

The Marvelous Doings of the Lord

TEXT: Psa. 118:22-24; Matt. 21:42

INTRODUCTION:

- A. OUR TEXTS REFER TO THE EXALTATION OF THE REJECTED CHRIST.
 - 1. **Marvelous**, *thaumastos*, “wonderful, ...worthy of pious admiration ...**passing human comprehension** ... extraordinary” – **Thayer**.
 - 2. Much of what God has done is Wonderful and passes our ability to comprehend.
- B. THE **INVENTIONS OF MEN** MIGHT BE SAID TO BE **MARVELOUS**.
 - 1. Computer technology.
 - 2. The St. Louis Arch, built from both ends meeting perfectly in the middle.
 - 3. Man on the moon is a small thing – but a marvelous thing.
- C. ALL OF MAN’S ACCOMPLISHMENTS **PALE** NEXT TO WHAT GOD HAS DONE.
 - 1. Consider the creation of one day (**Psa. 118:24**). More to it than the sun coming up.
 - 2. Consider the plan of salvation and all that opposed it.
 - 3. What accomplishment of man comes close?
- D. **Isa. 12:4-6**. WE ARE TOLD TO “DECLARE HIS DOINGS” (**Psa. 66:5; 77:12**).

WHAT ARE THE DOINGS OF GOD?

I. HE MADE THE WORLD.

- A. “**IN THE BEGINNING ...**”(**Gen. 1:1; Heb. 11:3**).
- B. HE NOT ONLY MADE IT, BUT **HE CONTROLS** IT (**Acts 17:24-28**).
- C. IT IS HIS PARTICULAR HANDIWORK (**Psa. 19:1; Rom. 1:21**).

Psalm 33:9

For he spake, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.

II. HE MADE MAN (Psa. 139:13-16; Job 10:8-12).

- A. MAN WAS MADE FROM THE **LOWEST ELEMENT** (**Gen. 2:7**).
- B. BUT HE WAS MADE **IN GOD’S IMAGE** (**Gen. 1:26; Acts 17:28-29**).
- C. MAN’S SMALLNESS AND GOD’S FAVOR RAISES A QUESTION (**Psa. 8:3-9**).
- D. IT BEHOVES US TO SEEK OUT AND FULFILL **OUR PURPOSE** (**Ecc. 12:13-14**).

IV. HE GAVE US THE BIBLE (1 Thess. 2:13).

- A. THE SCRIPTURES ARE **INSPIRED OF GOD** (**2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:20-21**).
- B. THE **PROCESS** OF INSPIRATION IS DESCRIBED (**1 Cor. 2:10-13**).
- C. THE OUTCOME IS THAT **WE HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST** (**1 Cor. 2:16**).
 - 1. **Jude 3**. There is no need for latter day revelation (**2 Pet. 1:3; 2 Tim. 3:16-17**).
 - 2. Our understanding is made possible by our reading (**Eph. 3:3-4**).
 - 3. It is **sinful to go beyond** that which is written (**1 Cor. 4:6; 2 John 9**).

V. HE GAVE US THE CHURCH (Eph. 3:21).

- A. ALL THE FORCES OF SATAN WERE THROWN UP AGAINST IT.
 - 1. Described as **War in Heaven** (**Rev. 12:7-10**).
 - 2. Jesus was **killed** but **Hades** couldn’t hold him (**Act 2:22-24**).
 - 3. **Death could not stop him** from building the church (**Matt. 16:18**).
- B. **GOD’S WISDOM** MADE KNOW THROUGH THE CHURCH (**Eph. 3:10-11**).
- C. IN THE CHURCH IS THE **FULNESS OF CHRIST** (**Eph. 1:22-23**).
- D. IT IS **PRECIOUS** TO HIM (**Acts 20:28; Eph. 5:25-27**).
- E. **ACCEPT NO SUBSTITUTES!** (**Psa. 127:1; Matt. 15:13**).

VI. HE GAVE US THE CROSS OF CHRIST (Gal. 6:14; 1 Cor. 1:18).

- A. REMEMBER THAT MAN IS SPECIAL TO GOD (**Gen. 1:26; Acts 17:28-29**).
- B. BUT MAN HAS SINNED (**Rom. 3:23 è 6:23**). The wages of sin is death!
- C. GOD WANTS **ALL** TO BE SAVED (**2 Pet. 3:9**), BUT **JUSTICE DEMANDS DEATH!**
- D. **THE CROSS**, WHERE **LOVE** AND **JUSTICE** MEET (**Rom. 3:23-26**).
 - 1. Justified by the redemption in Christ's blood.
 - 2. **Why?** To show God's righteousness in justifying the guilty (**vs. 26-27**).
- E. WHAT MUST I DO TO SHARE WITH JESUS IN HIS DEATH? (**Rom. 6:3-4, 7**).

I MUST BE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST!

CONCLUSION:

- A. THERE IS ONE MORE MARVELOUS DOING OF GOD.
- B. HEAVEN (**Rev. 21:1-5**).
- C. DON'T YOU WANT TO GO THERE WITH US?

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