

The Blessedness of Those Who Mourn, of Those Who Are Meek, and of Those Who Are the Peacemakers, Called the Sons of God**Monday 2/23****Related Verses****Matt. 5:4**

4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Rev. 7:17

17 For the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and guide them to springs of waters of life; and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

2 Cor. 1:3-10 (3-5, 9)

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassions and God of all comfort;

4 Who comforts us in all our affliction that we may be able to comfort those who are in every affliction through the comforting with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

5 For even as the sufferings of the Christ abound unto us, so through the Christ our comfort also abounds.

6 But whether we are afflicted, it is for your comforting and salvation; or whether we are comforted, it is for your comforting, which operates in the endurance of the same sufferings which we also suffer.

7 And our hope for you is firm, knowing that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also you are of the comfort.

8 For we do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, of our affliction which befell us in Asia, that we were excessively burdened, beyond our power, so that we despaired even of living.

9 Indeed we ourselves had the response of death in ourselves, that we should not base our confidence on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead;

10 Who has delivered us out of so great a death, and will deliver us; in whom we have hoped that He will also yet deliver us,

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It does not seem logical to say that those who mourn are blessed and happy [Matt. 5:4]. However, if we pray for a certain period of time, with a spirit filled with the King and the kingdom, we will begin to mourn over the negative situation of today. The entire situation of the world is negative in relation to God's economy. Satan,

sin, self, darkness, and worldliness predominate among all people on earth. God's glory is insulted, Christ is rejected, the Holy Spirit is frustrated, the church is desolated, self is corrupted, and the whole world is evil. Hence, God wants us to mourn over such a situation.

If we mourn according to God and His economy, we will be comforted by being rewarded with the kingdom of the heavens. We will see God's heavenly ruling over the entire negative situation...We must mourn, yet we are filled with hope. The King is coming, the enemy will be defeated, and the earth will be regained by Christ. (*Life-study of Matthew*, p. 167)

Someone who is poor in spirit and who desires and seeks God will be enlightened to see his evil, corrupt, and rebellious nature. He will also be enlightened to see that he resists God. As a result, he will mourn.

On a larger scope, a person who is poor in spirit and seeks God will mourn because his surroundings, the present generation, and the people in the world do not want God, resist God, and rebel against God.

From the context of Matthew 5 through 7, mourning is not related to disasters or illness but to the fact that people do not want God and do not submit to God. Such mourning may seem unpleasant, but it is sweet. The people of the world mourn often because they are in sin and have sicknesses and tribulations. However, this kind of mourning is ugly, low, and worthless. Only mourning on behalf of God is beautiful, precious, glorious, and of eternal value. The Lord promised that those who mourn on behalf of God will be comforted.

Comforting includes the satisfaction of having the Lord in us today and the comfort that we will have in the coming kingdom and in the new heaven and new earth. When the overcomers enter into the coming kingdom, their enjoyment and condition will free them from the grief of this age; hence, they will be satisfied and comforted. In the New Jerusalem in eternity future the portion that they receive will comfort them further. In the New Jerusalem God will be everything to man, and man will be fully under God's rule. Our grieving heart is comforted by gaining God and by coming under His authority; our heart is also comforted when we see our

fellow seekers desiring God and being under His rule. However, our comfort will be greater and richer in the coming kingdom and in eternity future.

A person who lives in the reality of the kingdom of the heavens often mourns. He does not mourn over the tribulations that he suffers but over not gaining God. The object of such mourning is God and His dominion, and the reason for such mourning is the loss of God and the loss of His dominion. Such mourning is noble and holy. Those who mourn will be comforted by God.

Revelation 21 says that when the New Jerusalem descends from heaven, God will tabernacle with men (v. 3), and "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes" (v. 4). This refers to the nations, but 7:17 also speaks of the Lamb wiping away every tear from those who stand before the throne of God. Surely, the kingdom people who mourn will be comforted in the New Jerusalem; they will have no reason to mourn. (*CWWL*, 1955, vol. 3, "The Living and Principles of the Kingdom People," pp. 62-63)

Further Reading: *CWWL*, 1955, vol. 3, "The Living and Principles of the Kingdom People," ch. 1

Tuesday 2/24**Related Verses****Matt. 5:3-4**

3 Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of the heavens.

4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Luke 6:21

21 Blessed are those who hunger now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are those who weep now, for you shall laugh.

Phil. 3:12-16 (12-14)

12 Not that I have already obtained or am already perfected, but I pursue, if even I may lay hold of that for which I also have been laid hold of by Christ Jesus.

13 Brothers, I do not account of myself to have laid hold; but one thing I do: Forgetting the things which are behind and stretching forward to the things which are before,

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14 I pursue toward the goal for the prize to which God in Christ Jesus has called me upward.

15 Let us therefore, as many as are full-grown, have this mind; and if in anything you are otherwise minded, this also God will reveal to you.

16 Nevertheless whereunto we have attained, by the same rule let us walk.

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If we are poor in spirit, surely we will mourn. We will feel sad and sorrowful for the poor situation among God's people and even for our own condition. The situation among God's people today is really worthy of mourning...For the kingdom life we also need to mourn. We need to mourn concerning ourselves, our society, and today's Christianity. When we look at Christ, we are happy and rejoicing, but when we look at ourselves and others around us, we have to mourn...If you look at the Lord and the church, it is really wonderful. But outside of the church, in formal Christianity, fundamental Christianity, Pentecostal Christianity, and even charismatic Christianity, it is a poor situation. So we have to mourn. (*CWWL, 1972, vol. 2, "The Kingdom," pp. 276-277*)

We have to admit that Christ is not lived out much even among us...Where can you see a group of Christians who are really living out Christ and really having the Body of Christ as the issue of their daily life?...The matter of mourning comes after the matter of being poor in our spirit [Matt. 5:3-4]. When we are poor in our spirit, we will surely see some vision concerning God's economy. Will we then be joyful? The situation would not allow us to be joyful. If we have seen the vision concerning God's economy, we would surely weep day and night. We would mourn day and night because the situation is too sad. (*CWWL, 1980, vol. 1, "Perfecting Training," pp. 141-142*)

The sequence of [Matthew 5:3-4] is very significant. First, we must be poor in spirit, and then we can mourn. If we are not poor in our spirit, we do not have the capacity for the King to come in to establish His kingdom within our being. If we do not have the heavenly kingdom established within us, we cannot realize how negative and pitiful the whole world is.

However, when the Lord Jesus is able to set up His kingdom within us and when the full capacity of our whole being, even the depths of our being, our spirit, is available to Him, we will realize that the earth is dark, corrupt, and filled with sin. Spontaneously, we will mourn for this sad situation. For this reason the Lord Jesus did not speak first of mourning and then of being poor in spirit. He put the matter of being poor in our spirit first. Only when we are poor in spirit can we mourn.

If we are poor in spirit and mourn for the pitiful situation of others, spontaneously, we will be meek [v. 5]. Even if your mother-in-law is in a pitiful condition, do not tell her so. Even the condition of your dear wife may not be very positive in the eyes of the Lord. If her heart and her interests are not for the Lord, and she does not care for the Lord's kingdom, her situation is pitiful...You may be in the highest heaven, but she may be in the lowest hell. Furthermore, consider your children. You may love the Lord to the uttermost, but they may not love Him at all. Therefore, you must mourn for your mother-in-law, your wife, and your children. You must also mourn for your relatives, your colleagues, and your neighbors...Look at the deplorable condition of the world today, including that of Christianity. The merchants care only for money, the students care only for their education, and the working people care only for promotions and positions. When we are poor in spirit, we will surely mourn for the whole situation.

Because we mourn for others, we would never fight against them. Instead of fighting them, spontaneously, we will be meek toward them...You will be meek toward others because you have a deep feeling within about their pitiful situation. Because you have been praying for them in the way of mourning, whenever you contact them, you will be meek. (*Life-study of Matthew, pp. 178-179*)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Matthew, msg. 14*

Wednesday 2/25

Related Verses**Matt. 5:5**

5 Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Num. 12:3

3 Now the man Moses was very meek, more than anyone else who was on the surface of the earth.

Heb. 2:5-8

5 For it was not to angels that He subjected the coming inhabited earth, concerning which we speak.

6 But one has solemnly testified somewhere, saying, "What is man, that You bring him to mind? Or the son of man, that You care for him?"

7 You have made Him a little inferior to the angels; You have crowned Him with glory and honor and have set Him over the works of Your hands;

8 You have subjected all things under His feet." For in subjecting all things to Him, He left nothing unsubjected to Him. But now we do not yet see all things subjected to Him,

Luke 19:17-19, 26

17 And he said to him, Well done, good slave. Because you have become faithful in the least, have authority over ten cities.

18 And the second came, saying, Your mina, master, has made five minas.

19 And he said to this one as well, And you, be over five cities.

26 I tell you that to everyone who has, more shall be given, but from him who does not have, even that which he has shall be taken away.

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[In Matthew 5:5 "the earth"] refers to the coming subdued world. Today the earth is a worldly kingdom under the rule of Satan. But the day is coming when the Lord, the King, will regain this world. Revelation 11:15 says, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever."

In Matthew 5...those who are poor in spirit in verse 3 and who mourn in verse 4 are now the meek in verse

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5...To be meek...does not mean simply to be gentle, humble, and submissive...To be meek means not to fight or to resist. If we are meek, willing to suffer the world's opposition in this age, we will inherit the earth in the coming age, as revealed in Hebrews 2:5-8 and Luke 19:17 and 19. (*Life-study of Matthew*, p. 168)

Today those who fight are those who gain the land. If you do not fight, you will not receive any territory. This is the reason there are so many wars. Nations wage war with one another to gain more territory for themselves. The human way is to obtain the land by fighting for it, but the way of the kingdom of the heavens is to gain it by being meek. There is no need to fight, but there is the need to be meek...The way to take the earth is not by slogans, shouting, or fighting. The way is through meekness. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth...If you would inherit the earth, you must be meek. When the Lord Jesus comes back, He will regain the earth. However, when He was arrested, tried, and crucified at Golgotha, He was meek. As He was nailed to the cross, He did not resist. In every way He was meek, meek to the very end. Eventually, the earth will be gained not by the fighting ones but by the meek ones. Several weeks ago an opposer told one of our brothers, "We are going to stop you!" Time will tell who will be stopped. The fighting ones will be stopped, but the meek ones will not be stopped. Rather, they will inherit the earth. Satan is always fighting, but the Lord Jesus never fights. Instead, He is meek. In this we see that the economy of God is opposite to the economy of man. If you want to gain the earth, you should be meek. If you have not received any territory, this may indicate that you are not yet meek enough. Young people, you must be meek on the campuses. I realize that this is a heavenly language. But the Lord Jesus did not say, "Blessed are those who fight, for they shall gain the earth. The fighters shall take the earth!" Do not say, "Let's take the earth by fighting for it." No, you must say instead, "Let's take the earth by being meek." You may think that meekness is related to material things. However, if you consider the matter carefully, you will see that meekness is not related to outward material things. Rather, it is related to something inward, to what we are in our very being.

The New Testament tells us that we do not fight against flesh and blood but against the devil, against the enemy of God. We must fight against the devil, God's enemy, day and night. However, we are not to fight against people, not even against those who oppose us. Toward all men, including the adversaries and opposers, we must be meek. Although we fight Satan and the principalities in the air, we do not fight people. Instead, we love them all. Young people, do not go to the campuses to fight with the students...Do not go to the campuses to fight—go there to be meek. We need to be so meek that, even if a persecutor hits us on the right cheek, we would turn to him the left cheek. To be meek means not to resist or fight back. However, as we turn our left cheek to the persecutor, we should pray, "Lord, bind the powers of darkness!" While we are being meek toward other people, we must fight against the powers of darkness. The enemy is not the people; it is Satan and his angels, the evil powers in the air. (*Life-study of Matthew*, pp. 168-169, 179-180)

Further Reading: *CWWL*, 1972, vol. 2, "The Kingdom," ch. 32

Thursday 2/26

Related Verses**Matt. 11:28-30**

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.

30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

2 Cor. 10:1

1 But I myself, Paul, entreat you through the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who (as you say) in person am base among you, but while absent am bold toward you,

1 Cor. 6:9-10

9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be led astray; neither fornicators nor idolaters nor adulterers nor effeminate nor homosexuals

10 Nor thieves nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor the rapacious will inherit the kingdom of God.

Gal. 5:21

21 Envyings, bouts of drunkenness, carousings, and things like these, of which I tell you beforehand, even as I have said before, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Eph. 5:5

5 For this you realize, knowing that every fornicator or unclean person or greedy person (who is an idolater) has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

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"If we are sorrowful and mourning, we will surely be meek...To be meek not only means to be humble and lowly but also to be willing to suffer and to lose something. If we are willing to suffer and are happy to lose something, we will receive a reward—the inheritance of the earth. When the manifestation of the kingdom comes, some will inherit the earth. According to Luke 19, some will inherit ten cities and others five cities. We must be the meek people. We must be poor in spirit, we must mourn for the present situation, and then we must be meek, humble, lowly, willing to suffer, and happy to lose something. (*CWWL*, 1972, vol. 2, "The Kingdom," p. 277)

A person who is poor in spirit, who hungers and thirsts for God, and who mourns is also meek. Someone who is complacent in spirit and does not mourn is not meek...Meekness means not being resistant and not being hot-tempered. It is easy to be hot-tempered and resistant when someone strikes us...In Matthew 5 through 7 the Lord does not want us to be resistant. If someone slaps us on our right cheek, we should turn to him the other cheek; if someone wishes to take our tunic, we should yield our cloak to him also; and if someone compels us to go one mile, we should go two miles with him (5:39-41).

The Lord promised that the meek will inherit the earth. After the fall of man, people must contend with one another in order to inherit the physical earth. Those who are stronger and better at contending gain more of the earth. A person who lives under the rule of the heavens and who does not contend or resist will not inherit the earth today. Others will take even what he has.

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However, the Lord said that those who live under the rule of the heavens neither contend nor resist but will inherit the earth.

According to Hebrews 2, God in His ordination did not subject the coming world to angels but to man (vv. 5-7). Those who inherit the earth in the coming kingdom will not be the ones who are contending for earthly things today, nor will they be resistant; instead, they will be meek. They will not gain by contending but by inheriting.

The words *the earth* in Matthew 5:5 do not refer to the world with its material enjoyment. People do not seek the kingdom of the heavens today, because they are occupied by the world. Someone who is poor in spirit and seeks God mourns because he has not gained enough God and because he is not under God's rule. As a result, he regards the earth in this age as dung. He does not contend with or resist the people of the world, because he does not want the world. The Lord's promise in this verse shows that in order to inherit the coming earth, we must forsake the present world. (*CWWL*, 1955, vol. 3, "The Living and Principles of the Kingdom People," pp. 64-65)

Meekness is like the flax bumper on the side of the steamer boats. When a steamer comes close to the pier, if there is nothing between the hard boards of the boat and the hard poles of the pier, one of the two will break. But if flax bumpers are placed in between them, both will hit the bumpers only, and nothing will break...This is meekness. If both sides are hard, neither side should touch the other. But if something soft is put between them, both sides will be preserved...The Lord said that He is meek. This means that He can withstand any bumping...Being meek is being changeable; it means taking what God wants you to take. It means being satisfied when you have something and being equally satisfied when you do not have something. When you have it, you can sing hallelujah and praise the Lord. When you do not have it, you can also sing hallelujah and praise the Lord. (*CWWN*, vol. 37, pp. 206-207)

Further Reading: *CWWN*, vol. 37, ch. 32

Friday 2/27

Related Verses**Matt. 5:9**

9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.

Heb. 12:14

14 Pursue peace with all men and sanctification, without which no one will see the Lord;

Rom. 15:33

33 Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

Rom. 16:20

20 Now the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

Col. 3:12-17 (14-15)

12 Put on therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, inward parts of compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, long-suffering;

13 Bearing one another and forgiving one another, if anyone should have a complaint against anyone; even as the Lord forgave you, so also should you forgive.

14 And over all these things put on love, which is the uniting bond of perfectness.

15 And let the peace of Christ arbitrate in your hearts, to which also you were called in one Body; and be thankful.

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

17 And whatever you do in word or in deed, do all things in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

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Those who are strict with themselves, merciful to others, and pure toward God are peacemakers. They do not like to offend, hurt, or damage anyone...To be a peacemaker does not mean to be political, [which] is falsehood and hypocrisy. We must be righteously square, not politically round...The New Jerusalem is square, not round...Although we are righteously square, we are still merciful toward others. This enables us to be pure toward God and to see Him. If we are such a person, spontaneously, we will be peacemakers. Instead of

fighting with others and hurting them, we will always maintain peace with those with whom we are involved. (Life-study of Matthew, pp. 183-184)

Those who are peacemakers will be called the sons of God...All the sons of men fight against one another, but the sons of God, like their heavenly Father, are peaceful and always make peace with others. Romans 12:18 says, "If possible, as far as it depends on you, live in peace with all men." However, this keeping of peace should not be merely an outward behavior. That is politics...We have a nature that makes us strict with ourselves, merciful with others, and pure with God. Because we have this nature, we spontaneously keep the peace with others...This will cause others to say, "These are truly the sons of God." (*Life-study of Matthew*, p. 184)

The kingdom people do not sow seeds of discord. Instead, the kingdom people are peacemakers; they make peace among men.

There is no peace in the present age. People everywhere are scheming and struggling against one another; they are backbiting and devouring one another. There is discord in every group and family. There is discord among people, and there is discord within people. There is much self-blame, self-hatred, indignation, discontentment, restlessness, and uneasiness within man's heart. Within man there is also the battle between reason and lust, and his conscience is full of condemnation. Man wants to do good, but he cannot stop indulging in sin. As a result, man has no peace in himself. Furthermore, there is no peace between man and God. Man has gone astray from God and even opposes God. Colossians 1:21 speaks of those who are alienated and enemies in their mind because of their evil works. John 3:36 says that "the wrath of God abides upon him." Therefore, there is no peace between man and God.

The Lord Jesus came to the earth as the Son of God and brought peace to man. He made peace among men and peace between man and God. He is the Peacemaker. Therefore, someone living in the kingdom of the heavens must also be one who makes peace among men. He can live in peace with all men, and he can give peace to all who contact him. The blessing for the peacemakers is to

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be called sons of God, because they make peace like the Son of God.

There are strife and discord in the church because the church lacks peacemakers...If we do not have peace with others, we cannot have peace with God...Because the Lord made peace among men and peace between man and God, we must do the same in order to be called sons of God.

Most believers think that it is quite high to treat others with love. The requirement of love is not as high as the requirement of peace. Someone may not have peace when he treats others with love, but he must have love in order to be at peace with others. In the church it seems as though the more love there is, the more there are strife and opinions. This is because people have love, but their flesh is not broken; they are not under the ruling of the heavens, and there is disharmony among the saints...It is not enough to merely have love. (*CWWL, 1955, vol. 3, "The Living and Principles of the Kingdom People,"* pp. 68-69, 71-72)

Further Reading: *The Conclusion of the New Testament*, msg. 158

Saturday 2/28

Related Verses

Rom. 8:14-19, 28-30 (14, 17, 19, 28-30)

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery bringing you into fear again, but you have received a spirit of sonship in which we cry, Abba, Father!

16 The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God.

17 And if children, heirs also; on the one hand, heirs of God; on the other, joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him that we may also be glorified with Him.

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the coming glory to be revealed upon us.

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

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;

30 And those whom He predestinated, these He also called; and those whom He called, these He also justified; and those whom He justified, these He also glorified.

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When we have the proper inward condition toward the Lord, something will spontaneously come out as the outward state. The first item which will come out is that of making peace. We will be peacemakers, and we will be called sons of God. This is because the Son of God, Jesus Christ, is the One who makes peace. He is the real Peacemaker, and we are the sons of God. If we are those who are poor in spirit, mourning, meek, hungry and thirsty for righteousness, merciful toward others, and pure in heart, surely we will be peacemakers. (*CWWL, 1972, vol. 2, "The Kingdom,"* pp. 278-279)

The Lord is very wise. In Matthew 5 He did not teach concerning love but concerning peace, for the demand of making peace with others is higher than that of showing love to others.

We should not think that the Lord was being overly simple in speaking of the living of the kingdom people. The Lord seemed to speak only of peace, but peace covers many matters...If we can take care of peace, every other matter will be taken care of properly. It is not sufficient to merely be humble or loving; we must have peace with others.

The peacemakers shall be called the sons of God because the work that the Lord Jesus as the Son of God manifested on the earth is centered on peace (v. 9). Even His death on the cross is for making peace (Eph. 2:15-16; Col. 1:20). Therefore, the living of the kingdom people should be with peace toward men. This requires dealings related to our self and our flesh. It also requires that our whole being be ruled and restricted by the heavens. (*CWWL, 1955, vol. 3, "The Living and Principles of the Kingdom People,"* p. 72)

First, the believers are children of God, and then they gradually grow up to become sons of God. In His

salvation God makes sinners into sons. The central thought of the book of Romans is that in His salvation God is making sinners His sons with His life and nature so that they may become constituents of the Body of Christ for His expression. Romans 8, in particular, emphasizes sonship. Verse 14...indicates that we may know that we are sons of God by the fact that we are led by the Spirit. The leading of the Spirit marks us out as being the sons of God in the growth of life. Verse 19...speaks of the manifestation or the appearing of the sons of God.

Sonship is the focal point of God's economy, God's dispensation. God's economy is the dispensing of Himself into His chosen people to make them His sons. Christ's redemption is to bring us into the sonship of God that we may enjoy the divine life...God's economy is to make us sons of God, inheriting the blessing of God's promise, which was given for His eternal purpose to have many sons for His corporate expression (Heb. 2:10; Rom. 8:29).

Revelation 21:7 says, "He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be God to him, and he will be a son to Me." Here to overcome means to overcome by believing, as in 1 John 5:4 and 5. This overcoming qualifies all believers for participation in the New Jerusalem with all its enjoyment as a common portion of God's eternal salvation. "Son" in Revelation 21:7 refers to the believer who will dwell in the New Jerusalem. The sons of God in the New Jerusalem are the constituents of the New Jerusalem. They are the regenerated believers who have the divine life and nature and who are built together through transformation to be the corporate expression of the Triune God. The New Jerusalem is constituted of all these sons who have been born of God. Because the sons of God are the constituents of the New Jerusalem, they will also dwell in the New Jerusalem. Furthermore, the sons of God will participate in all the enjoyment of the New Jerusalem, especially the enjoyment of the water of life (Rev. 21:6). (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, pp. 1074-1076)

Further Reading: Life-study of Matthew, msg. 15

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Lord's Day 3/1

Related Verses**Matt. 21:1-11**

1 And when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples,

2 Saying to them, Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and lead them to Me.

3 And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, The Lord has need of them; and immediately he will send them.

4 Now this took place in order that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying,

5 "Say to the daughter of Zion, Behold, your King is coming to you, meek and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, a foal of a beast of burden."

6 And the disciples went and did as Jesus directed them,
7 And led the donkey and the colt. And they put their garments on them, and He sat upon them.

8 And most of the crowd spread their own garments in the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them in the road.

9 And the crowds who went before Him and those who followed cried out, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

10 And when He entered into Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, Who is this?

11 And the crowds said, This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee.

Further Reading:Further Reading: *CWWN*, Set 2, Vol. 37, ch. 32**Hymn: #944**

1 The essence of the Kingdom is
A life that's under heaven's rule,
A life whose nature is divine
With Christ experienced in full.

2 Such is this life: in spirit poor,
With heart repentant, mourning, meek,
Which is to others merciful
And purely God Himself doth seek;

3 As sons of God the peace to make,
For righteousness e'en suffering pain;
Reviled and hurt for Jesus' sake,
Exceeding joyfulness to gain;

4 As salt to kill corruption rife,
In darkness shining as the light,
In heart and action right and true,
In perfect love to claim no right.

5 This life self-glory doth renounce
And ever for God's kingdom prays;
It trusts in God for every need
And seeks His kingdom first always.

6 'Tis strict with self, with others kind,
And always dealing with the Lord;
It ever does the Father's will
And acts according to His word.

7 To Satan it does not give ground,
Nor to the world, or self, or sin,
But seeks beneath the heaven's rule
God's full authority to win.

8 'Tis such a life which subjugates
All things with pow'r to God's behest;
The time it hastens when the Lord
Will here His kingdom manifest.

Churchwide Truth Pursuit of Genesis**Level 1—Sequential Life-study Reading**

Scripture Reading and Copying: Gen. 41:1-37

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Genesis*, msg(s). 97-98**Level 2—Topical Study**

Crucial Point: Joseph in the Dungeon, Brought Out of the Dungeon, and Set Over All the Land

Scripture: Gen. 40-41

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Genesis*, msg(s). 112, 114Supplemental Reading: *Three Aspects of the Church, Book 1: The Meaning of the Church*, ch. 8Study Questions: See the church website at churchinnyc.org/bible-study