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## THE GLORIOUS DAY TO COME

Psa 103: 19-22

Intro: Several weeks ago as we began our consideration of Psa. 103 we noted that it was primarily A CALL TO WORSHIP.

David begins and ends the Psalm on the same theme: cf. vv. 1, 2, 20-22.

Possibly you have noticed that even though David begins by talking to himself and about himself there is a gradual expansion so as to include others:

(1) In v. 7 he mentions "Moses" and "Israel," and soon he is speaking of "us" (v. 10) - the redeemed of Israel.

(2) In v. 15 he turns to the unregenerate man, and in vv. 17, 18 gives what we might call a Gospel emphasis; that is, he is seeking to attract others to his Lord. There is mercy for all.

(3) In our text this morning he reaches out to all creation with his, "Bless the Lord," and finally returns to the solo part with which the Psalm began. (As it might be sung by a great choir.)

But before this final outburst of praise there is one verse which brings to a climax all that the Psalmist has been saying.

## I. THE CLIMAX (V. 19).

There are different figures of speech by which David seeks to picture the Lord.

He is "the Redeemed" in v. 4.

He is a Father in v. 13.

By the word "works" He is the Creator in v. 22.

There are others to be seen in the Psalm.

BUT V. 19 GIVES ONE WHICH MUST BE TRUE OR THE REST OF THE PSALM IS MEANINGLESS.

"A. THE LORD IS A KING, WITH A KINGDOM.

Where is His throne?"

It is in the heavens.

How extensive is His Kingdom?

He "ruleth over all." There is no part of this created universe, either on the earth, or in the heavens which is not under His sovereign authority.

"Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool" (Isa. 66:1).

While He may have tolerated revolt for a time, He has never relinquished His sovereign control over the world, or over any other part of this universe.

He is its KING! Cf. 1 Chron.  
29:11, 12.

B. HIS GOVERNMENT IS STABLE.

We read in our papers constantly about one government being over.

thrown and another coming into power, and every govt tries to become a stable govt, i.e., one which cannot be overthrown.

THERE IS ONLY ONE SUCH GOV'T IN THE UNIVERSE. IT IS THE LORD'S! This is the meaning of the word "prepared." It is set up, confirmed, established. It cannot be overthrown. The Lord Himself has done this.

Illustrations:

(1) Samuel's words to Saul after Saul had offered a burnt offering:

"And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the Lord thy God, which he commanded thee: for now would the Lord have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever. But now thy kingdom shall not continue" (1 Sam. 13:13, 14a).

(2) The opposite was said to David by Nathan about Solomon:

"And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever. . . And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever" (2 Sam. 7:12, 13, 16).

So when David says, "He has prepared his throne," it means He has established his throne, it

is permanent, stable, it  
can never be overthrown.

THIS IS NOT SOME FUTURE  
ASPECT OF HIS KINGDOM. THIS IS  
A REALITY NOW.

How wonderful to know this!

C. HIS THRONE IS ESTABLISHED FOR  
A PURPOSE.

Cf. Psa. 9: 7-11.

Note that there is both judgment  
and mercy here.

All through the Psalm David  
has been concerned with sin  
and its effect upon men.

SIN IS AT THE ROOT OF ALL OF  
OUR TROUBLE.

What better illustration than  
the 3½ hour program this past  
week on Channel 8 picturing  
crime in our United States.

When Frank Mac ~~Heck~~ was closing  
the program he said, "We have  
crime because we tolerate it,  
and that nothing but a profound  
change in man can make  
the situation any different" (or  
similar words).

How wonderful it would have  
been to have given Billy Graham  
five minutes to tell people  
what that profound change is!

"Do you know what it is?"

David has told us ("as for  
man") that man is afflicted

with an incurable moral  
disease - SIN.

Living Letters on 2 Cor. 5:17 -

"When someone becomes a Christian he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same any more. A new life has begun!"

We are being told these days  
that God is dead!

I like the report that some  
one made: "He hasn't even  
been sick!"

"He hath established his  
throne in the heavens; and  
his kingdom ruleth over all."

It is established for judgment.  
Paul even said on Mars

Hill to the men of Athens,

"Because he (God) hath appointed a day, in  
the which he will judge the world in righteous-  
ness by that man (the Lord Jesus Christ) whom  
He hath ordained; whereof He hath given  
assurance unto all men, in that He (God) hath  
raised Him (Christ) from the dead" (Acts 17:31).

But what do we read in the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Psalm?

"The kings of the earth set themselves, and  
the rulers take counsel together, against the  
Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let  
us break their bands asunder, and cast away  
their cords from us." This is Vv. 2, 3.

You see - THEY DO NOT KNOW  
THAT HIS KINGDOM IS ESTABLISHED!

"He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh:  
the Lord shall have them in derision. Then  
shall He speak unto them in His wrath, and vex  
them in His sore displeasure. . . Thou shalt  
break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash  
them in pieces like a potter's vessel" (Psa. 22:  
4, 5, 9).

But what will be the result?  
Does David revel in judgment  
for judgment's sake? Does  
God revel in judgment?

No! Remember Psa. 103: 8-12.

This is the climax and this  
leads to vv. 20-22 (the praise)  
because David is anticipating  
the time when sin and its  
effects will be for ever removed  
from the earth.

How good it would be to conclude  
by reading Rev. 21 + 22 where  
John describes the new heaven  
and the new earth:

"no more death, neither  
sorrow, nor crying, neither  
shall there be any more  
pain" (Rev. 21:4).

"And there shall in no  
wise enter into it any  
thing that defileth, neither  
whatsoever worketh  
abomination, or maketh  
a lie" (Rev. 21:27).

"And there shall be no  
more curse" (Rev. 22:3).

"And there shall be no  
night there" (Rev. 22:5).

This is what David was  
anticipating when sin would  
be forever done away!

This is what in turn leads  
to:

## II. THE CONCLUSION (Psa. 103:20-22).

He concludes as He began.  
now he literally addresses  
all created beings:

- (1) Angels - those who assist God in the government of the world, who are unequalled in strength.
- (2) Hosts - possibly other celestial beings lower than angels (Luke 2:13), but basically another feature of heavenly beings. Those who were created with the will to please God.
- (3) His works - that which God has made, all of His creatures, angels and men.
- (4) David himself, (as at the first.

Do what? "Bless the Lord."  
Praise Him! Adore Him! Sit,  
Bend the knee to Him!

Thank God the day is coming when God the King will remove from His Kingdom all evidence of sin and the universe itself will ring with praises and adoration to God.

"at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow; and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:10, 11).