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**Remember -
our fallen heros.
They are the reason
that we are free.**

THE ASCENSION OF JESUS

An Excerpt from Ed Bousman's Sermon

Ladies and Gentlemen, There are several references in the New Testament regarding the ascension of Jesus to Heaven after His resurrection. We are told that He spent forty days on earth instructing the Apostles before He was taken up. So the following is a short list of some of the references of that momentous event. What a day that was when Jesus was taken up!

Jesus Himself spoke of it as a marvel when He challenged some of His followers in John six, "What then, if you would see the Son of man ascending up where He was before?" Perhaps this message will give a partial answer to that question of Jesus to modern-day disciples.

THE ASCENSION OF JESUS IN MARK

The first ascension story we note is in Mark, "So then the Lord Jesus, after He had spoken unto them, was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word by the

signs that followed." Amen.

When the Lord Jesus Christ ascended into Heaven and sat down at the right hand of God, His work continued on earth as the Apostles went forth and preached the gospel. But Jesus was more than a passive observer of the activity of the Apostles as they preached the Word. Mark tells us that He worked with the Apostles from Heaven confirming the Word by the signs that followed.

The signs that He gave them were casting out demons, speaking in new tongues, taking up serpents, and immunity from drinking poison. The speaking in tongues were fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost when the Apostles were heard by sixteen different tongues. Many instances of casting out demons are mentioned in the Book of Acts, and while no example of immunity from poison is mentioned, we do have one example of Paul taking up a poisonous serpent and suffering no ill effects from snakebite.

The Lord confirmed the Word by the working of these signs. Although we do not need to confirm the Word today,

since it has already been confirmed there is no need for these miracles today as worked through the hands of men.

Some today may not agree, but it seems they are selective in the signs given the Apostles they want to duplicate. I know of some who think they can speak in different tongues as they did on the Day of Pentecost, but not many try their hand at taking up serpents.

I heard a song one time that told of a man who attended a snake-handling service. As they passed the rattlesnake from person to person this particular man got nervous and inquired, "Where is the back door?" He was informed there was none. He said, "Reckon where would they want one?" However the Lord is still busy today working with those who preach the Word as found in the Book of Acts. In His providence, Jesus brings together both the preacher and audience to hear about the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord and the response that He requires, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Repent ye and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. And they went down into the water both Philip and the Eunuch and he baptized him. Many of the Corinthians hearing believed and were baptized. Arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes and was baptized he and all his household straight way." The emphasis on the ascension in Mark is on evangelism.

THE ASCENSION OF JESUS IN LUKE

The account of the ascension according to Luke tells us, "And He led them out until they were over against Bethany: and He lifted up His hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while He blessed them, He parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: and were continually in the temple, blessing God." The emphasis on the ascension of Jesus according to Luke seems to be more on the personal worship of the Apostles. They worshiped Him and were continually in the temple blessing God.

Today we need to worship in the temple. We do have a temple. Paul speaks of that temple when he says, "Know ye not that your body is the temple of God therefore glorify God in your body." Our worship in the temple is a day-by-day experience of glorifying God in the life-style of the Christian. Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world; a city set on a hill cannot be hid." The Christian by his life should be just as conspicuous as a light on a hill.

Our worship also includes the gathering of the members of the local congregation together according to Acts twenty, verse seven, "And upon the first day of the week when we were gathered together to break bread." Our observance of the Lord's Supper on the first day of the week is a continual reminder to the world that Jesus died on the cross, was buried, ascended and is coming again.

Then again the emphasis of worship on the Lord's Day is a challenge to any serious-minded follower of the Lamb according to Hebrews chapter ten. There it is stated, "Not forsaking our own assembling together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the more as you see the day drawing nigh."

And then this somber warning to those who misuse the day of worship, "If we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment of fire that shall devour the adversaries." According to that statement, a person who deliberately avoids the worship service is an adversary of God.

Furthermore the warning is even more disturbing when the inspired Word states, "You have trodden underfoot the Son of God and counted the blood of the covenant wherewith you have been sanctified an unholy thing;" and then beyond that it is said, "You have done despite to the Spirit of grace."

Listen again to that awful pronouncement, "Adversary of God---trodden underfoot the Son of God---counted the blood of the covenant an unholy thing---done despite to the Spirit of grace."

This warning is emphasized and in addition to all this is the warning, "As ye see the day drawing nigh. The Christ who ascended is coming again and He Himself has said, in an hour when ye think not the Son of man cometh." And if that is not enough to light your fire finally there is the awful statement, "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."

THE ASCENSION OF JESUS IN ACTS

In the ascension of Jesus according to the Book of Acts the Lord was on the Mount of Olives with the Apostles. He had just told them, "...would be His witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. And when He had said these things as they were looking, He was taken up and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they were looking steadfastly into heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; who also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye looking into heaven? This Jesus who is received up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye beheld Him going into heaven." In this account of the ascension of Jesus, it is emphasized that this same Jesus will return in like manner as He was seen going into Heaven. The Second Coming is predicted in this account of the ascension. One way He will come in like manner as He was received up into Heaven was given by the Lord Himself when He told Caiaphas at His trial, "Henceforth ye shall see the Son of man coming sitting at the right hand of power and coming on the clouds of Heaven. He shall come in like manner as He was received up into Heaven."

Another is what John said in the first chapter of Revelation, "Behold, He cometh with the clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they that pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth shall mourn over Him."

Not only will Caiaphas see Him, but also every eye shall see Him all at the same time. Those who crucified Him or rejected His blood sacrifice will mourn at the sight of the victorious Christ coming in the clouds of Heaven. He shall come in like manner as ye beheld Him going into Heaven.

Another statement about His coming in like manner as He was received up into Heaven is in First Thessalonians, "For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump

of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we that are left alive unto His coming shall together be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." He shall come in like manner as ye beheld Him going into Heaven.

Then another reference that informs us that He will come in like manner as He ascended into Heaven is in Second Thessalonians when Paul speaks of the revelation of the Lord Jesus from Heaven with the angels of His power in flaming fire, rendering vengeance to them that know not God, and to them that have not obeyed the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Notice that Paul tells of angels in flaming fire in the Lord's return. That reminds us of the translation of Elijah. He was taken up in a chariot of fire. The chariot of fire must have been a company of angels that carried him up. In Hebrews chapter one, we learn, "He maketh his angels winds and His ministers a flame of fire." The angel that appeared to Gideon ascended back to heaven in a flame of fire. Jesus did not need a fiery chariot to take Him up to Heaven; He ascended under His own power, but when He comes again the angels will return with Him in flaming fire. He shall come in like manner as ye beheld Him going into Heaven.

Then this statement of encouragement for the Christian as Mark records these words of Jesus regarding His coming in like manner as He was received up into Heaven, "And then shall they see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then shall He send forth His angels, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven." He shall come in like manner as ye beheld Him going into Heaven.

THE NARROW GATE

And then there was one who asked, "Lord, are there few that shall be saved?" Jesus ignored the question but did say: "Strive to enter in through the narrow door: for many shall seek to enter in and shall not be able." It appears that some are trying to carry too much baggage through the narrow door and like at the airport, when some try to go through security check, the buzzer sounds and an examination of their baggage reveals they are trying to carry their unrepentant sins into Heaven with them. Many will argue, "We ate and drank in Thy presence, and Thou didst teach in our streets." Is that not true with many today? We eat and drink the Lord's Supper in His presence. We hear the teaching of Jesus and yet something is lacking and He shall say, "I know not whence ye are; depart from Me all ye workers of iniquity." Evidently, something more is required for being a Christian than having a speaking acquaintance with the Holy Spirit and a familiarity with Jesus.

The easy roads are crowded and the level roads are jammed--The pleasant little rivers with the drifting folk are crammed--But off yonder where it's rocky where you get the better view--You will find the ranks are thinning with the never wavering few. Where the going is smooth and pleasant you will always find the throng--For the many mores the pity seem to like to drift along; But the steeps that call for courage and the task that's hard to do--In the

end results in glory for the never wavering few. And this is the message that needs to be preached as we journey on to the New Jerusalem.

LETTERS FROM PRISONERS

Hello Naomi,

My name is Timothy and I've been working with your Bible Studies going on 1^{1/2} years. The Bible and the study guide program that you so dearly sent me is the highlight of my week. I want to thank all that are involved in sending me a Bible and Bible study. It brings the word of God to me in a way I can not even explain; only it works and that is what counts.

Butler Cole Unit, Bonham, TX

My name is Richard. I am an inmate at Gist State Jail in Beaumont, TX. I was sitting at a table in my dorm where I found one of your newsletters. I'm always hungry for anything that has to do with almighty God. As I was reading how your ministry was helping people all over the world, I felt like I was not alone in this prison. I don't have any money or anything I can give you, but I would like to have some of your Bible Studies so I can continue my walk with Jesus. I thank God for people like you that take time to listen to us in our time of need. Please pray for me as I will do the same for you. Please keep in touch. Thanks

I love these Bible Studies I cannot put them down; I cannot leave them alone. Thank you and God bless you. I share them with any inmate who will listen to me.

James from Wrightsville, AR

I'm an inmate at Holliday Unit, Huntsville, TX. After some time serving time at this unit we had started a prayer group and we want to learn as much as we can about the word of God. I will be so thankful if you could supply me with a Catholic or Christian study Bible. I'll be waiting for your answer.

Benito (Sent him KJV large print Bible, first 5 lessons of Studies in the Bible, a track - "What Saves A Man" and a copy of "What the Bible Says About Catholicism.")

Hello,

My name is Jess. I am currently incarcerated at Galveston County Jail. I am 19 years old and fell into the wrong crowd after my brother Chad passed away back in 2011. After that had happened I lost the relationship that I had once had with our Lord. Since being incarcerated I have had a longing to build the relationship I once had with our Savior. If there's any way you could please help me out and send me a Bible so that I may study the word I would be forever thankful. Also if there is anyway you could send some sort of Bible study along with it that would be amazing. Thank you so much and have a blessed year and continue to bless others!

Galveston, TX

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your excellent programme on Bible Voice Europe at 0800 today - Sunday. Can you please send

me the words and music for your theme song, "God Is Just A Prayer Away?" It is such a lovely song and I can't seem to find it anywhere here. Thank you and God bless you.

David from Sussex England

My name is Rickie and I am 24 years old. I am currently serving a 12 year sentence for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in the state of Texas Prison System. I am tired of living the same lifestyle because it has gotten me nowhere; nothing but time behind bars. So this time, while I was being sentenced, I made a promise to myself; a promise to make this the last time in jail. In doing so, it's time to try something different. The chaplain here gave me this address to write to in order to obtain a free Bible. He also said that you offered free Bible Studies. I would like to enroll in this ASAP. As well as anything else you have to offer me. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I look forward in hearing from you. PS Please send ASAP, as I might not be on this unit for very long; hopefully only one more month.

Huntsville, TX

Hello,

My name is Craig. It would mean the world to me if you could send me a Bible plus Bible Studies to help me find my way. Thank you I am at the Caddo Correctional Center in Shreveport. LA



A Mother's Love

*There are times when only a Mother's love
Can understand our tears,
Can soothe our disappoints
And calm all of our fears.
There are times when only a Mother's love
Can share the joy we feel
When something we've dreamed about
Quite suddenly is real.
There are times when only a Mother's faith
Can help us on life's way
And inspire in us the confidence
We need from day to day.
For a Mother's heart and a Mother's faith
And a Mother's steadfast love
Were fashioned by the Angels
And sent from God above.*

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