

## Sunday February 25, 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

### **D.** After The Rapture The Church Must Be Judged At The Judgment Seat Of Christ (The Bema)

1. All of us must be judged, 2 Cor. 5:10;  
Rom. 14:10
2. We must not judge each other, 1 Cor. 4:5
3. Everything since salvation will be judged, Eccl. 12:14; Mt. 12:36, 37; Rom. 2:16
4. It will determine our reward or lack of it, 1 Cor. 3:10-15

### **E.** The Church's Marriage To Christ Will Take Place In Heaven Before We Return, Rev. 19:7-9