

Why Jesus Came

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- [0 : 00] Greet you in the name of Jesus this morning. It is very good to be here. The one we always want to exalt.
- The one we always want to lift up and to worship. We had a tremendous worship service thus far this morning.
- And really appreciated the songs we sang. The Lord Jesus being exalted. And is he exalted today on the throne of your heart?
- Matthew chapter 1. We'll start here a little bit. And then we will continue on elsewhere.
- Why do our prayers make a difference? Brother James asks. Why do your prayers make a difference? You know why? It is because of the one that dwells within us.
- [1 : 42] The one that we put our trust in. When we come to him in prayer. Why? Because he is the almighty one. I think I'll read from verse 18 to 25.
- There's about two verses here. Maybe a couple more I want to look at then. I'm sure you've all read this this past week.
- A very familiar scripture indeed. Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise. When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph before they came together.
- She was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband being a just man and not willing to make her a public example.
- Was minded to put her away privately. Privately. But while he thought on these things. Behold the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream saying.
- [2 : 55] Joseph thou son of David fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife. For that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. She shall bring forth a son.
- And thou shalt call his name Jesus. For he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done that it might be fulfilled.
- Which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet saying. Behold a virgin shall be with child and shall bring forth a son. And they shall call his name Emmanuel.
- Emmanuel which being interpreted is God with us. Then Joseph being raised from sleep. Did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him.
- And took unto him his wife and knew her not. Till she had brought forth her firstborn son. And he called his name Jesus. So as we look at this.
- [3 : 59] And here was Mary. She was a virgin. She was found with child of the Holy Ghost. You know Jesus the only begotten son of the father.
- What that means is that Jesus is the only son that God is the father of. That he. You know that word begotten.
- It means that he is his son. In even the same physical way that we would look at our sons. They are our sons because we have begotten them. She was with child of the Holy Ghost. Jesus is the son of God. The son of the almighty God. And why did he.

- [4 : 55] Why did Jesus have to come. Why did Jesus come into this world. We will answer some of that. But it would be interesting to just. To just open it up and just hear this.
- Maybe later we will. But you know. All the different aspects of why Jesus came. Why did he come.
- Why did Jesus. Come to this earth. You know we can go all the back. All the way back to. To Genesis in the Garden of Eden. Where Eve.
- Was tricked by the enemy. She was deceived. You know the Bible tells us that. Adam was not deceived. But he was disobedient. And so.
- Right from the Garden of Eden. We have the deceiver introduced. On the scene of this world. Of humanity.
- [5 : 59] And he is still. The one that we battle. He is still. The one that we fight against. But in 1 John.
- There is a verse. That I just want to. I just want to bring it out. Now before I. You know. Lest I forget later. But. Jesus came.
- To destroy. The works. Of the devil. And so. As we. As we. Meet him. Day after day.
- As he comes to us. With his lies. As he comes to us. With his deception. As he comes to us. With his half truths.
- We can be victorious. Over him. As we abide in Christ. And as we. As we. Abide. Under the blood of Jesus.
- [6 : 56] Because he has been defeated. By Jesus Christ. That is why. That is. Why Jesus. Came to this earth. And. And. You know.
- There's. Many other. Things. That we can say. Why Jesus. Came. Well. In verse 21. Here. It says.
- Thou shalt call. His name. Jesus. For he shall. Save his people. From their sins. He will save. His people. From their sins.
- He will not. Save us. In our sins. But he will save us. From our sins. He will save us. From ourselves. And from the path.
- That we are on. He will not. He will not. Justify us. And leave us. On the same path. That we're on. No. But. But as we.
- [7 : 52] Repent. And turn to him. We turn around. And we walk. A new life. We walk. A new path. And he will save us. From those sins.
- That had us in bondage. From those sins. That. That. Had us. In the. In the snare. Of the enemy. Ephesians.
- Talks about. The whole world. And is. Is under the bondage. Of the evil one. Well that verse is. Ever somewhere else.
- But. Ephesians. Does talk about. How. We were all. Under the powers. Of. Of the kingdom. Of this world. He will save.
- His people. From. Their sins. Verse 23. Behold. A virgin. Shall be with. Child.
- [8 : 51] Child. Shall bring forth. A son. Now he's quoting. A prophecy here. In this dream.
- That Joseph. Saw. There's this. This verse. From. From Isaiah. Behold. A virgin.
- Shall be with. Child. And shall bring forth. A son. And they shall call. His name. Emmanuel. Which being.
- Interpreted. Is. God. With. Us. God. With. Us. Is. God.

With. Us. This morning. Is he. With. You. This morning. You know. We are here.
Gathered. Together. Father. But this is an individual.

[9 : 44] Question. For each one of us. Is he. With you. You know. He came. To this earth.

Yes. To. To live here. And to die. To shed his blood. A ransom. For many. A ransom. For all humanity. If we will come.

To him. But. He came. To buy us. Back. From the hand. Of the enemy. And what does he.

Desire. Today. But to. To dwell. Within us. Like. If. Like. Corinthians. Says. We are. The temple. Of the living God.

We are. His temple. He. He desires. To live. Within us. Emmanuel. God. With us. Is this a reality.

[10 : 38] To us. You know. You. Some of these things. This last. Week or two. It's. Again. Become. A greater reality. To me.

In my personal life. In my walk. With him. And. And. I believe. That is how. This life works. Is. You know. We.

We learn. These truths. And we know them. But. But there. There comes a time. Like hopefully. Today. This can become. Again. A greater reality.

To each one of us. That God. Is with us. And he is within us. And he lives. Here. We are his temple.

We are his temple. If we're born again. We are his temple. Hallelujah. Is God. Is God. With you.

[11 : 34] Today. Is he. That's his desire. That's why he came. That's why he came. That's why he left. The glories of heaven.

And came down. And was born. A little child. A little baby. A helpless child. Born. And laid in a manger.

Because there was no room. For our Lord. And King. Now there's a verse.

In Isaiah. Maybe a couple. I wanted to look at. In Isaiah. Chapter 9. Verse 6.

For unto us. A child is born. Unto us. A son is given. And the government. Shall be upon his shoulder. And his name.

[12 : 37] Shall be called. Wonderful. Counselor. The mighty God. The everlasting. Father. The prince. Of peace. His name.

Will be called. Wonderful. Is he wonderful. To you today. Is he your. Counselor. Today. Is he. The mighty God.

Is he. The mighty God. To you. You know. If we. If he is. The mighty God. To you. Then when you come.

To him in prayer. You can have all confidence. That he is able to hear. And to answer. Your prayer. The everlasting. Father.

The prince of peace. Yes. The everlasting. Father. He. He has no beginning. And no end. He has been forever. And do we recognize that?

[13 : 32] Do we believe that? Do we know? Do we know? That our God. Is an eternal God. God. He's before history.

And after. The end of history. He will continue forever. And we will continue forever. With him. The prince.

Of peace. Our Lord and Savior. Is a prince of peace. He came to this. Sin cursed earth. That. That knew. Nothing of peace.

He came to this earth. And there was no peace. But war. And strife. And turmoil. Confusion.

And he came. To bring peace. Does his peace rule. In your heart today. That is why.

[14 : 37] He came. He came. To bring peace. To a. To a troubled soul. He came. Peace. He came. To bring peace.

To a troubled world. Of the increase. Of his government. And peace. There shall be. No end. Oh.

Hallelujah. You know. We look out. We look at this world. And it's in turmoil. And there's. You know. There's much talk about peace. But where is peace.

But we can know peace. Yes. The only true peace. In this world. Is the peace of God. That dwells in our hearts.

Do you know. That peace. Today. It says. The increase.

[15 : 31] Of his government. And peace. There shall be no end. Upon the throne. Of David. And upon his kingdom. To order it. And to establish it.

With judgment. And with justice. From henceforth.! Even forever. This is the word. Of the Lord. Jesus. God has given Jesus.

The throne. Of his father. David. The throne. Of David. It says here. Upon the.

He will be. Upon the throne. Of David. And upon his kingdom. To order it. And establish it. With judgment. And with justice.

From henceforth. Even forever. The zeal. Of the Lord. Of hosts. Will perform this. You know. Sometimes.

[16 : 34] Sometimes. Sometimes. We're caused to doubt. Sometimes. We wonder. Where. Where is God? Is God. Really on the throne?

Is our Lord. Jesus. Really on the throne? But notice. It says here. The zeal. Of the Lord. Of hosts. Will perform this. The word of our God.

It will stand forever. And Jesus. Is on the throne. He's on the throne. Of the universe. And someday. Everything. In this universe.

Will be brought under him. It will be brought under him. You know. You know. The great rebellion. Is still continuing.

It is still continuing. But Jesus. Will. Bring. It. Under. The devil. And all his hosts.

[17 : 28] And all his demons. And this. This wicked world. And the wicked people in it. They will all be brought under. Every knee will bow.

And every tongue will confess. That Jesus Christ is Lord. That day is coming. That day is coming. You know.

I. And maybe someday. I'll preach. A message. More. Inclusive of this.

But. You know. I. Reading. Reading the Old Testament. It's amazing.

How. People might even. Acknowledge. The word of the Lord. Or yes.

[18 : 22] This is what. The word of God. This is what. This is the word. That the. That the Lord gave. Through the prophet. But they don't obey it. Or they stand against it.

You know. And. And. One of those examples. You know. Abner. He was. The captain of the host. Of the. The army of Israel.

And. You know. After the death of Saul. Judah. Made David king. But Abner. He made. One of. Saul's sons.

King. And. He continued. In that. But. Finally. After some time. He acknowledged. Yes.

The word of the Lord. Was. That David. Will be king. Why did he stand. Against that word. Why did he. Work against it. He even. Went to war.

[19 : 21] To. To. To fight. Against that word. But the word of the Lord. It is true. It will come to pass. It will stand forever.

And. You know. People today. They still. Fight against.

The word of the Lord. They still. Ignore. The word of the Lord. They still. Want to go their own way. They want to.

Do things. That are. Against. The word of God. For the word of the Lord. Will stand forever. And the zeal of the Lord of hosts.

Will bring his word. To pass. Emmanuel. God. With us. Amen.

[20 : 19] Amen. Amen. So let's go. I'll be looking at.

Quite a few. Individual. Verses. Let me see. There's one. One in Galatians.

I'd like to. Read. If I can. Find that reference. Well. We'll come across it. Sooner or later. Later here. But.

There's a verse. That says. That in the fullness. Of time. Jesus. Came. You know. It wasn't an accident. When Jesus.

Came. But it was. Preplanned. By God. It was. Preplanned. The time. Was planned. The. The. The. The.

[21 : 20] The landscape. The political. Landscape. The. The nation. Of Israel. And where they were. It was all.

Planned. Ahead. By God. And he chose. That time. To bring. Jesus. Into this world. Jesus.

The son of God. Jesus. The son of man. He came. And he lived.

A sinless life. As a human being. As a man. As a man. So now. Let's look at. In Romans 1. 4. And the. And declared. To be. The son of God. With power. According. To the spirit. Of holiness. By the resurrection.

[22 : 28] From. The dead. You know. Jesus. Did not just live. A sinless life. But he gave his life. He shed his blood.

And then. He resurrected. From the dead. In Colossians 2. 9. For in him. Dwelleth all the fullness. Of the Godhead.

Bodily. In him. In our Lord. Jesus. The one who came. To save us. In him. Is the fullness. Of the Godhead.

Bodily. In 1st Timothy. 3. 16. And without.

Controversy. Great. Is the mystery. Of godliness. God. Was manifest. In the flesh. Justified.

[23 : 24] In the spirit. Seen of angels. Preached. Unto the Gentiles. God. Believed on. In the world. Received up.

Into glory. Talk about the gospel. In one verse. The. The great mystery. Of godliness. God.

Was manifest. In the flesh. Jesus. Was God. Manifest. In the flesh. He was. Justified. In the spirit. He was.

Seen of angels. He was. Preached. Unto the Gentiles. Which we are. Also. Thankful for. And he was. Received. Into.

Glory. Turn. To. Colossians. Chapter. One. I think. We'll. Spend. Some. Time.

- [24 : 20] In. This. Chapter. And. I want to start. In. In. Verse. Ten. Colossians.
 One. That. Ye. Might. Walk. Worthy. Of. The. Lord. Unto. All. Pleasing. Being. Fruitful. In.
 Every. Good. Work. And. Increasing.
 In. The. Knowledge. Of. God. Strengthened. With. All. Might. According. To. His. Glorious.
 Power. Unto. All. Patience.
 And. Long. Suffering. With. Joyfulness. Giving. Thanks. Unto. The. Father. Which. Has.
 Made. Us. Meet. To. Be. Partakers. Of. The. Inheritance.
 Of. The. Saints. In. Light. To. Hear. The. Apostles. Praying. For. The. Colossians. And.
 Believe. This. Comes. All. The.
- [25 : 12] Way. Down. To. Our. Day. But. Is. Are. We. Walking. Worthy. And. As. We. Continue. On.
 In. The. Next. Versus. We. Will. See. What. He.
 Means. By. This. We. Are. Partakers. Of. The. Inheritance. Of. The. Hour.
 Of. Darkness. And. Has. Translated. Us. Into. The. Kingdom. Of. His. Dear. Son. We. Are.
 Now. In. The. Kingdom. Of. Our. Lord. Jesus.
 You. Know. Daniel. Prophesied. That. That. That. God. Would. Set. Up. A. Kingdom. In.
 This. On. This. Earth. A. Kingdom. That.
 Will. Not. That. Will. Not. Be. Destroy. A. Kingdom. That. Will. Not. Fall. And. Today. As.
 We. Are. Here. And. As. We. Are. Born.
- [26 : 06] Again. Into. The. Kingdom. Of. God. We. Are. In. This. New. Kingdom. Of. Our. Lord.
 Jesus. Christ. He.
 Has. Delivered. Us. From. The. Powers. Of. Darkness. He. Came. To. This. Earth. To. Do.
 That. To. Defeat. The. Powers. Of. Darkness. He. Is. Now.
 In. Verse. Fourteen. In. Whom. In. Jesus. We. Have. Redemption. Through. His. Blood.
 Even. The. Forgiveness. Of. Sins. Jesus.
 Is. The. Image. Of. The. Invisible. God. The. First. Born. Of. Every. Creature. By. Him. By.
 Jesus. Were. All. Things. Created.
 That. Are. In. Heaven. That. Are. In. Earth. Visible. Whether. They. Be. Thrones.
- [26 : 59] Or. Dominions. Or. Principalities. Or. Powers. All. Things. Were. Created. By. Him. And.
 For. Him. You know. Our. Lord. Jesus.
 When. He. Came. To. This. Earth. And. He. Was. Born. A. Baby. That. Was. Not. His.
 Beginning. But. He. Was. With. God.
 In. The. Beginning. We. Could. Read. In. In. In. The. Gospel. Of. John. The. Word. Of.
 The. Word. Was. With. God. And. The. Word. Was. Made. Flesh. And. He. Dwelled.
 Among.
 Us. Yes. Jesus. The. Word. Of. God. He. He. He. He. Was. He. Was. From. The.
 Beginning. And. Here. It. Says. All.
 Things. Were. Created. By. Him. And. For. Him. Even. Us. Today. We. Are. Created. For.
 Him. That. Is. Our.
- [27 : 53] Purpose. In. Life. That. Is. Our. Purpose. In. Being. Here. That. Is. Our. Purpose. Of.
 Being. On. This. Earth. Is. To. To. Walk.
 With. Him. And. To. Manifest. His. Glory. To. A. Lost. In. A. Dying. World. There. Is.
 Actually. A. Verse. That. Says. That. I'm. Not.
 Sure. If. We'll. Get. There. Today. Or. Not. But. To. To. Show. For. The. The. Wisdom.
 And. The. Power. Of. God. To. To.

The. Lost. And. Dying. World. And. Also. To. The. Principalities. And. The. Powers. Of. The. Air. The. Unseen. World.

But. All. Things. Were. Created. By. Him. And. For. Him. And. He. Is. Before. All. Things. Our. Lord. Jesus. Was.

[28 : 47] Before. Us. He. Was. Before. The. Creation. Of. The. World. He. Was. Before. The. Creation. Of. All. All. The. Things. That. We. See. And. Know. In.

Our. World. Today. On. This. Earth. He. Was. Before. All. Things. And. By. Him. All. Things. Consist. It. Is.

Only. Because. Of. Him. That. We. Are. Here. He. Even. Holds. Our. Breath. In. His. Hand. He. Is. The. One. That. Gives. Us. Life.

And. He. Is. The. Head. Of. The. Body. The. Church. Who. Is. The. Beginning. The. First. Born. From. The. Dead. That. In. All. Things.

He. Might. Have. The. Preeminence. For. It. Pleased. The. Father. That. In. Him. Should. All. Fullness. Dwell. And. Having. Made. Peace. Through. The. Blood. Of. His. Cross.

[29 : 44] By. Him. To. Reconcile. All. Things. And. To. Himself. By. Him. I. Say. Whether. They. Be. Things. At. Earth. Or. Things. In. Heaven. And. You.

That. Were. Sometime. Alienated. And. Enemies. In. Your. Mind. By. Wicked. Works. Yet. Now. Hath. He. Reconciled. In. The. Body. Of. His. Flesh. Through.

Death. To. Present. You. Holy. And. Unblameable. And. Unreprovable. In. His. Sight. If. Ye. Continue. In. The. Faith.

Grounded. And. Settled. And. Be. Not. Moved. Away. From. The. Hope. Of. The. Gospel. Yes. Why. Did. Jesus. Come. Why.

Did. Jesus. Come. He. Came. To. Establish. The. Kingdom. Of. God. In. This. World. That. Is. Why. He. Came. Yes.

[30 : 38] And. He. Came. To. Buy. Back. Humanity. Away. From. The. Power. Of. Darkness. That. We. Can. Be. In. His. Kingdom.

Yes. And. He. Is. The. Head. Of. The. Body. The. Church. We. As.

A. Church. The. Church. The. Universal. Church. Of. Jesus. Christ. Today. Is. The. Body. Of. Christ. Yes. We're. A. Small. Part.

Of. That. Body. But. That. Body. Is. All. Over. The. World. Yes. It's. All. Over. The. World. And. We're. A. Part.

We're. A. Part. Of. That. Body. And. Jesus. Is. The. Head. He. Is. The. Head. Of. The. Body. The. Church. And.

[31 : 30] He. Is. The. First. Born. From. The. Dead. That. He. Might. Have. The. Preeminence. Jesus.

He. Has. The. Preeminence. He. Is. Above. All. He. Is. Over. All. Everything. Is. Under. Him. Everything. Is. Under. Him. You. know.

In. In. Ephesians. There's. Some. Verses. That. Are. Very. Similar. Let. Me. See. Here. In. Ephesians. One. He. Says. That. We. Might. Know. In. Verse. Eighteen. That. We. Might. Know. What.

Is. The. Hope. Of. His. Calling. And. What. The. Richest. Of. The. Glory. Of. His. Inheritance. In. The. Saints. What. Is. The. Exceeding. Greatness. Of. His.

[32 : 26] Power. To. Us. Word. Who. Believe. According. To. The. Working. Which. He. Wrought. In. Christ. When. He. Raised.

Him. From. The. Dead. And. Set. Him. At. His. Own. Right. Hand. In. The. Heavenly. Places. Far. Above. This. Now. Telling. Us. Where. Jesus. Is. He. Is. Far.

Above. All. Prince. Of. All. And. Power. And. Might. And. Dominion. And. Every. Name. That. Is. Name. Not. Only. In. This. World. But. Also. In.

That. Which. Is. To. Come. And. He. Has. Put. All. Things. Under. His. Feet. And. Gave. Him. To. Be. The. Head. Over. All. Things. To. The. Church. Which. Is.

His. Body. The. Fullness. Of. Him. That. Filleth. All. In. All. Jesus. He. Is. Far. Above. All. Principality. And. Power. And.

[33 : 16] Might. And. Every. Name. That. Is. Named. Not. Only. In. The. World. Today. But. In. The. World. To. Come. You know. The. Enemy. Lucifer.

The. Satan. The. Devil. He. Still. Tries. To. Tell. People. And. To. Deceive. Them. Into.

Believing. That. They. Can. Be. They. Can. They. Can. Escape. The. Judgment. Of. God. That. They. Can. That. They. Can. Live.

A. Life. Not. Subject. To. God. And. And. Will. Not. Pay. For. It. But. There. Is. A. Day. Of. Reckoning. Coming. When. Every.

Knee. Will. Bow. And. Every. Tongue. Confess. Yes. The. Atheist. Yes. Those. Men. That. Have. Exalted. Themselves. Above. God. Those.

[34 : 08] Those. Men. That. Have. Been. Full. Of. Satan. The. Day. Is. Coming. When. They. Will. Acknowledge. Our. Lord. Jesus. They. Will. Bow. The. Knee.

To. Our. Lord. And. Savior. God. Has. Exalted. The. Name. Of. Jesus. He. Has. Exalted.

The. Name. Of. Jesus. He. Has. Put. All. Things. Under. His. Feet. All. Things. Under. His. Feet. Yes. I. Know. There's. A. Great.

Rebellion. Still. Continuing. On. In. This. World. But. God. Is. Greater. The. Name. Of. Jesus. Is. Greater. Remember.

That. When. You. When. You. Face. The. Enemy. This. Coming. Week. Our. God. Is. Greater. Jesus. Defeated. Him.

[35 : 02] At. Calvary. You. You. Know. Satan. Thought. Now. I. Got. Him. I. Killed. Him. Now. The. All.

Humanity. Is. Mine. But. Then. Christ. Arose. The. Greatest. Victory.

In. All. Of. Time. Hallelujah. He. Hath. Put. All. Things. Under. His. Feet. And. He. Gave.

Him. Jesus. To. Be. The. Head. Over. All. Things. To. The. Church. And. The. Church. We. Are. His. Body. The. Fullness. Of. Christ.

That. Filleth. All. In. All. You. Know. You. Know. Jesus. Wants. To. Live. In. You. That. Is. How. That. Is. How.

[35 : 54] He. Can. Be. Fulfilled. In. This. World. You know. As we go forth. Let's.

Remember. That. As we go out. Into. This. World. Who. We. Represent. We. Represent. Our. Lord. Jesus. Everywhere.

We. Go. Everywhere. We. Go. You know. Hebrews. You know. Where it. Talks. About.

There. Hebrews. Lavin. Where it. Talks. About. The. Heroes. Of. Faith. And. It. Says. God. Was. Not. Ashamed. To. Be. Called. Their. God.

Why? Because. They. They. Proclaimed. Him. And. They. Manifested. Him. On. This. Earth. Is.

[36 : 55] God. Ashamed. Of. Us. Or. Do. We. Stand. Strong. And. Faithful. Do. Truly, rightly.

Or do we misrepresent Him? The verse I was looking for a while back.

Galatians 4.4. But when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

And because ye are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father, that Spirit of Christ within us.

Hallelujah. You know, oh, hallelujah. You know, we are the church of Jesus Christ.

[38 : 23] The church of Jesus Christ. Jesus gave His life for us. He gave His life that He might buy this church.

Yes. Ephesians says that He gave Himself for it. In Ephesians 5.25 and verse 26, He gave Himself for the church that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word.

You know, He doesn't just buy us and let us be the way we were. No, but He sanctifies us and He cleanses us.

He sets us free from every bondage of the enemy. He cuts that off by the blood of Jesus and He sets us free to worship Him and to serve Him.

But let's continue in Ephesians 5.27 and verse 26. He wants to sanctify us and cleanse us by the washing of water, by the Word, the Word of God, that He might present us to Himself a glorious church.

[39 : 51] this is why He came. This is what He is after. This is His heart's desire for us that He would present it, that He will present us to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish, not spotted by the world, not wrinkled by the flesh, no, not spotted by the old flesh, no, but set free from those things and delivered, set free, living a new life with Christ in us.

Yes, like Colossians says, Christ in you, the hope of glory, Christ in us, the hope of glory. Amen.

Yes. Jesus came. Jesus came for this purpose.

You know, there's a verse. I just want to find it and read it in Psalm 2.

You know, there's a lot of prophets in Psalm, the book of Psalms, and David was a mighty prophet of God.

[41 : 29] You know, we know him as a mighty king and a mighty warrior, but he was also a great prophet. prophet. And in Psalm 2, you know, some of this describes our day.

You know, I, I want it, verse 8, but I think we'll, we'll read some other verses since verse 1. Why do the heathen rage and the people imagine a great thing, imagine a vain thing?

The kings of the earth, they set themselves and the rulers take counsel to gather against the Lord and against his anointed. You know, you know, Satan influences the kingdom, the kingdoms of this world.

And, and I believe that this is going on in our day, that, that the kings of the earth they're setting themselves against the Lord Christ.

Yes, they're, they're setting themselves against the Lord and his anointed saying, let us break their bands asunder and cast away their cords from us.

[42 : 55] You know, you know, the Holy Ghost is the restrainer and he lives within us and our presence out in this world should, should have that effect of restraining evil, rebuking evil.

Even just our presence bringing the presence of a Holy God into this sinful world wherever you go, it brings a presence that rebukes the spirits of darkness.

But here says the kings, the rulers of the, of the, of the, of the world, they take counsel together, how they can break these bands asunder.

But look at verse 4. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh, the Lord shall have them in derision.

Remember that verse in Isaiah where, where it said, the zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this. You know, sometimes it might look as if the Lord of hosts was defeated, but he's not defeated.

[44 : 13] He sits on his throne and he laughs at the, at those powers and principalities that try to rise up against the rule of God.

Someday they will be brought down. The Lord shall have them in derision.

Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath and vex them in his sword his pleasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill, Zion. I will declare the decree the Lord has said unto me, thou art my son, this day have I begotten thee.

Who is he talking about? He's talking about Jesus, the only begotten son of the father. Ask of me and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance and the other most parts of the earth for thy possession.

Jesus had to come to this earth and shed his blood and give his life. But his reward is this, that the heathen can be brought back, that he can have the heathen for his inheritance.

[45 : 34] That includes us. That includes us today. Yes, you weren't always a child of God. you had to be born into this kingdom.

Yes. And so when we come to him, he receives the reward of his suffering.

That's what he's talking about here. I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance and the outermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron. Thou shalt dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel. Yes, hallelujah. Oh my.

Well, let's continue on. Amen. Jesus came to establish the new covenant.

[46 : 41] Why? Because the old was not sufficient. Because the old was a schoolmaster to show us that we needed Christ.

Yes, the old was a schoolmaster to bring us to Christ. He took away the old and established the new. He signed it with his blood.

It came into effect when Jesus shed his blood and rose again. The old covenant could not, could not, it had many shortcomings, yes.

It could not clear the conscience, but today the blood of Jesus can clear your conscience and set you free from that old life.

yes. Yes. He has redeemed us by his blood. He has forgiven us of our sins.

[47 : 45] He has reconciled us to a holy God. Now he wants to present us faultless before the presence of his glory.

Yes. amen. All the blessings and all the riches of God are in Christ. Yes.

All of heaven, it is ours because of Christ. Yes. Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil.

Jesus came to buy the church.

Christ. Jesus wanted a bride. Jesus wanted to reconcile lost humanity.

[49 : 11] You know, in the Garden of Eden, before sin, God would come into the garden in the cool of the evening and he would communicate he would walk in the garden and he would have fellowship with Adam and Eve.

But when they sinned, that was all broken. That was broken. Jesus came to again have fellowship with humanity, with the human race.

Jesus are you are you a part of the bride of Christ?

There's a verse in Isaiah that I want to look at. Isaiah 62 and verse 5.

For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee. As a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.

[50 : 47] do you know that our God takes pleasure in his people? And there's many other verses that we won't look at.

We could. I don't believe that was the focus of the message today. But a little bit here.

this verse, this verse that our God just remember you men that are married.

Did you rejoice over the bride the day you got married? it says here that as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.

Is there anything greater on this earth than to know that our God rejoices as we walk with him, as we have sweet fellowship with him, as we pray to him, as we trust in him for all of life, as we allow him to dwell within us on the throne of our heart, and we walk with him in sweet communion.

[52 : 32] second Corinthians 11, two, I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy, for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

A chaste virgin. Are we a chaste virgin? Are we? Are we fornicating with the world? how is your life today?

You know, to love the world is enmity with God. Do we love God more than anything else? Or are we fornicating with the things of this world?

You know, the book of James, there's a couple of verses there. in chapter four, he says, ye ask and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

[54 : 01] Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, the spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy. You know, we are a spouse, we are, you know, like the apostle Paul wrote, I have espoused you to one husband that I may present you a chaste virgin to Christ.

are we that chaste virgin or are we fornicating with the world? Are we allowing things of this world?

James says the spirit that dwells in us, it lusts to envy. Why? If we are not totally walking with him, if we are not totally yielded to him, ye ask and receive not.

Now, he's, you know, he's talking about prayer. We heard about prayer this morning and about the effectiveness of prayer. And if he says here, you ask but you don't receive and why is that?

Why does God not answer your prayer? It is because we ask amiss. It is because our heart is not 100% in tune with him.

[55 : 31] Is your heart 100% in tune with God almighty? With our Lord Jesus who bought you with his blood?

He bought us with his precious blood. God yes. Yes. In Revelation 19.

Verse 5, and a voice came out of the throne saying, praise our God, all ye his servants and ye that fear him, both small and great.

And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude and as a voice of many waters and as a voice of mighty thundering saying, hallelujah, for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

Let us be glad and rejoice and give honor to him, for the marriage of the lamb is come and his wife has made herself ready.

[56 : 59] ready. Have you made yourself ready? Are you ready for the marriage supper of the lamb? Or is your garment spotted by the flesh?

Have you allowed him to cleanse you and to set you free, to sanctify and cleanse us? Whiter than snow, how is it with us?

His wife has made herself ready, and to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white, for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints.

You know, not sure which version it is, it says the fine linen are the acts of the saints, the righteous acts of the saints.

we are justified by our works, we are condemned by our works, are our works righteous before our God?

[58 : 04] How is it with us? Have we made ourselves ready? Are we ready for the marriage of the lamb? Are we prepared?

You know, does the bridegroom, the Lord Jesus, does he rejoice over you?

Does he rejoice over us? even as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride today?

Here in our earthly sense, have we given ourselves to him that he can rejoice over you?

That he can, has he made his abode with you? Is he preparing you for the marriage supper of the lamb? We don't know when, but it is coming.

[59 : 19] It is coming, and it is coming maybe very soon. We do not know. We do not know the day or the hour.

We do not know, but we know he is coming. We know he is coming again. And he's not coming as a babe in a manger, but he is coming as the king of kings and lord of lords.

And all the powers, oh, everything, everything will bow before him. Everything will be brought down under him.

His rule will be established forever. forever. Yes, he's already the king of kings and lord of lords. His rule is already established, but then those things that are still in rebellion will be brought under.

Yes, he is the almighty king. Is he your king today? He