



THE KINGDOM OF THE BELOVED SON

A Series through the life of Jesus Christ

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Psalm 69

7 For I have endured scorn for Your sake,
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8 I have become a stranger to my brothers
and a foreigner to my mother's sons,

9 because **zeal for Your house has consumed me**,
and the insults of those who insult You have fallen on me.

10 I wept and fasted, but it brought me reproach.

11 I made sackcloth my clothing,
and I was sport to them.

12 Those who sit at the gate mock me,
and I am the song of drunkards.

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Ephesians 2

19 Therefore you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of God's household,

20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone.

21 In Him the whole building is fitted together and grows into a **holy temple in the Lord.**

22 And in Him you too are being built together into a dwelling place for God in His Spirit.

1 Corinthians 3

16 Do you not know that you yourselves are God's temple, and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

1 Corinthians 5

6 Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven works through the whole batch of dough?

7 Get rid of the old leaven, that you may be a new unleavened batch, as you really are.

For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with the old bread, leavened with malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and of truth.

1 Corinthians 5

9 I wrote you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people.

10 I was not including the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world.

11 But now I am writing you not to associate with anyone who claims to be a brother but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or a verbal abuser, a drunkard or a swindler.

With such a man do not even eat.

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12 What business of mine is it to judge those outside the church?

Are you not to judge those inside?

13 God will judge those outside.

“Expel the wicked man from among you.” [Deuteronomy 13:5]

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How much are you aware that we, the church, are the true temple of God?

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18 For you have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom, and storm;

19 to a trumpet blast or to a voice that made its hearers beg that no further word be spoken.

20 For they could not bear what was commanded: “If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned.” [Exodus 19:12–13]

21 The sight was so terrifying that even Moses said, “I am trembling with fear.” [Deuteronomy 9:19]

Hebrews 12

22 Instead, you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem.

You have come to myriads of angels 23 in joyful assembly, to the congregation of the firstborn, enrolled in heaven.

You have come to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,

24 to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Hebrews 12

25 See to it that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if the people did not escape when they refused Him who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject Him who warns us from heaven?

26 At that time His voice shook the earth, but now He has promised, “Once more I will shake not only the earth, but heaven as well.” [Haggai 2:6]

27 The words “Once more” signify the removal of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that the unshakable may remain.

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Garden of Eden

Mt. Sinai

Tabernacle (Moses)

Temple (Solomon)

Temple rebuilt (Ezra/Nehemiah)

Temple (Herod)

The Church (Christ)

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Warnings abound in scripture that our hearts can drift;

- that we can abandon our first love, [Rev. 2:4]
- that our adoration can become lukewarm, [Rev. 3:16]
- that our hearts can grow to love the things of this world, [1 John 2:15]
- that our worship can turn from the Creator to the creation, [Rom. 1:25]
- that we can turn from the word to the worries of this life, [Mark 4:19]
- that we can easily turn the sacred into the common. [Matt. 23:17]

Hebrews 3

12 See to it, brothers, that none of you has a wicked heart of unbelief that turns away from the living God.

13 But exhort one another daily, as long as it is called today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

14 We have come to share in Christ if we hold firmly to the end the assurance we had at first.

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How often do you check your drift?

Have you strayed from a true heart of worship?

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3. ...We fail to realize that we are to worship God in the ways that He has determined.

All throughout human history, men have tried to worship God in their own way, ignoring His instructions; and they have all experienced the judgment of God.

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2 So fire came out from the presence of the LORD and consumed them, and they died in the presence of the LORD.

3 Then Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the LORD meant when He said:

'To those who come near Me I will show My holiness, and in the sight of all the people I will reveal My glory.' "

But Aaron remained silent.

2 Chronicles 26

16 But when Uzziah grew powerful, his arrogance led to his own destruction.

He was unfaithful to the LORD his God, for he entered the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense.

17 Then Azariah the priest, along with eighty brave priests of the LORD, went in after him.

18 They took their stand against King Uzziah and said, “Uzziah, you have no right to offer incense to the LORD.

Only the priests, the descendants of Aaron, are consecrated to burn incense.

Leave the sanctuary, for you have acted unfaithfully; you will not receive honor from the LORD God.”

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19 Uzziah, with a censer in his hand to offer incense, was enraged. But while he raged against the priests in their presence in the house of the LORD before the altar of incense, leprosy broke out on his forehead.

20 When Azariah the chief priest and all the priests turned to him and saw his leprous forehead, they rushed him out. Indeed, he himself hurried to get out, because the LORD had afflicted him.

21 So King Uzziah was a leper until the day of his death. He lived in isolation, leprous and cut off from the house of the LORD, while his son Jotham had charge of the royal palace to govern the people of the land.

1 Samuel 15

22 But Samuel declared:

“Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obedience to His voice?

Behold, obedience is better than sacrifice,
and attentiveness is better than the fat of rams.

23 For rebellion is like the sin of divination,
and arrogance is like the wickedness of idolatry.

Because you have rejected the word of the LORD,
He has rejected you as king.”

1 Corinthians 11

20 Now then, when you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat.

21 For as you eat, each of you goes ahead without sharing his meal.

While one remains hungry, another gets drunk.

22 Don't you have your own homes in which to eat and drink?

Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing?

What can I say to you? Shall I praise you for this?

No, I will not!

1 Corinthians 11

23 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread,

24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

25 In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

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27 Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.

28 Each one must examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.

29 For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

30 That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep.

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31 Now if we judged ourselves properly, we would not come under judgment.

32 But when we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world.

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How concerned are you about worshipping God in the ways that He has commanded?

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