

The Psalms of Jesus

Lu 24:44; 44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. 45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, 46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: 47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 And ye are witnesses of these things."

These are the words of Jesus, after he has risen from the dead, and he appears to his disciples in the room. He opens their understanding, leads them out to where he blesses them, and then ascends into heaven.

I have read this verse several times, but it had gone from my mind. ***"These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me."*** We have just preached and sent out a writing on Psalms Chapter 01. In that sermon, and exposition, we pointed out how we saw Jesus, in his work of salvation, and made application to our lives as a Christian. Today, we want to revisit Psalms Chapter 01, and look at it as a prophecy of Jesus.

Ps 1:1 ¶ "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. 4 ¶ The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. 5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. 6 For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish."

Jesus Christ, the man upon earth, was indeed the man that walked not in the counsel of the ungodly, he stood not in the way of the sinners, and did not sit in the seat of the scornful. By his walks, words, and deeds, while upon earth, he set the example of a perfection for the Christian to follow.

Jesus delighted to do the will of God the Father. Jesus always kept the law of God in his heart and mind. This is why, at twelve years old, he could answer the doctors, seen in: ***Lu 2:46-47; 46 "And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. 47 And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers."*** Jesus, who was God the Son before the world was, having come from heaven in the prepared body, knew the real meaning of the scriptures. His understanding was not cumbered by sinful flesh, as ours is.

Jesus in scripture is pictured as the tree of life, and the fountain of living waters. He is depicted as an evergreen tree whose leaves do not wither but are always green. Even in the tribulations he suffered here on earth, the light of Christ was always shining. What about the time he was in the tomb? His light was still shining, they just could not see it, because they did not understand the prophesy that he must die, be buried in the tomb, and rise again the third day. You see, Jesus the Son of God did not die. Jesus the mortal man died a natural death, which was necessary to show us that we to must be changed from the natural man to the image of Christ in the eternal resurrection of the dead in Christ.

Christ Jesus is still bringing forth its fruit in its season every time a child of God is born again. Everything Jesus did prospered. Understand, Jesus did not go bankrupt and lose anything that God the Father gave him to save. Every heir of grace, that he carried to the cross with him, will be resurrected to eternal life in Christ in the eternal resurrection. Jesus fully accomplished everything that God the Father gave him to do.

The finished work of Jesus has separated all of humankind into one of two categories: you are either saved or you are lost, which is why the ungodly will not stand in judgement with the saved.

Jesus knows ***"the way of the righteous"*** because he has already walked in that way and set the perfect example for the Christian to follow. Because of his finished work, and the separation of his people from eternal death, Jesus knows the eternal doom that awaits those who are not blessed in the Lord.

In closing, just as Jesus opened the understanding of his disciples, Jesus opens the understanding of God's people at the new birth. This gives us the ability to witness and follow the way of salvation by grace as we expounded upon in the previous exposition. Praise and glory to Jesus. Hallelujah! Amen.