

## Sunday February 18, 2024 Sermon Outline

--The O. T. Prophets spoke of the First and Second Coming Christ in one breath (The Suffering and Glory together).

### D. God Exalted The Victorious Savior

1. He exalted Him to His Right Hand,  
Acts 2:32-33; Acts 5:30, 31; Cf. Mt. 28:18
2. He Exalted Him over the entire Creation,

--Over the Invisible and Visible Worlds

--God decreed that One Day the Whole Creation will bow the knee to Him! (Phil 2:9-11)

### E. He Rules Over God's Spiritual Kingdom

Now! (Heaven and the Redeemed), Heb. 1:8; Phil. 3:20

1. Salvation places us in It, Acts 26:17, 18; Col. 1:13; Lk. 18:17
2. We must be genuinely born-again, Jn. 3:3,5,7
3. God wants us to live worthy of His call to His Kingdom, 1 Thess. 2:12

### F. We Are Waiting For The Manifestation Of The Long Waited For, Literal Kingdom On Earth, Mt. 25:34; Rev. 20:6

## III. CHRIST'S SECOND COMING IS IN TWO STAGES

### A. The Rapture Is Stage One

1 Cor. 15:51-58; 1 Thess. 4:13-18

1. It Was another one of God's Mysteries, 1 Cor. 51a
2. All believers in Christ will not die, v-51b
3. Believers in Christ will receive a glorified resurrected body, v-51c Cf. Phil. 3:20,21
4. The Rapture will be an instantaneous Event, v-52 (We will be fully conscience of it)
  - a. In a moment, (Smallest amt. of time)

- b. in the twinkling of an eye, v-52a
- The eye moves faster than any other visible part of the body

5. The last trumpet will sound the end of the Church Age, v-52b
- Dead Believers will be resurrected!
- Living Believers will be changed!
6. The Perishable and Mortal body Must Put on the Imperishable and Immortal body,53
7. Death will be taunted --Swallowed up in victory, its sting will be gone, v-54-56
8. Christ's Resurrection broke the power of death over true believers, v-57
- Death is no longer Master over us
- B. Therefore The Lord's True People Must Remain Faithful And Obedient, v-58
- C. Because Of The Rapture God Does Not Want Us To Grieve Deeply Without Hope, 1 Thess. 4:13-18
  1. God has given us hope, v-13
  2. God will bring our saved loved ones with Christ when He comes for us, v-14
  3. Living Believers will not be resurrected first, v-15
  4. The Lord Himself will come for us, v-16; Cf. Jn. 14:1-3
  5. Both groups of us will be raptured together "in the air" and will always be with the Lord, v-17
  6. We are to comfort each other with this, v-18