



Session 2 Jesus - The Song of All Songs

Introduction to the Psalms

I. THE SONG OF THE LAMB

- A. The Psalms are songs, that all point to this one Song, the Song of all Songs, the Song of the Lamb. (Rev. 5: 9-13; Rev. 15:3)

Revelation 5:9 And they sang a new song, saying....For You (Jesus) were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood, out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on earth.

Rev. 15:3 They sing ... the song of the Lamb, saying: Great and marvelous are Your works,

- B. At the Last Supper Jesus gave us this new lens in which we can view the Psalms.

I Corinthians 11:25 This cup is the new covenant in My blood.

- C. Jesus' blood redeemed us back to God.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

- D. If you believe in what Jesus Christ did through the cross and receive Him into your heart, you will be able to overcome by the blood of the Lamb. "The word of your testimony" is the words coming from your mouth that come into agreement with what the blood of Jesus Christ has already done. "Not loving your life unto death" is not loving and holding tight unto your fleshly thinking and feeling that contradict what Jesus' blood has done for you.

Revelation 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

- E. Without this lens of what Jesus' blood has already accomplished for us, you will be viewing your own life, the lives of those around you, your circumstances and those of the world, and God Himself as revealed by the Scriptures and by the Psalms from a distorted point of view – a view that does not come into agreement with the power of the gospel for our salvation.

Romans 1:16-17 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

- F. The Psalms, similar to the rest of the Bible from the book of Genesis through Revelation, points to Jesus, the One who has redeemed us back to God by His blood.

Colossians 1:13-14 He (Jesus) has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

- G. According to the riches of His grace - His unmerited favor - as a believer in Christ, you have been redeemed (past tense) from the power of darkness and brought into God's kingdom of everlasting love.

Ephesians 1:7 In Him (Jesus) we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.

II. YOUR NEW IDENTITY IN JESUS CHRIST – 2 NEW CORE REALITIES

A. Righteousness - the Core New Creation Reality

1. The moment you invited Jesus Christ into your heart to dwell you became a new creation in Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2. The old things have passed away. Your old identity - your old spirit man with its darkened sin nature where satan and his kingdom ruled and reigned over your life – has passed away.

3. By no choice of your own you were born into the kingdom of darkness through the first Adam via the fall. As a result, you were born with a sin nature. You were made a sinner.

Romans 5:19a For as by one man's disobedience (the first Adam) many were made sinners...

4. When you made the choice, the best decision of your life, to invite Jesus Christ into your heart, you went through a spiritual rebirth. Remember “Choices Determine Destiny”.

Romans 5:19b ...so also by one Man's (Jesus Christ) obedience many will be made righteous.

5. 2 Corinthians 5:21 explains that the core new creation reality is that you have been made righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.

Corinthians 5:21 For He made Him (Jesus) who knew no sin to be sin for us that we might become the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.

6. What does righteousness mean?

a. It means that your spirit man has been made holy, as He is Holy.

b. You have been justified – “just-as-if-I’d” never sinned.

Romans 5:9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

7. Righteousness – Every day you need to put on the “rose colored glasses,” that help you view God and yourself through the power of Jesus’ blood.

- a. God – When you look at God, you are able to see that God is not condemning you for your sin, but rather God has justified you.

John 3:17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

- b. You – When you look at yourself, you are able to see that truly you are a new creation in Jesus Christ, that the real you is righteous, because of one thing - Jesus's blood.

B. Adopted – Your Redeemed Relationship with God

1. The second main reality of this new birth is that your relationship with God has been restored back to the time before Adam sinned.

Revelation 5:9...You have redeemed us to God by Your blood.

2. You have been adopted by God back into His family and are now His child.

Galatians 4:7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Romans 8:17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

C. Behold and Becoming Principle – How to Walk in the Core New Creation Realities

1. The Lamb of God has been slain

John 1:29 Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Revelation 5:6 ...and behold, in the midst of the throne... stood a Lamb, as though it had been slain.

2. You have been made righteous.

2 Corinthians 5:17 ...behold, all things have become new... 21 the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.

3. You are God's child.

1 John 3:1 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!

4. As you behold the Lamb of God who has taken away your sin, see your real identity in Jesus Christ, just like God sees you – as 100% righteous and as God's beloved child.

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

D. Personal Application: Your Choice Determines Your Destiny

1. When you look into the mirror of God's Word and behold the Lamb of God, will you believe who He is and what He has done for you? Will you walk according to the power of Jesus' blood?

2. The most beautiful transformations in your life will occur as you behold yourself in the mirror of God’s Word through the new lens of Jesus’ blood and declare who you are according to your new identity in Christ. “I am righteous and holy. I am God’s beloved child.”

III. DO YOU BELIEVE THE SCRIPTURES? YOUR CHOICE DETERMINES YOUR DESTINY

- A. The Disciples Chose to Believe Jesus Christ’s True Identity, According to All the Scriptures
 1. After Jesus’s resurrection, He appears to two men who were walking on the road to Emmaus. Their own darkened perception from what they had just seen and heard about Jesus’ crucifixion clouded their vision from seeing Jesus who was walking with them.
Luke 24:27 Jesus said to them, “O foolish ones and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!... And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.”
 2. When Jesus abided and broke bread with them, their eyes were opened and they saw Jesus. The discouragement and sadness that overwhelmed their hearts immediately lifted. They were so excited that they saw Jesus, that they ran 7 miles back to Jerusalem from where they were earlier in the day, just so they could share this great news with the disciples – that Jesus was not dead but alive! As they were telling the disciples, Jesus appeared in their midst.
Luke 24:44-45 Jesus said: “These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.” 45 And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.
- B. The Jewish Leaders and Followers Chose to Deny Jesus Christ’s True Identity, According to all the Scriptures
 1. In another setting in John 5, Jesus healed a man who was lame for 38 years on the Sabbath, causing the Jewish leaders and their followers to question the audacity of Jesus to heal on a Sabbath. Jesus essentially explains to them that their diligent study and application of the Scriptures has been in vain, because they did not believe Jesus the One whom their heavenly Father has sent. Jesus states:
John 5:36 ...the very works that I do – bear witness of Me that the Father has sent Me. John 5:37 And, the Father Himself, who sent Me has testified of Me.”
John 5:39 You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me. (NIV)
John 5:40 But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.
- C. You – What will you chose to believe about Jesus Christ’s True Identity According to All the Scriptures and the Psalms?

1. As you join us in our 2019 Teaching Series on the Psalms and begin to meditate on them, Jesus is telling you that “the Scriptures , the Psalms, point to Me!”
2. And as you see Jesus, who is the Word of God made flesh (John 1:14), your heart will skip with joy and you will find great delight just like the Psalmists, as they poured out their heart to God and began to hear His heart amidst all of life’s circumstances.
3. Because you can study the Scriptures and not see Jesus, just like the ancient Rabbis and many people today, I encourage you as you begin this study of the Psalms to pray the prayer the apostle Paul wrote in Ephesians 1:17-23
Ephesians 1:17-18 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, (Jesus Christ) that the eyes of your understanding being enlightened (opened); that you may know...”

IV. JESUS, GOD’S SALVATION’S STORY IN THE PSALMS

- A. Paul summarizes the principal beliefs about our salvation that were fulfilled by Jesus according to the scriptures. “*Jesus died for our sins...was buried...and rose again...*” and was seen by many people after His resurrection.

I Corinthians 15:3-8 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. 6 After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. 7 After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. 8 Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.
- B. Throughout the Psalms we can see key elements of salvation’s story, beginning in the Garden of Eden where Adam’s choice to sin set in motion God’s redemptive plan for mankind through His Son Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. The scarlet thread of Jesus is seen throughout the Bible - from Genesis through Revelation, and it is seen in the Psalms from Psalm 1 to Psalm 150.
- C. Jesus’ Name in the Psalms
 1. The word “salvation” appears throughout the Psalms. If you look up the Hebrew word for salvation, guess what word you will see? “Yeshuah” = JESUS
 2. Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance #3444 states that salvation in Hebrew is Yeshuah. <https://biblehub.com/hebrew/3444.htm>
 3. The word salvation in Hebrew and the word saved in Greek has so many ways it is translated in the Scriptures because there was no one word that could adequately describe the fulness of our salvation, the One who saved us.
 4. Yeshuah, Jesus, the name above all names.

Philippians 2:9-11 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

V. THE SHAPING OF OUR HEARTS THROUGH THE PSALMS

- A. When the Psalms originated, the lives of the Israelites centered around God. They responded to God in good times with songs of thanksgiving and praise and in times of needs and crisis they cried out to God for help through song. 2 primary types of Psalms: Praise and Laments
- B. When the Psalms began, the act of praying and singing were united together so that the Psalms were actually sung prayers. In the Psalms we see the interweaving of prayers, songs, and poetry.
- C. Because the Psalms are songs and poetry inspired by God, they touch our hearts in ways that just mere words cannot do. They not only express the emotions that we all feel at one time or another that arise from core issues that we confront in this life, but they also enable us to align our hearts, our inner thoughts and emotions, with God's thoughts and emotions as we begin to sing and declare them in our conversations with God.
- D. God's command to Joshua from Joshua 1:9 is a call to have his emotions, just like our emotions, come underneath His leadership. The following is a sampling of how the Psalms can be applied to the four key commands given to us by God.

Strength: *Psalm 28:7 The Lord is my strength and my shield; My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart greatly rejoices, and with my song I will praise Him.*

Courage: *Psalm 31:24 Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, All you who hope in the Lord. (NKJV) Be strong and courageous, all you who put your hope in the Lord! (NLT)*

Fear: *Psalm 27:1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*

Discouragement: *Psalm 42:5 Why are you cast down (discouraged), O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him for the help of His countenance.*

- E. Although the Psalms are truly sung prayers from man to God, as they were processing their lives with God, we must remember that they were inspired by the Holy Spirit just like all Scripture and therefore these sung prayers could be entitled "God's Prayer Manual." Because they point to Jesus, we could call the Psalms - "Jesus' Songbook."

VI. SINGING THE PSALMS IN THE EARLY CHURCH

In the early church as they gathered together for their church service, they met in houses, ate a meal, and broke bread together. During the meal, they would stand up and sing.

James 5:13 Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms.

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Ephesians 5:18-19 but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

VII. JESUS QUOTES AND SINGS THE PSALMS

- A. Jesus quoted the Psalms more often than any other book of the Bible. The following is a sampling of how Jesus quoted the Psalms bringing new meaning to them and proving that He is indeed the fulfillment of the prophetic promises in them.

1. Jesus quotes Psalm 110:11 and declares that David in writing this Psalm was inspired by the Holy Spirit. Moreover, Jesus proves that He is the Messiah.

Mark 12:36-37 Then Jesus answered and said, while He taught in the temple, “How is it that the scribes say that the Christ is the Son of David? For David himself said by the Holy Spirit: ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.”’ 37 Therefore David himself calls Him “Lord”; how is He then his Son?”

2. Jesus on the night that He was going to be betrayed quoted from the Psalms 41:9 so that they would believe that He was truly the Messiah.

John 13:18-19 ...that the Scripture may be fulfilled, ‘He who eats bread with Me has lifted up his heel against Me.’ Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am He.

Psalm 41:9 Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.

- B. Jesus also sang the Psalms. At the end the Last Supper – the first day of the Passover - directly before Jesus went to Gethsemane and then Golgotha, He sang a hymn with his disciples (Mt. 26:30). What song did Jesus sing? He probably sang all or portions of the Hallel, Ps. 113-118.

Matthew 26:30 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Psalm 118:6 The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?

Psalm 118:23 The stone (Jesus) which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Psalm 116:5 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

- C. The Song of the Lamb is Yeshua’s victory song. This song is not only about Jesus but about our loving heavenly Father. Forever, we will join the hosts of heavens in singing this song.

Revelation 15:3 They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying:

***Great and marvelous are Your works, (Psalm 92:5, Psalm 111:2, Psalm 139:14)
Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways,
O King of the saints! 4 Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name?
For You alone are holy. (Psalm 144:17)
For all nations shall come and worship before You, (Psalm 86:9, Psalm 98:2)
For Your judgments have been manifested.***

- D. Personal Application: What song will you choose to sing?

If you chose to sing a “new song” – not the song of your circumstances, but rather the song that comes into agreement with the power of Jesus’ blood, the Song of the Lamb, the song that all the Psalms point to, God will be “enthroned in your praises” (Psalm 22:3) and God’s presence will come, bringing His redemption story.