

September 27th Sunday 2015

Text: Zechariah 9:11-12

Topic: The Deliverance and Blessings of Zion's People

Before Messiah can reign in peace, He must destroy all enemies, and deliver and restore His people (Ps. 110). As for the Israelites (Zion), the Lord promised to set free those of them whom their enemies hold as prisoners. He pictured this as taking them out of a dry "cistern," where they were captives ("prisoners") like Joseph and Jeremiah (Gen. 37:24; Jer. 38:6-9). God's people had been in the 'pit' of Babylonian exile, but they would find themselves in a worse predicament in the end of the age. From that pit God would again retrieve them according to His faithfulness to His covenant promises. "Blood" sacrifices ratified the Abrahamic Covenant (Gen. 15:9-11) and the Mosaic Covenant (Exod. 24:3-8). The Lord instructed these former Israelite prisoners of the nations—who were now free—to return to their Stronghold, namely: Himself (Jer. 16:19; Nah. 1:7). He Himself promised to restore to them double of what He had allowed their enemy to take from them. Christians are facing very challenging times but on the day the Lord decides to act, He will restore to us a double portion of what the enemy took away from us. This is a call to a pleasant expectation of future blessings by God.

Lesson: Messiah would defeat the enemy.

Prayer: Help us Lord, to overcome the enemy. Amen.

September 28th Monday 2015

Text: Zechariah 9:13-14

Topic: Heathen Nations would be Subdued

Yahweh, as the Divine Warrior, would use Israel as a weapon to subdue the Gentiles. Judah" would be His "bow," and Ephraim would be His arrow. The sons" of Zion would be His "warrior's sword." He was in complete command of Israel's affairs. He would come against the nations, like an army called to advance with a trumpet, and like the strong southern "storm winds" (Exod. 24:9-10). This verse saw initial, partial fulfillment when the Jews overthrew the Greeks during the Maccabean revolts in the second century B.C. But the final, complete fulfillment awaits the Messiah's second coming.

Lesson: Messiah is the King of kings.

Prayer: Teach us to worship the King of kings our Lord. Amen.

September 29th Tuesday 2015

Text: Zechariah 9:15-17

Topic: The Lord is Defender and Deliverer

The Lord would "defend" Israel, and would cause His people to be victorious over their enemies. The death of these enemies would be a sacrifice to Him. However, the Israelites would experience deliverance and victory, like "a flock" of sheep protected by their Shepherd. They would be precious and beautiful ("sparkling") in the Lord's land, as jewels in "a crown" as they circled Jerusalem's hills. They would "trample on the sling stones" (v. 15) used in warfare, and would become precious "stones" in the King's "crown" (v. 16). 9:17 The Israelites would be very attractive then. They would all enjoy plenty of the best food and drink; they would flourish and prosper, having an abundance of all that human beings need.

Lesson: Trust in the Lord.

Prayer: Our God, you are our deliverer and defender. Save us from the enemy. Amen.

September 30th Wednesday 2015

Text: Zechariah 10:1-12

Topic: The Lord will care for His Own

Many people this day create idols of money power, fame, relatives, or success which to them gives happiness, security and future. It is clear to us that no idols can supply the above mentioned. They rather ruin our life. It is stupidity to believe in any form of idol. A wise Christian places his trust and future in the promises of God. Zechariah's prophecy is more than 500 years before Christ coming, yet it is sure that He wins the battle and rules stable, victorious and trustworthy. He remains the answer to Israel and the world's problem. It is only in him that the promise of God can be fulfilled. God still stand on the promise that when we stay close to him and are connected to Hi., His Holy Spirit enables us to do His will despite all obstacles. In this last days, the lord will stand with us, care for us and sustain us.

Lesson: No matter the seas of troubles in our days, God's hand and help is ever near to receive us.

Prayer: The Lord who cares and rescues us, be closer to me always in Jesus name.

OCTOBER 2015

TOPIC: THE DAY OF THE LORD

TEXT: MICAH 1-7

INTRODUCTION

The phrase “day of the Lord” usually identifies events that take place at the end of history (Isaiah 7:18-25) and is often closely associated with the phrase “that day.” One key to understanding these phrases is to note that they always identify a span of time during which God personally intervenes in history, directly or indirectly, to accomplish some specific aspect of His plan.

Most people associate the day of the Lord with a period of time or a special day that will occur when God’s will and purpose for His world and for mankind will be fulfilled. Some scholars believe that the day of the Lord will be a longer period of time than a single day—a period of time when Christ will reign throughout the world before He cleanses heaven and earth in preparation for the eternal state of all mankind. Other scholars believe the day of the Lord will be an instantaneous event when Christ returns to earth to redeem His faithful believers and send unbelievers to eternal damnation. While to others, “the day of the Lord” is the Day of Judgment and punishment. Whichever one you think of, the central truth is that the day of the Lord is the Day of reaping what you Sow. The Day of the Lord can be today or tomorrow. As we study this fact this month, may we know that there will be no repentance after death..

October 1st Thursday 2015

Text: Micah 1:1-2

Topic: Declaration: The Day of the Lord is coming

Judgment was announced, as God was seen stepping out of his holy temple. That, the day of the Lord is coming. The earth is called upon, with all that are therein, to hear the prophet. The New Testament calls it a day of “wrath,” a day of “visitation,” and the “great day of God Almighty” (Revelation 16:14) and refers to a still future fulfillment when God’s wrath is poured out on unbelieving Israel and on the unbelieving world. The Scriptures indicate that “the day of the Lord” will come quickly, like a thief in the night (2 Thessalonians 2:2), and therefore Christians must be watchful and ready for the coming of Christ at any moment. “God be witness against you”—namely, that none of you can say, when the time of your punishment shall come, that you were not forewarned. The ultimate or final fulfillment of the prophecies concerning the day of the Lord will come at the end of history when God, with wondrous power, will punish evil and fulfill all His promises. Are you ready for this day?

Lesson: No matter how long a person can live, one day he/she will die and face judgment

Prayer: Grant me the grace to prepare for the Day of Judgment dear Lord.

October 2nd Friday 2015

Text: Micah 1:3-7

Topic: God's judgment is real.

In verses 3 to 7, Micah describes how God will punish Judah and Samaria because they forgot God and prayed to false gods. Everything that Micah described happened. God destroyed the city and nation of Samaria because the people rebelled against His Word, and He destroyed the Samaritan temple because it housed a false religion that was nothing but religious prostitution. (Throughout the Old Testament, idolatry is compared to prostitution.) Any nation or society that refuses to listen and go by God's word will surely receive the wrath of God. Though He is slow to anger waiting for such people or nation to realize their sins and confess. Perhaps Micah was hoping that the people might confess their sins to God. They might change their behaviour so that God would forgive them. But, in the end, this did not happen. The people in Judah suffered greatly. The way that God punishes Samaria will teach us something that he rewards everybody according to his or her deeds. "Look!" The day of the Lord is coming. "The Lord is coming from his dwelling place; he comes down and treads the high places of the earth" (v.3). Everyone in the entire world must listen to these words. All people must obey this message. We are called to listen to the warning of God in order to avoid His wrath. Let us Change our behavior and confesses our sins to God.

Lesson: Begin your Christian journey with the end in mind.

Prayer: God, help us to listen to these words and put them into practice, Amen.

October 3rd, Saturday 2015

Text: Micah 1:8-13

Topic: The Day of the Lord: What a sad day for unbelievers.

Micah weeps as he speaks God's judgment. He feels as God feels. Micah has seen what will happen to Samaria. He knows that the situation is hopeless. There is no remedy for Samaria's problems. God's judgment is certain. Punishments from God must happen. They cry like jackals and ostriches. They seem to cry in a sad way. The Prophet became the chief mourner to show how dreadful and mournful the calamity would be. In verse 13, Lachish's people had caused Jerusalem's people to stop trusting in God. Lachish's people did not trust God to defend them. They trusted their chariots. That was because of the sin called pride. Pride causes us to think that God's rules for our life do not matter. We believe that we can do as we choose. We think that we do not need God. We think that we can live very well without him. In our modern world, we too can be guilty of pride. Now we trust machinery, computers, modern science, wealth and power. We might trust all those things when we should be trusting God. People think that they have the power, they have the money, they can do and undo. The Bible says "God is against the proud." Unless we repent and trust in God, we must face the dreadful day of the Lord.

Lesson: Always remember that life is short and that you have judgment to face.

Prayer: Help me, O Lord, to overcome the spirit of pride.