Fighting the Good Fight, Finishing the Course, Keeping the Faith, and Loving the Lord's Appearing in Order to Morning Watch Receive the Reward of Christ as the Crown of Righteouness - Week 4 Aug. 12-18, 2024

Loving the Lord's Appearing by Maintaining Our Love for Him according to the Intrinsic Significance of Song of Songs

Monday 8/12

S.S. 1:2-4

- 2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth! For your love is better than wine.
- 3 Your anointing oils have a pleasant fragrance; Your name is like ointment poured forth; Therefore the virgins love you.
- 4 Draw me; we will run after you-The king has brought me into his chambers-We will be glad and rejoice in you; We will extol your love more than wine. Rightly do they love you.

Rev. 19:7-9

- 7 Let us rejoice and exult, and let us give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.
- **8** And it was given to her that she should be clothed in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteousnesses of the saints.
- **9** And he said to me, Write, Blessed are they who are called to the marriage dinner of the Lamb. And he said to me, These are the true words of God.

Matt. 25:6-13

- **6** But at midnight there was a cry, Behold, the bridegroom! Go forth to meet him!
- 7 Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their own lamps.
- **8** And the foolish said to the prudent, Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.
- **9** But the prudent answered, saying, Perhaps there will not be enough for us and for you; go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.
- 10 And as they were going away to buy, the bridegroom came; and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast. And the door was shut.
- 11 And later the rest of the virgins came also, saying, Lord, lord, open to us!
- 12 But he answered and said, Truly I say to you, I do not know you.
- 13 Watch therefore, for you do not know the day nor the hour.

John 12:3

3 Then Mary took a pound of ointment, of very valuable pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment.

Further Reading: HWMR Fighting... Finishing... Keeping.., Loving... Week 4, Day 1

Tuesday 8/13

S.S. 2:8-9, 10-15

- **8** The voice of my beloved! Now he comes, Leaping upon the mountains, Skipping upon the hills.
- **9** My beloved is like a gazelle or a young hart. Now he stands behind our wall; He is looking through the windows, He is glancing through the lattice.
- **10** My beloved responds and says to me, Rise up, my love, My beauty, and come away;
- 11 For now the winter is past; The rain is over and gone.
- **12** Flowers appear on the earth; The time of singing has come, And the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.
- 13 The fig tree has ripened its figs, And the vines are in blossom-they give forth their fragrance. Rise up, my love, My beauty, and come away.
- 14 My dove, in the clefts of the rock, In the covert of the precipice, Let me see your countenance, Let me hear your voice; For your voice is sweet, And your countenance is lovely.
- 15 Catch the foxes for us, The little foxes, That ruin the vineyards While our vineyards are in blossom.

Matt. 16:24

24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

Rom. 8:2

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

Phil 3:10

10 To know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

Gal. 2:20

20 I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I

who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

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.

Further Reading: *HWMR Fighting... Finishing... Keeping,., Loving... Week 4, Day 2*

Wednesday 8/14

S.S. 3:9-10

- **9** King Solomon made himself a palanquin Of the wood of Lebanon.
- 10 Its posts he made of silver, Its bottom, of gold; Its seat, of purple; Its midst was inlaid with love From the daughters of Jerusalem.

Eph. 2:22

22 In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.

Gen 28:12-17

- 12 And he dreamed: There was a ladder set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.
- 13 And there was Jehovah, standing above it; and He said, I am Jehovah, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie, I will give to you and to your seed.
- 14 And your seed will be as the dust of the earth, and you will spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and in your seed will all the families of the earth be blessed.
- **15** And, behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will cause you to return to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.
- 16 And Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, Surely Jehovah is in this place, and I did not know it.
- 17 And he was afraid and said, How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

John 1:51

51 And He said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you,

You shall see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.

Heb. 4:16

16 Let us therefore come forward with boldness to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace for timely help.

Further Reading: HWMR Fighting... Finishing... Keeping,,, Loving... Week 4, Day 3

Thursday 8/15

S.S. 6:<u>13</u>

13 Return, return, O Shulammite; Return, return, that we may gaze at you. Why should you gaze at the Shulammite, As upon the dance of two camps?

2 Cor. 3:18

18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

Col. 1:27-29

27 To whom God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory,

28 Whom we announce, admonishing every man and teaching every man in all wisdom that we may present every man full-grown in Christ;

29 For which also I labor, struggling according to His operation which operates in me in power.

2 Cor 6:1

1 And working together with Him, we also entreat you not to receive the grace of God in vain;

Further Reading: *HWMR Fighting... Finishing... Keeping,,, Loving... Week 4, Day 4*

Friday 8/16

S.S. 8:<u>5-</u>7a

5 Who is this who comes up from the wilderness, Leaning on her beloved? I awakened you under the apple tree: There your mother was in labor with you; There she was in labor and brought you forth.

6 Set me as a seal on your heart, As a seal on your arm; For love is as strong as death, Jealousy is as cruel as Sheol; Its flashes are the flashes of fire, A flame of Jehovah.

7a Many waters cannot quench love, Nor do floods drown it.

2 Cor. 12:9-10

9 And He has said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness. Most gladly therefore I will rather boast in my weaknesses that the power of Christ might tabernacle over me.

10 Therefore I am well pleased in weaknesses, in insults, in necessities, in persecutions and distresses, on behalf of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am powerful.

Rom. 8:37-39

37 But in all these things we more than conquer through Him who loved us.

38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life nor angels nor principalities nor things present nor things to come nor powers

39 Nor height nor depth nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Further Reading: *HWMR Fighting... Finishing... Keeping,, Loving... Week 4, Day 5*

Saturday 8/17

S.S. 8:14

14 Make haste, my beloved, And be like a gazelle or a young hart Upon the mountains of spices.

Rev. 11:15

15 And the seventh angel trumpeted; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.

Dan. 2:<u>35b</u>

35b And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

Rev. 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

12 Behold, I come quickly, and My reward is with Me to render to each one as his work is.

13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

14 Blessed are those who wash their robes that they may have right to the tree of life and may enter by the gates into the city.

16 I Jesus have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the bright morning star.

17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come! And let him who hears say, Come! And let him who is thirsty come; let him who wills take the water of life freely.

20 He who testifies these things says, Yes, I come

quickly. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Further Reading: HWMR Fighting... Finishing... Keeping,,, Loving... Week 4, Day 6

Lord's Day 8/18

2 Tim. 4:1-2, 5-8

1 I solemnly charge you before God and Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom:

2 Proclaim the word; be ready in season and out of season; convict, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and teaching.

5 But you, be sober in all things, suffer evil, do the work of an evangelist, fully accomplish your ministry.

6 For I am already being poured out, and the time of my departure is at hand.

7 I have fought the good fight; I have finished the course; I have kept the faith.

8 Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, with which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will recompense me in that day, and not only me but also all those who have loved His appearing.

Hymn, #556

Further Reading:

Life-study of 2 Timothy, msg. 7

Churchwide Truth Pursuit

Level 1—Hebrews Sequential Reading

Scripture Reading and Copying: Heb. 9:18-28

Assigned Reading: Life-study of Hebrews, msgs. 45-46

Level 2—Hebrews Topical Study

Crucial Point: The Person and Work of Jesus as Our High Priest according to the Order of Melchizedek

Scripture: Heb. 1-2; 4-10

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Hebrews*, msgs. 28, 31-33

Supplemental Reading: A General Sketch of the New Testament in the Light of Christ and the Church (part 3—Hebrews through Jude), ch. 26; The Apostles' Teaching, chs. 6-7

Ouestions:

- **1.** What are the similarities and differences, if any, between the order of Aaron and the order of Melchizedek?
- 2. Describe the person and work of Jesus Christ as our High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek.
- 3. Must Christ be a priest according to the order of Melchizedek and if so, why?
- **4.** How have you experienced the person and work of Jesus Christ as your High Priest?

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