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Blessed Redeemer

Hymn 275



Are You Washed in the Blood

Hymn 259



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Call to Worship

Psalm 119:89-96

Psalm 119:89-96 Forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens. Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast. By your appointment they stand this day, for all things are your servants. If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction. I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have given me life. I am yours; save me, for I have sought your precepts. The wicked lie in wait to destroy me, but I consider your testimonies. I have seen a limit to all perfection, but your commandment is exceedingly broad.

Nothing but the Blood

Hymn 266





Praise and Prayer Request

All Prayer request can be e-mail to:

plbiblechurch@gmail.com

***We would love to pray for God's will to be done
your life and for His Name to be glorified in and
through you, as you seek His Holy Face!***

Receiving of the Offering



**An offering for the Church can be mailed to:
Promise Land Bible Church
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Mountain Home, AR 72653**

Famous Quote:

“The nearer I approach the end of my pilgrimage, the clearer is the evidence of the divine origin of the Bible. The grandeur and sublimity of God’s remedy for fallen man are more appreciated and the future is illuminated with hope and joy.”

SAMUEL MORSE (INVENTOR OF THE TELEGRAPH)



Today's Message

“The Coming Kingdom, Part 2”

Scripture text: Luke 17:20-37

Luke 17:28-30 Likewise, just as it was in the days of **Lot**--they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, but **on the day when Lot went out from Sodom**, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all-- **so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed.**

Genesis 19:12-13 Then the men said to Lot, "Have you anyone else here? Sons-in-law, sons, daughters, or anyone you have in the city, **bring them out of the place. For we are about to destroy this place, because the outcry against its people has become great before the LORD, and the LORD has sent us to destroy it."**

Genesis 19:15-18 As morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, "**Up! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be swept away in the punishment of the city.**" But he lingered. So the men seized him and his wife and his two daughters by the hand, the **LORD being merciful to him,** and they brought him out and set him outside the city. And as they brought them out, one said, "**Escape for your life. Do not look back or stop anywhere in the valley. Escape to the hills, lest you be swept away.**" And Lot said to them, "Oh, no, my lords.

Luke 17:32 Remember Lot's wife.

In Luke 17:30–36 describes what will occur **when Jesus Christ returns in judgment to defeat His enemies and establish His kingdom on earth.**

Revelation 19:11-14 Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! **The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war.** His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and **the name by which he is called is The Word of God.** And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, **white and pure, were following him on white horses.**

Revelation 20:4-6 Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw **the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God**, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. **They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.** The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. **This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection!** Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

Believers in every age of the church can take warning from these verses, but they apply in a special way to Israel at the end of the age (see Matt. 24:29–44).

When Jesus comes for His church and takes it to heaven, it will happen “in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye” (1 Cor. 15:52). Nobody taking part in the rapture of the church need worry about being on a housetop or in a field and wanting to get something out of the house! However, when the Lord returns to the earth, **His coming will first be preceded by a “sign” in heaven** (Matt. 24:30–31), and some people might try to hurry home to rescue something.

“Remember Lot’s wife!”

Matthew 24:29-31 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then **will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man,** and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Revelation 6:12-16 When he opened the **sixth seal**, I looked, and behold, there was a **great earthquake**, and the **sun became black as sackcloth**, the **full moon became like blood**, and the **stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale**. The sky vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, calling to the mountains and rocks, "**Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb,**

The verb taken in Luke 17:34–36 does not mean “taken to heaven” but **“taken away in judgment”** (Matt. 24:36–41). The person “left” is a **believer who enters into the kingdom.**

Noah and his family were “left” to enjoy a new beginning, while the whole population of the earth was **“taken” in the Flood.**

In spite of their sins, **Lot and his daughters were “left” while the people in Sodom and Gomorrah were “taken”** when the fire and brimstone destroyed the cities.

Matthew 24:36-41 "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. **Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left.**

The fact that it is night in Luke 17:34 but day in Luke 17:35–36 **indicates that the whole world will be involved in the return of Jesus Christ in glory.** “Behold, He cometh with clouds; and **every eye shall see Him**” (Rev. 1:7).

Luke 17:34-36 I tell you, **in that night** there will be two in one bed. One will be taken and the other left. There will be **two women grinding together.** One will be taken and the other left." [*Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left.*]

Three times the disciples had heard Jesus talk about people being “taken” and “left,” so they asked Him a most logical question: “**Where, Lord?**” Our Lord’s reply has the sound of a familiar proverb: “Just as the eagles [and vultures, Matt. 24:28] gather at a corpse, **so the lost will be gathered together for judgment.**” The description of the last battle in Revelation 19:17–21 certainly parallels the image of carrion-eating birds gorging themselves on flesh.

Matthew 24:28 Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

Revelation 19:17-21 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he **called to all the birds that fly directly overhead, "Come, gather for the great supper of God, to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave, both small and great."** And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army. And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. **These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur.** And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.

In other words, when the Lord Jesus returns to judge His enemies, there will be a separation of the saved and the lost. Whether it be day or night, whether people are working or sleeping, **the separation and judgment will come**. Those who are saved will be left to enter the glorious kingdom, **while those who are lost will be taken away in judgment**.

Even though the primary interpretation of these verses is for Israel in the end times, they do emphasize for the church the importance of being ready when Jesus returns. **We must not be like Lot's wife whose heart was so in Sodom that she looked back in spite of the angels' warning (Gen. 19:17, 26).**

There are **many professed Christians today whose plans would be interrupted if Jesus returned!** (note 1 Thes. 5:1–11) Our Lord's warning in Luke 17:33 finds parallels in Matthew 10:39; Luke 9:24; and John 12:25, and is a fundamental principle of the Christian life. **The only way to save your life is to lose it for the sake of Christ and the Gospel.**

Luke 17:33 Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but **whoever loses his life will keep it.**

Matthew 10:39 Whoever finds his life will lose it, and **whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.**

John 12:25 Whoever loves his life loses it, and **whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.**

1 Thessalonians 5:1-5 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. **For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.** While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and **they will not escape.** But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness.

1 Thessalonians 5:6-10 So then let us not sleep, as others do, but **let us keep awake and be sober.** For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But **since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.** For **God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,** who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.

Jesus pictured civilization as a “rotting corpse” that would one day be ripe for judgment. **The discerning believer sees evidence of this on every hand and realizes that the “days of Noah” and the “days of Lot” are up on us.** Our Lord can return for His church at any time, so **we are not looking for signs;** but we do know that “coming events cast their shadows before.” **As we see many of these things begin to come to pass (Luke 21:28), we know that His return is nearing.**

Are we looking for His return, and do we really want to see Him come?

When I Survey the Wonderful Cross

Hymn 258



Holy Communion



The Family of God

I'm so glad to be part of the family of God

**I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by
His blood**

Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod

For I'm part of the family, the family of God.