

Monday 5/24

Related Verses**Eccl. 1:2, 9, 14**

2 Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher; Vanity of vanities; all is vanity.

9 What has been is what will be, And what has been done is what will be done, And there is nothing new under the sun.

14 I have seen all the works that are done under the sun, and indeed, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

Eccl. 2:22

22 For what will a man have with all his labor and with the striving of his heart by which he labors under the sun?

Col. 3:1-3

1 If therefore you were raised together with Christ, seek the things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

2 Set your mind on the things which are above, not on the things which are on the earth.

3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

2 Cor. 5:17

17 So then if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old things have passed away; behold, they have become new.

Gal. 6:15

15 For neither is circumcision anything nor uncircumcision, but a new creation is what matters.

Matt. 11:28-29

28 Come to Me all who toil and are burdened, and I will give you rest.

29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Suggested Reading

The contents of Ecclesiastes are a description by Solomon, after his falling away from God and returning back to God, concerning the human life of fallen mankind under the sun, which is in the corrupted world. He set his heart to seek and to search out all that is done under the heavens, and he observed that according to the natural phenomena all the things done in cycle remain the same, generation after generation, all wearisome and nothing

new. In his conclusion, this is all vanity of vanities and a chasing after wind to the human life of fallen mankind. Such a conclusion of the wise king by his wisdom may be considered a history of the vain life of a fallen man. His conclusion in this book is like a dirge to a man whose end is in misery. (*Life-study of Ecclesiastes*, pp. 1-2)

According to Ecclesiastes, human history, from its beginning to the present, is vanity.... Paul's word concerning this in Romans 8: 20-21 corresponds to Ecclesiastes. Today everyone is actually not living but dying. We have been born to die; that is, we have been dying since the day of our birth. From this we see that human life under the sun is vanity of vanities.

Solomon had unequalled wisdom, the supreme position, unsurpassed wealth, and hundreds of wives and concubines, and fell in the indulgence of his lust to an unparalleled extent. Through all the positive and negative experiences of the human life under the sun, his thought was deeply impressed and occupied with the central thought of this book, that is, the vanity of vanities of the human life under the sun in its falling away from God. Man was created by God with the highest and most noble purpose, that is, to express Him in the resemblance of Him in His life, nature, and expression. But God's enemy, Satan the devil, came in to inject himself as sin into the man created by God for His purpose. Through this fall of man, man and all the created things that had been committed by God to his dominion were brought into the slavery of corruption, made subject to vanity (Rom. 8: 20-21). Thus, the human life in the corrupted world also became a vanity, a chasing after wind. The writer Solomon had fully realized this and stressed this to the uttermost in his description. Yet he was not fully disappointed in this, but rather he instructed men that there is a way to get out of this vanity, that is, to come back to God and take God as man's everything, redemption, life, wealth, enjoyment, pleasure, and satisfaction, that man still may be used by God to fulfill His original purpose in man for the fulfillment of His eternal economy (Eccl. 12: 13-14). (*Life-study of Ecclesiastes*, pp. 2-3)

Proverbs is on the real wisdom, and Ecclesiastes is on the real meaning of the human life under the sun, which is vanity of vanities, a chasing after wind. Song of Songs is the satisfaction of satisfactions. Apart from Christ, there is

no satisfaction in the whole universe. The unique Christ, the embodiment of God, is the unique satisfaction not only to man but to the entire universe, which has been made subject to vanity (Rom. 8: 20). The fact that the creation is now subject to vanity means that everything under the sun is vanity. Today God is embodied in Christ, and Christ is realized as the compounded, sevenfold, all-inclusive, life-giving Spirit, who is the consummation of the processed Triune God. This indwelling One is our subjective satisfaction. (*Life-study of Proverbs*, p. 54)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Ecclesiastes*, msgs. 1-2; *CWWL*, 1954, vol. 3, "Gospel Outlines," outl. 41; *Life-study of Proverbs*, msgs. 1, 4, 8

Further Reading: *HWMR Crystallization-Study of Job Proverbs Ecclesiastes - Week 12, Day 1*

Corporate Reading of "The Basic Revelation in the Holy Scriptures" Chapter 11 – Sections: The New Jerusalem—The Ultimate Consummation; The Old Testament; The New Testament

Tuesday 5/25

Related Verses**Eccl. 3:11**

11 He has made everything beautiful in its own time; also He has put eternity in their heart, yet so that man does not find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

2 Cor. 4:18

18 Because we do not regard the things which are seen but the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Zech. 12:1

1 The burden of the word of Jehovah concerning Israel. Thus declares Jehovah, who stretches forth the heavens and lays the foundations of the earth and forms the spirit of man within him,

Job 32:8

8 But there is a spirit in man, And the breath of the Almighty gives them understanding.

1 Cor. 2:9-12

9 But as it is written, "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard and which have not come up in man's

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heart; things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

10 But to us God has revealed them through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

11 For who among men knows the things of man, except the spirit of man which is in him? In the same way, the things of God also no one has known except the Spirit of God.

12 But we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit which is from God, that we may know the things which have been graciously given to us by God;

Ecll.12:13-14

13 The end of the matter, when all has been heard, is this: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole of man.

14 For God will bring every deed to judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

Suggested Reading

God... has put eternity (an aspiration for the things in eternity) in man's heart...(Eccl. 3: 11). In His creation of man, God put something into man which Solomon called "eternity." This means that in man there is a kind of aspiration for God, an aspiration for something eternal. Physical things may be enjoyable, but they are temporal.

Many successful people can testify that when they were endeavoring to advance in their career, they sensed that there was an emptiness within them. They began to realize that they were seeking something eternal. After they gained something they wanted, they felt that it was nothing. This feeling comes from the aspiration in man's heart for something eternal.

According to our own experience, we know that whenever we have a success in our human life, we also have an empty feeling. This indicates that within man there is an aspiration for eternal things. God has put such an aspiration, such a seeking, in man's heart so that he will seek God. Every person, especially every thoughtful person, has within him this longing and seeking for eternity. (*Life-study of Ecclesiastes*, pp. 5-6)

God created man in His image and with a human spirit for man to receive and contain Him. Ecclesiastes 3: 11 says that God put eternity in man's heart. The things in this

universe are mainly of two categories: temporal things and eternal things. In 2 Corinthians 4: 18 Paul says, "We do not regard the things which are seen but the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal." This verse is the proper explanation of Solomon's word in Ecclesiastes 3: 11. The wise king said that God created everything beautiful in its own time and also put eternity in man's heart. This matches our human experience. Regardless of how rich or successful a person becomes, he still feels empty. Man has a deep desire for permanent things, and the only things that are permanent are the eternal things. The Amplified Bible says that eternity in man's heart is "a divinely implanted sense of a purpose working through the ages which nothing under the sun, but only God, can satisfy." We have a sense of a purpose, which nothing can satisfy but God. Only God can satisfy the sense of purpose in our heart.

In God's creation of man there are three striking things: His image, our human spirit to receive Him, and a divinely implanted sense of a purpose in our hearts working through the ages, which nothing under the sun, but only God, can satisfy. The romance depicted in Song of Songs does not start from the Lord but from the seeker. A person becomes such a seeker because within him there is a sense of purpose to seek something eternal. Nothing can fulfill or satisfy this sense of purpose but God Himself, who is Christ. Many people would think that we are wasting our time, but actually, we are redeeming the time. Those who pursue temporary things are wasting their time. They are busy for nothing. Anything they are busy for is temporary, not eternal. Only One in the whole universe is eternal—the eternal God. (*CWWL, 1994-1997*, vol. 3, "The God-man Living," pp. 444-445)

David said that man goes about as a semblance, an empty show, and that people are bustling about in vain [Psa. 39: 6].

God wants us to be nothing. God wants us to be replaced by Christ... I have an organic union with Him. He lives and works, and I live and work with Him. Christ replaces me to live Himself through me. (*Life-study of the Psalms*, pp. 218-219)

Further Reading: *Life-study of the Psalms*, msg. 17; *CWWL, 1994-1997*, vol. 3, "The God-man Living," ch. 1

Further Reading: *HWMR Crystallization-Study of Job Proverbs Ecclesiastes - Week 12, Day 2*

Corporate Reading of "The Basic Revelation in the Holy Scriptures" Chapter 11 – Sections: Four Dispensations For God's Building; God's Work—A Work Of Building

Wednesday 5/26

Related Verses

Eph. 4:17, 20-21, 18-19

17 This therefore I say and testify in the Lord, that you no longer walk as the Gentiles also walk in the vanity of their mind,

20 But you did not so learn Christ,

21 If indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him as the reality is in Jesus,

18 Being darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance which is in them, because of the hardness of their heart;

19 Who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lasciviousness to work all uncleanness in greediness.

1 Pet. 2:21

21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered on your behalf, leaving you a model so that you may follow in His steps;

John 13:15

15 For I have given you an example so that you also may do even as I have done to you.

John 1:14, 17

14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and reality came through Jesus Christ.

Rom. 8:28-29

28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

29 Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers;

Suggested Reading

The Gentiles are the fallen people, who become vain in their reasonings (Rom. 1: 21). They walk without God in the vanity of their mind, being controlled and directed by their vain thoughts. Whatever they do according to their fallen mind is vanity, void of reality.... Paul's exhortation in Ephesians 4: 17 suggests that we the believers, who once walked in the vanity of the mind before we were saved, may continue to do so after we are saved. Even religious activities and practices among Christians which do not express God—such as Christmas and Easter—are superstition, falsehood, deception, and vanity. As believers, we should no longer walk in the vanity of the mind. Instead, we should allow the new man to live out God; every detail of the living of the new man must be God expressed in our living. This is to no longer walk in the vanity of the mind but to live the life of the new man as the reality is in Jesus. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, p. 3428)

In Ephesians 4: 17-32 we see that Christ is the reality and grace for the living of the new man.... When God in Christ was incarnated as a man, He came with grace and reality; that is, when Christ came, grace and reality came with Him. [In John 1: 14 and 17] we see that grace and reality are personified in Jesus Christ; grace and reality refer to a person, the Triune God incarnated and expressed in humanity.

Ephesians presents reality and grace as a pair for the living of the new man. Ephesians 2: 15 tells us that Christ created the one new man; the new man is on the earth today.

Ephesians 4: 17-32 goes on to reveal that the way for the new man to live is by reality and grace. In Ephesians 4: 17-21 and 24, Paul presents the reality in Jesus for a walk that is no longer in the vanity of the mind.

[In verse 21] Paul does not say that the reality is in Christ; rather, he says that the reality is in Jesus. The reason for this is that when the Lord Jesus lived on earth as a man, in Him there was always the reality. In Jesus, that is, in His human living and His daily walk—whether He worked as a carpenter or carried out His ministry—there was the reality at all times. In order to understand the reality expressed in the living of Jesus as a man on earth, we need to read verse 17, where Paul exhorts the believers to “no longer walk as the Gentiles also walk in the vanity

of their mind.” Here we see a contrast between the reality in Jesus and the vanity of the Gentiles’ mind. In the human living of Jesus there was no vanity but only the reality; however, in our godless society there is nothing but vanity of vanities. Using a phrase from John Bunyan’s *The Pilgrim’s Progress*, we may say that, as a whole, today’s world is a “vanity fair.” Wealth, fame, position, entertainment, and material possessions in today’s world are all vanities, but everything in the daily living of the man Jesus is the reality. Whatever He did in His human living is the reality; not one of His words was vain (cf. 1 Pet. 2: 22).

Christ is not only life to us but also an example (John 13: 15; 1 Pet. 2: 21). In His life on earth He set up a pattern, as revealed in the Gospels. Then He was crucified and resurrected to become the life-giving Spirit that He might enter into us to be our life. We learn from Him (Matt. 11: 29) according to His example, not by our natural life but by Him as our life in resurrection. To learn Christ is simply to be molded into the pattern of Christ, that is, to be conformed to the image of Christ (Rom. 8: 29). (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, pp. 3425-3426)

Further Reading: *The Conclusion of the New Testament*, msgs. 118, 253, 341; *CWWL*, 1964, vol. 4, “Practical Lessons on the Experience of Life,” ch. 5

Further Reading: *HWMR Crystallization-Study of Job Proverbs Ecclesiastes - Week 12, Day 3*

Corporate Reading of “The Basic Revelation in the Holy Scriptures” Chapter 11 – Sections: The Aggregate Of The Divine Sonship; Leading Many Sons into Glory; Sons, Brothers, and Members; Total Sonship

Thursday 5/27

Related Verses**Eph. 4:24**

24 And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.

1 John 5:20

20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding that we might know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

1 John 1:5-7

5 And this is the message which we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and are not practicing the truth;

7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from every sin.

3 John 1:3-4

3 For I rejoiced greatly at the brothers' coming and testifying to your steadfastness in the truth, even as you walk in truth.

4 I have no greater joy than these things, that I hear that my children are walking in the truth.

John 4:23-24

23 But an hour is coming, and it is now, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truthfulness, for the Father also seeks such to worship Him.

24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truthfulness.

Suggested Reading

The expression *the reality is in Jesus* [in Ephesians 4: 21] refers to the actual condition of the life of Jesus as recorded in the four Gospels. In the godless walk of the nations, the fallen people, there is vanity, but in the godly life of Jesus there is the reality. Jesus lived a life in which He did everything in God, with God, and for God. God was in His living, and He was one with God. This is what is meant by the reality is in Jesus. We, the believers, who are regenerated with Christ as our life and are taught in Him, learn from Him as the reality is in Jesus. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, pp. 3426-3427)

In His daily walk the man Jesus was not only great but also very fine. For example, when He fed five thousand men with five loaves and two fish,... He instructed His disciples to gather the broken pieces left over that nothing may be lost, which amounted to twelve handbaskets full (John 6: 12-13). The four Gospels reveal that in every detail of the Lord's daily living, there is no vanity but only the reality. Moreover, in nearly every page of the four Gospels, we see a striking contrast between the reality in

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the godly living of Jesus and the vanity in the living of others around Him, such as His opposers as well as His disciples.

In His thirty-three and a half years on earth, the Lord Jesus formed the mold, the pattern, to which all those who believe in Him are to be conformed. According to the record of the four Gospels, the life of the Lord Jesus was a life of reality. Reality is the shining of light. Light is the source, and reality is its expression. As Hebrews 1: 3 says, the Lord Jesus is the effulgence of God’s glory. This means that He is the shining of God who is light. Because in every aspect of the Lord’s living on earth there was the shining of light, His life was a life of reality, a life of the shining of God Himself. That life of reality was the expression of God. For this reason Paul says that we learn Christ as the reality is in Jesus. In other words, we learn Christ according to the mold of the life of Jesus, which is the reality.

After Christ established this mold, He passed through death and resurrection, and in resurrection He became the life-giving Spirit. As such a Spirit, He comes into us to be our life. When we believed in Christ and were baptized, God put us into Him as the mold, just as dough is placed into a mold. By being put into the mold we learn the mold. This means that by being put into Christ, we learn Christ. On the one hand, God put us into Christ; on the other hand, Christ has come into us to be our life. Now we may live by Him according to the mold in which we have been placed by God. We are in Christ as the mold, and He is in us as our life. In this way we learn Christ as the reality is in Jesus.

In Ephesians 4 before Paul mentions grace, that is, the supply, he presents the reality, that is, the principle, the pattern, and the standard. The reality is the shining of light; as members of the Body of Christ under the Head, we should learn Christ as the reality is in Jesus. Yet in order to live out this standard of the reality, we must have grace. In verse 29 Paul relates grace to our speaking. This indicates that we need grace for the details of our daily life, not merely for what we regard as important matters.... For instance, in our daily conversation we may be devoid of grace.... If we have grace in this aspect of our living, we will have grace in every other aspect. In all things we need grace to live a life according to the reality that is in Jesus. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, pp. 3427-3429)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Ephesians*, msg. 46

Further Reading: *HWMR Crystallization-Study of Job Proverbs Ecclesiastes - Week 12, Day 4*

Corporate Reading of “The Basic Revelation in the Holy Scriptures” Chapter 11 – Sections: Predestinated Unto Sonship; Sonship In Romans 8; A Corporate Expression Of God

Friday 5/28

Related Verses

Rom. 8:19-21, 1-2, 4, 6

19 For the anxious watching of the creation eagerly awaits the revelation of the sons of God.

20 For the creation was made subject to vanity, not of its own will, but because of Him who subjected it,

21 In hope that the creation itself will also be freed from the slavery of corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

1 There is now then no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life has freed me in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and of death.

4 That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit.

6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.

Col. 3:4

4 When Christ our life is manifested, then you also will be manifested with Him in glory.

Phil. 3:21

21 Who will transfigure the body of our humiliation to be conformed to the body of His glory, according to His operation by which He is able even to subject all things to Himself.

1 John 3:1-2

1 Behold what manner of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and we are. Because of this the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not yet been manifested what we will be. We know that if He is

manifested, we will be like Him because we will see Him even as He is.

Suggested Reading

[In Romans 8: 19 “the revelation”] denotes the manifestation or the appearing of the sons of God. We all are the sons of God.... If we tell people on the street that we are sons of God, they will think that we are crazy. They will say, “Look at you and me. What is the difference between us? We are both human beings. You are not different from me. You are just another person. Why do you say that you are a son of God?” However, the day will come when the sons of God will be manifested. In that day there will be no need to make the declaration, “From now on we are the sons of God,” because we all shall be glorified. We shall be in glory, designated as sons by the glory of God. Then all other people will have to admit that we are the sons of God. They will say, “Look at these people. Who are these people so full of glory? They must be sons of God.”... The entire creation is waiting for this with watching eyes, for the creation eagerly expects the revelation of the sons of God. (*Life-study of Romans*, p. 226)

The entire creation is under vanity. Everything under the sun is vanity. The wise king Solomon said, “Vanity of vanities; all is vanity” (Eccl. 1: 2). Creation is subject to vanity.

We need to notice two... words [in Romans 8: 21], “slavery” and “corruption.” In the entire universe there is nothing except vanity and corruption. This corruption is a kind of bondage, a slavery that binds the whole creation. Creation has been made subject to vanity in the hope that it will be freed from the slavery of corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. One day the children of God will be glorified, brought into glory. With that glory there will be freedom, and that freedom will be a kingdom, sphere, or realm. The whole glory will be a kingdom, a sphere, into which we will be brought. When we are brought into that freedom or kingdom of glory, creation will be delivered from vanity, corruption, and slavery. This is the reason that the entire creation is awaiting that time. We have very much to do with the creation, for the future destiny of the creation rests upon us. If we mature slowly, the creation will blame us and

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murmur against us. It will say, “Dear children of God, you are growing too slowly. We are waiting for the time of your maturity, the time when you will enter into glory, the time when we will be freed from vanity, corruption, and slavery.” We must be faithful to the creation and not disappoint it.

Verse 22 says, “For we know that the whole creation groans together and travails in pain together until now.”... Not only does the creation groan together, it also travails as in the pangs of childbirth.

Verse 23 follows, “And not only so, but we ourselves also, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan in ourselves, eagerly awaiting sonship, the redemption of our body.” Although we have been born through regeneration as the sons of God and have the Spirit as the firstfruits, we also groan because we are still in the body which is linked to the old creation.... Since our body belongs to the old creation and has not yet been redeemed, we are groaning in it as the creation does. However, while we are groaning we have the firstfruits of the Spirit. The firstfruits of the Spirit are for our enjoyment; they are a foretaste of the coming harvest. The firstfruits are the Holy Spirit as a sampling of the full taste of God as our enjoyment, of all that God is to us.... The full taste will come in the day of glory. Nevertheless, before the full taste comes, God has given us a foretaste today. (*Life-study of Romans*, pp. 226-228)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Romans*, msgs. 19, 21; *CWWL*, 1985, vol. 3, “Elders’ Training, Book 6: *The Crucial Points of the Truth in Paul’s Epistles*,” ch. 2

Further Reading: *HWMR Crystallization-Study of Job Proverbs Ecclesiastes - Week 12, Day 5*

Corporate Reading of “The Basic Revelation in the Holy Scriptures” Chapter 11 – Sections: A Building in Resurrection; A Full Expression of the Triune God; The Peoples of God; A Final View

Saturday 5/29

Related Verses**Rom. 8:22-23**

22 For we know that the whole creation groans together and travails in pain together until now.

23 And not only so, but we ourselves also, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan in ourselves, eagerly awaiting sonship, the redemption of our body.

Matt. 6:10, 13

10 Your kingdom come; Your will be done, as in heaven, so also on earth.

13 And do not bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

1 Thes. 2:12

12 So that you might walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

Heb. 2:9, 11-12

9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little inferior to the angels because of the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death on behalf of everything.

11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of One, for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brothers,

12 Saying, "I will declare Your name to My brothers; in the midst of the church I will sing hymns of praise to You."

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If you talk with unbelievers, they will admit that, in a sense, they have some enjoyment in their entertainments, like dancing and gambling. However, they will also tell you that they are unhappy.... They also are groaning, but only groaning; there is nothing else. We, on the contrary, as we are groaning, have within us the Spirit as the firstfruits, as the foretaste of God Himself. Even as we are suffering, we have the enjoyment. We have the taste of the presence of the Lord. The presence of the Lord is simply the Spirit as the firstfruits for our enjoyment. So, we are different from worldly people. They experience groaning without the inward enjoyment. We, however, groan outwardly, but rejoice inwardly.... We rejoice because we have the firstfruits of the Spirit. The divine Spirit within us is the foretaste of God which leads us to the full taste of the enjoyment of God. This is a great item in the blessings of sonship. (*Life-study of Romans*, p. 228)

While we are groaning and enjoying the firstfruits of the Spirit, we are expecting sonship.... Although we have sonship within us, this sonship has not yet become full.... What is full sonship? It is the redemption of our body. We have sonship in our spirit through regeneration and we may also have sonship in our soul through transformation, but we do not as yet have sonship in our body through transfiguration. In the coming day we will also have sonship in our body. This is full sonship, our longing expectation.

We come... to the matter of glorification....[Romans 8: 19 says], “For the anxious watching of the creation eagerly awaits the revelation of the sons of God.”... Revelation means to open the veil.... Although we are the sons of God, we are veiled, not yet revealed. When the Lord Jesus was on earth, He was the Son of God, but He was veiled by His human flesh. One day on the mountain He was unveiled and revealed (Matt. 17: 1-2). It is the same with us. Although we are sons of God, yet we are under a veil. One day this veil will be removed—that will be our glorification.... Then the whole universe will behold the sons of God.

The creation is eagerly expecting and anxiously watching to see this revelation of the sons of God, because “the creation was made subject to vanity, not of its own will, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will also be freed from the slavery of corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God” (Rom. 8: 20-21).... Creation’s only hope is to be freed from this slavery of corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God when the sons of God are revealed. Although the entire creation is presently held in a condition of vanity and corruption, God will bring in a kingdom to replace this present condition. The present condition is a condition of vanity and slavery of corruption; the coming kingdom will be a kingdom of the glory of God, a kingdom composed primarily of revealed sons of God. At the time of the revelation of this kingdom the whole creation will be liberated. The creation is eagerly expecting and anxiously watching for this kingdom to come. Thus, “the whole creation groans together and travails in pain together until now” (v. 22). The universe is groaning and travailing in birth awaiting the revelation of the sons of God. Furthermore, we ourselves, “who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,” also groan as we expect

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sonship, the redemption of our body (v. 23). (*Life-study of Romans*, pp. 228-229, 251-252)

Further Reading: *Life-study of 1 Thessalonians*, msgs. 11-12; *Life-study of 2 Thessalonians*, msg. 1

Further Reading: HWMR Crystallization-Study of Job Proverbs Ecclesiastes - Week 12, Day 6

7
Heirs with Christ in full adoption,
We'll His heritage possess,
Glorified with Him as brethren,
God's full glory we'll express.

Further Reading

Life-Study of Ecclesiastes msgs. 1-2
Life-Study of the Psalms, msg. 17
Life-Study of Ephesians, msg. 46

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Related Verses

Hymns, #970

1
For the glorious revelation
Of the sons of God to come,
All the creatures wait, expecting,
That they all may free become.

2
All creation groans together,
Subject now to vanity,
Looking for their full deliv'rance
From corruption's slavery.

3
Even we ourselves are groaning,
Till we reach maturity;
We are growing to adoption,
With Christ in conformity.

4
'Tis for this the Spirit groaneth,
That to Christ we be conformed;
All things also work together,
That in life we be transformed.

5
God will bring us into glory,
We will then be glorified;
Fully saturated with Him,
We'll be wholly sanctified.

6
To the freedom of this glory,
All creation will be freed;
With the kid shall lie the leopard,
And the cow with bear shall feed.

Rev. 5:10-13

10 And have made them a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign on the earth.

11 And I saw, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and of the living creatures and of the elders, and their number was ten thousands of ten thousands and thousands of thousands,

12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb who has been slain to receive the power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing.

13 And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea and all things in them, I heard saying, To Him who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb be the blessing and the honor and the glory and the might forever and ever.

Rev. 21:9-11

9 And one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, Come here; I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.

10 And he carried me away in spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

11 Having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, as clear as crystal.

Rev. 22:1, 5

1 And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.

5 And night will be no more; and they have no need of the light of a lamp and of the light of the sun, for the Lord God will shine upon them; and they will reign forever and ever.

Matt. 13:43

43 Then the righteous will shine forth like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.