, listen for a moment, I will speak to you’... ¶ The main art in the matter of spiritual living is to know how to handle yourself. You have to take yourself in hand, you have to address yourself, preach to yourself, question yourself. You must say to your soul: ‘Why art thou cast down’—what business have you to be disquieted? You must turn on yourself, upbraid yourself, condemn yourself, exhort yourself, and say to yourself: ‘Hope thou in God’—instead of muttering in this depressed, unhappy way. And then you must go on to remind yourself of God, Who God is, and what God is and what God has done, and what God has pledged Himself to do.” (*Spiritual Depression*, pp. 20-21)

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