**Morning Watch EXPERIENCING, ENJOYING, AND EXPRESSING CHRIST (1) - Week 4 Dec. 23-29, 2024**

**The Kingdom as the Subduing of Rebellion and as the Transfiguration of the Lord Jesus**

 **Monday 12/23**

**Acts 26:18**

**18** To open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light and from the authority of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.

**Col. 1:13**

**13** Who delivered us out of the authority of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

**Gen. 1:26**

**26** And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

**Matt. 12:26**

**26** And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?

**1 John 3:4**

**4** Everyone who practices sin practices lawlessness also, and sin is lawlessness.

**Rev. 11:15 (Read Only)**

**15** And the seventh angel trumpeted; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.

**Isa. 14:12-15**

**12** How you have fallen from heaven, O Daystar, son of the dawn! How you have been hewn down to earth, You who made nations fall prostrate!

**13** But you, you said in your heart: I will ascend to heaven; Above the stars of God I will exalt my throne. And I will sit upon the mount of assembly In the uttermost parts of the north.

**14** I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.

**15** But you will be brought down to Sheol, To the uttermost parts of the pit.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (1) – Week 4, Day 1*

**Tuesday 12/24**

**Matt. 6:10**

**10** Your kingdom come; Your will be done, as in heaven, so also on earth.

**Matt. 12:28**

**28** But if I, by the Spirit of God, cast out the demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

**Mark 3:27**

**27** But no one can enter into the house of the strong man and thoroughly plunder his goods unless he first binds the strong man, and then he will thoroughly plunder his house.

**Matt. 4:17**

**17** From that time Jesus began to proclaim and to say, Repent, for the kingdom of the heavens has drawn near.

**Matt. 6:33**

**33** But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

**John 3:3, 5**

**3** Jesus answered and said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

**5** Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

**Eph. 2:19**

**19** So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (1) – Week 4, Day 2*

**Wednesday 12/25**

**Mark 4:35-41 (39)**

**35** And He said to them on that day when evening had fallen, Let us go over to the other side.

**36** And leaving the crowd, they took Him along, just as He was, in the boat; and other boats were with Him.

**37** And there arose a great windstorm, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already beginning to fill up.

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**39** And having awoken, He rebuked the wind and said to the sea, Be silent! Be still! And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.

**40** And He said to them, Why are you cowardly in this way? How is it that you do not have faith?

**41** And they became greatly frightened and said to one another, Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?

**Eph. 6:12**

**12** For our wrestling is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenlies.

**John 12:31**

**31** Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the ruler of this world be cast out.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (1) – Week 4, Day 3*

**Thursday 12/26**

**Mark 9:1-2, 3-4**

**1** And He said to them, Truly I say to you, there are some of those standing here who shall by no means taste death until they see the kingdom of God having come in power.

**2** And after six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John, and brought them up alone into a high mountain privately. And He was transfigured before them,

**3** And His garments became sparkling, exceedingly white, such as no fuller on earth could whiten them.

**4** And Elijah with Moses appeared to them, and they were conversing with Jesus.

**Mark 4:26-29**

**26** And He said, So is the kingdom of God: as if a man cast seed on the earth,

**27** And sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and lengthens-how, he does not know.

**28** The earth bears fruit by itself: first a blade, then an ear, then full grain in the ear.

**29** But when the fruit is ripe, immediately he sends forth the sickle, because the harvest has come.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (1) – Week 4, Day 4*

 **Friday 12/27**

**Mark 8:35-36, 37-38**

**35** For whoever wants to save his soul-life shall lose it; but whoever will lose his soul-life for My sake and the gospel's shall save it.

**36** For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul-life?

**37** For what could a man give in exchange for his soul-life?

**38** For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man also will be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.

**Matt 16:25-27**

**25** For whoever wants to save his soul-life shall lose it; but whoever loses his soul-life for My sake shall find it.

**26** For what shall a man be profited if he gains the whole world, but forfeits his soul-life? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul-life?

**27** For the Son of Man is to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will repay each man according to his doings.

**Rom. 14:17**

**17** For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (1) – Week 4, Day 5*

 **Saturday 12/28**

**Matt. 13:43**

**43** Then the righteous will shine forth like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

**Phil. 3:21**

**21** Who will transfigure the body of our humiliation to be conformed to the body of His glory, according to His operation by which He is able even to subject all things to Himself.

**Matt. 16:27**

**27** For the Son of Man is to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will repay each man according to his doings.

**2 Thes. 1:9**

**9** They will pay the penalty of eternal destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His strength

**Rom. 8:18, 21**

**18** For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the coming glory to be revealed upon us.

**21** In hope that the creation itself will also be freed from the slavery of corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

**Heb. 2:10**

**10** For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and through whom are all things, in leading many sons into glory, to make the Author of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (1) – Week 4, Day 6*

 **Lord’s Day 12/29**

**Rev. 22:1-7**

**1** And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.

**2** And on this side and on that side of the river was the tree of life, producing twelve fruits, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

**3** And there will no longer be a curse. And the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His slaves will serve Him;

**4** And they will see His face, and His name will be on their forehead.

**5** And night will be no more; and they have no need of the light of a lamp and of the light of the sun, for the Lord God will shine upon them; and they will reign forever and ever.

**6** And he said to me, These words are faithful and true; and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent His angel to show to His slaves the things which must quickly take place.

**7** And behold, I come quickly. Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this scroll.

**Hymn:** *#941*

 **Further Reading:**

*Life-Study of Mark, Messages 17, 26*

**Churchwide Truth Pursuit**

**Level 1—Hebrews Sequential Reading**

**Scripture Reading and Copying**: *None*

**Assigned Reading**: *None*

**Level 2—Hebrews Topical Study**

**Crucial Point**: *None*

**Scripture:** *None*

**Assigned Reading**: *None*

**Supplemental Reading***: None*

**Questions:** *None*

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