THE RESULTS OF CALVARY

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**TEXT: Psalm 22:22-31**

**INTRODUCTION**

We return to **22nd Psalm**

Last time we look at the *Reality of Calvary*

How the Lord was Abandoned, Abhorred & Abused

This week we will look at the *Results of Calvary*

There is a pause between **vs. 21 & 22**

The tenor and tone of this psalm changes dramatically at this point

From David’s perspective, he perceived God’s deliverance at hand and began to praise God

From our Lord’s perspective, though death was at hand, the resurrection and its glories were nearer

**v.22 –** *“****I will declare Thy Name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise Thee”***

Jesus certainly directed His followers to declare His name after His resurrection

**Matthew 28:10 –** ***“Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see Me”***

**John 20:17 – *“Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to My brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to My God, and your God”***

However, the text speaks of *Him* (Jesus)declaring God’s name and praising Him

What may be in view is how our Lord preached to the saints in paradise between His death and His resurrection

Abraham’s Bosom – **Luke 16:22**

**I Peter 4:6 – *“For for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit”***

After explaining to this crowd the greater truth of His death, burial, and resurrection, He then led them to heaven

**Psalm 68:18 – *“Thou hast ascended on high, Thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell among them”***

**Ephesians 4:8-10 - *“Wherefore He saith, When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men”***

The Lord Jesus appears here in His twofold character of Priest and Prince in the 2nd half of this psalm

As Priest He reigns today at God's right hand in Heaven

As Prince He is coming again to reign on earth

These are the Tremendous Results of Calvary!

He was a Prophet during His earthly life

It was as Prophet that He suffered at the hands of man

That was yesterday

Today He is a Priest; ministering on our behalf in Heaven

Tomorrow He will be Prince; ruling and reigning on earth

The first section of this psalm dealt with Christ's yesterday

This section deals with Today and Tomorrow

Let’s pray and think on this thought

***“The Results of Calvary”***

***~~~Prayer~~~***

**I. THE LORD AS “PRIEST” – vs. 22-26**

26 times Jesus is referred to as our Priest, High Priest, or Great High Priest in the Book of Hebrews

As our Great High Priest, Jesus has made the ultimate sacrifice for our sins

He did not *offer* a substitute … He *was* our substitute!

First, let’s look at Christ’s Priestly role …

**A. In View of His Resurrection – v.22**

***“I will declare Thy Name (the Father’s) unto My brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise Thee”***

One of the duties of the High Priest was to represent God to the children of Israel

**Representative** – *acts on behalf of someone else*

Our risen, ascended Lord is seen here gathering around Himself a special, unique company of people He calls ***“My brethren”*** ***“the congregation”***

David of course knew nothing about the Church but we have no difficulty seeing it here

This is exactly what the Lord Jesus is doing today

He is praising /representing God in the midst of His brethren / He is building His church!

He is our intercessor

In His ascension He lead captivity

He has set the captive free

This is what He will do in the future

**Hebrews 12:23 *– “To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven”***

**Revelation 19:1 *– “And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia;***

***Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:”***

**Jesus is our Great High Priest in His Resurrection**

Jesus is our Great High Priest …

**B. In View of His Return – vs.23-26**

The Lord Jesus came the first time as our Suffering Servant

He’s coming again the second time as a Victorious King

The thought of His Priesthood is continued here

But now the focus is on the end times

There are 3 classes of people who are going to be affected by the Lord's return

**1.** The Nation of Israel – **vs.23, 24**

Israel is depicted here at the end of the great tribulation

Beset on every hand, facing extermination, desperate, ready at last to acknowledge Christ

Right on time the Lord will come back to redeem His ancient people

Note how the Jews are urged to acknowledge *Him*

The One of whom the whole psalm speaks (and)

The very One they have rejected for so long

***“Ye that fear the LORD, praise Him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify Him; and fear Him, all ye the seed of Israel” “For He hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath He hid His face from Him; but when He cried unto Him, He heard”***

This perfectly describes the Lord's coming priestly ministry to Israel

He will bring them to acknowledge Him at last!

This is the necessary foundation upon which all Israel's other blessings will rest

**2.** The Church of God – **v. 25**

The Church is going to benefit too from the Lord's return to the earth at the end of the tribulation

***“My praise shall be of Thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear Him”***

God has many congregations:

-- The angelic hosts make up one

-- The nation of Israel another

-- The 144,000 saved and sealed and ministering with power during the great tribulation yet another

-- The multitude of saved Gentiles won to Christ during this same period make up still another

But He has one *great congregation,* the Church!

It stands apart from all others by virtue of its special, unique, and glorious relationship to the Lord Jesus and by its special destiny in eternity

The Church is the Lord's great congregation and He has vowed to show her off before all other congregations!

At His coming He will pay that vow along with many others He has made to His Church

**3.** The Nations of Mankind **– v.26**

The Lord has no priestly ministry to the world as such today

But in a coming day He will act in a priestly capacity towards those Gentiles who enter the millennial kingdom

***“The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the Lord that seek Him: your heart shall live for ever”***

This is the first tremendous result of Calvary

**THE LORD IS SEEN AS “PRIEST”**

The 2nd Great Result of Calvary is …

**II. THE LORD AS “PRINCE” – vs. 27-29**

A Prince is usually someone who is in line to inherit a throne

Calvary has insured that the Lord Jesus will not only be a *Redeemer*

He will be the *Ruler* as well

He will do 3 things as our Acclaimed King

The focus here is the millennial reign of Christ

**1.** Convert **– v.27**

***“All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before Thee”***

David no doubt looked forward to the reign of the Messiah

However, there is an even greater progression here

The 1st half of this psalm has clearly depicted the agony of our Lord upon the cross

It then touched briefly upon His resurrection and how it looks forward to His millennial reign when He returns in power and great glory

He will convert the Nations (Well, those that are left)

**2.** Control **–v. 28**

***“For the kingdom is the LORD'S: and He is the governor among the nations”***

The kingdom of God will blossom when Jesus returns to rule and reign over all the earth

It is His kingdom, and He will rule over all nations

**3.** Content **– v.29**

***“All they that be fat upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before Him: and none can keep alive his own soul”***

When Jesus returns to rule and reign, even the high and mighty ***“… they that be fat”***

The prosperous ones …will worship before Him

Moreover, those of lowly estate *“…****they that go down to the dust”*** will bow in worship

In that day, all, both small and great, will worship our Lord

David thus mentions a true saying …

***“None can keep alive his own soul”***

Our times are in God’s hands

Our very life’s breath is determined by His sovereign will

We therefore would be wise to serve and glorify God

**III. THE LORD “PROCLAIMED KING” – vs. 30, 31**

***“A seed shall serve Him: it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation” “They shall come, and shall declare His righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that He hath done this”***

As the golden years of the millennium unfold

The story of the Lord's work will be told from generation to generation

People will remind each other just how much the world owes to His *redemption* and to His *rule*

***“He hath done this!”*** they will say ***“He hath done this!”***

The same word is used in **II Chronicles 4:11 – *“… And Huram finished the work that he was to make for king Solomon for the house of God”***

(i.e. the building of the Temple)

***"Finished!"*** =*The Lord hath done this!*

In **John 19:30 –** ***“Jesus … said, It is finished:”***

**CONCLUSION**

Though the day is coming when all will serve Him

In the meantime, a small seed or remnant will do so in this wicked age

In every generation there have been those accounted to the Lord as His people

Accordingly they have come /shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done *this*

The seed of God’s people in each generation will declare

His righteousness to the coming generation

That was true then

It is true today

It will true in the future

God has made sure that in the dark ages, there is always a witness and testimony of His righteousness and grace

We are the Results of Calvary

Thus concludes one of the greatest chapters in the Bible

**THE LORD OUR “PRIEST”**

**THE LORD OUR “PRINCE”**

**THE LORD OUR “PROCLAIMED KING”**