

CRYSTALLIZATION-STUDY OUTLINES

THE PSALMS (1)

Message Three

The Excellency of Christ

Scripture Reading: Psa. 8

- Psa 8 Title To the choir director: on the gittith. A Psalm of David
- Psa 8:1 O Jehovah our Lord, / How excellent is Your name / In all the earth, / You who have set Your glory over the heavens!
- Psa 8:2 Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings / You have established strength / Because of Your adversaries, / To stop the enemy and the avenger.
- Psa 8:3 When I see Your heavens, the works of Your fingers, / The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,
- Psa 8:4 What is mortal man, that You remember him, / And the son of man, that You visit him?
- Psa 8:5 You have made him a little lower than angels / And have crowned him with glory and honor.
- Psa 8:6 For You have caused him to rule over the works of Your hands; / You have put all things under his feet:
- Psa 8:7 All sheep and oxen, / As well as the beasts of the field,
- Psa 8:8 The birds of heaven and the fish of the sea, / Whatever passes through the paths of the seas.
- Psa 8:9 O Jehovah our Lord, / How excellent is Your name / In all the earth!

I. Psalm 8 shows that God's purpose and plan for man to express Him with His image and to represent Him with His dominion have never changed —Gen. 1:26:

- Gen 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.
- A. The man prophesied in Psalm 8 is the second man, the Lord Jesus, who has recovered man's lost ordination and has fulfilled God's original purpose —Heb. 2:5-9.
- Heb 2:5 For it was not to angels that He subjected the coming inhabited earth, concerning which we speak.
- Heb 2:6 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?"
- Heb 2:7 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;
- Heb 2:8 You have subjected all things under His feet." For in subjecting all things to Him, He left nothing unsubject to Him. But now we do not yet see all things subjected to Him,
- Heb 2:9 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.
- B. This second man is also a corporate man, the new man, the corporate Christ, who expresses God in His image and represents God to have dominion over all things for the fulfillment of God's purpose —Eph. 2:15; Col. 3:10-11; Acts 9:4-5; Eph. 1:22-23; Heb. 2:10-11.
- Eph 2:15 Abolishing in His flesh the law of the commandments in ordinances, that He might create the two in Himself into one new man, so making peace,
- Col 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,
- Col 3:11 Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.
- Acts 9:4 And he fell on the ground and heard a voice saying to him, Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?
- Acts 9:5 And he said, Who are You, Lord? And He said, I am Jesus, whom you persecute.
- Eph 1:22 And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church,
- Eph 1:23 Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.
- Heb 2:10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and through whom are all things, in leading many sons into glory, to make the Author of their salvation perfect through sufferings.
- Heb 2:11 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,

II. Psalm 8 is David’s inspired praise of the excellency of Christ—this psalm speaks of the heavens, the earth, babes and sucklings, man, three categories of enemies, and the Lord’s incarnation, human living, death, resurrection, and ascension, the Body of Christ, His coming back, and His kingdom.

III. The Lord’s name is excellent (majestic) in all the earth, and His splendor (glory) has been set over the heavens— v. 1:

Psa 8:1 O Jehovah our Lord, / How excellent is Your name / In all the earth, / You who have set Your glory over the heavens!

A. In Psalms 3 through 7 it was a mess on the earth, according to David’s human concept.

- Psa 3:1 Jehovah, how many are my adversaries! / Many are those who rise up against me!
Psa 3:2 Many are those who say of my soul, / There is no salvation for him in God! Selah.
Psa 3:3 But You, O Jehovah, are a shield around me, / My glory and the One who lifts up my head.
Psa 3:4 With my voice I call out to Jehovah, / And He answers me from His holy mountain. Selah.
Psa 3:5 I lay down and slept; / I awoke, for Jehovah sustains me.
Psa 3:6 I will not fear the myriads of the people / Who have set themselves against me all around.
Psa 3:7 Arise, O Jehovah; / Save me, O my God! / Oh that you would strike all my enemies on the cheek; / And break the teeth of the wicked.
Psa 3:8 Salvation is of Jehovah: / Your blessing be upon Your people. Selah.
Psa 4:1 When I call out, answer me, / O God of my righteousness; / Make room for me when I am in straits; / Be gracious to me and hear my prayer.
Psa 4:2 O sons of men, how long will my glory be made a reproach? / How long will you love vanity, will you seek a lie? Selah.
Psa 4:3 But know that Jehovah sets apart the faithful man for Himself. / Jehovah hears when I call out to Him.
Psa 4:4 Be angry, yet do not sin; / Consider in your heart upon your bed, / And be silent. Selah.
Psa 4:5 Offer sacrifices of righteousness, / And trust in Jehovah.
Psa 4:6 Many are those who say, Who will show us any good? / Lift up upon us the light of Your countenance, O Jehovah.
Psa 4:7 You have put joy in my heart, / More than when the grain and new wine of others abound.
Psa 4:8 In peace I will both lie down and sleep, / For You alone, O Jehovah, cause me to dwell in safety.
Psa 5:1 To my words give ear, O Jehovah; / Consider my moaning.
Psa 5:2 Give heed to the sound of my cry, / My King and my God; / For to You do I pray.
Psa 5:3 O Jehovah, in the morning / You will hear my voice; / In the morning I will set forth my words in order to You, / And I will watch.
Psa 5:4 For You are not a God who delights in wickedness; / Evil will not sojourn with You.
Psa 5:5 Those who boast will not stand / Before Your eyes; / You hate all workers of iniquity.
Psa 5:6 You will destroy those who speak lies. / Jehovah abhors a man of bloodshed and deceit.
Psa 5:7 But as for me, in the abundance of Your lovingkindness / I will come into Your house; / I will bow down toward Your holy temple / In fear of You.
Psa 5:8 O Jehovah, lead me in Your righteousness / On account of those who lie in wait for me; / Make Your way straight before me.
Psa 5:9 For there is no truth in their mouth; / Their inward part is corruption itself; / Their throat is an open grave; / They flatter with their tongue.
Psa 5:10 Hold them guilty, O God; / Let them fall by their own counsels; / Because of the multitude of their transgressions thrust them out, / For they have rebelled against You.
Psa 5:11 But let all who take refuge in You rejoice; / Let them shout for joy forever; / And may You spread a cover over them; / And those who love Your name / Will exult in You.
Psa 5:12 For You will bless the righteous man, O Jehovah; / You will surround him with favor as with a shield.
Psa 6:1 O Jehovah, do not rebuke me in Your anger, / Nor chasten me in Your burning wrath.
Psa 6:2 Be gracious to me, O Jehovah, for I am languishing; / Heal me, O Jehovah, for my bones are shaken,
Psa 6:3 And my soul is greatly shaken. / But as for You, O Jehovah, how long?
Psa 6:4 Return, O Jehovah; deliver my soul; / Save me for Your lovingkindness' sake.
Psa 6:5 For in death there is no remembrance of You; / In Sheol who can give thanks to You?
Psa 6:6 I am weary with my groaning; / Every night I cause my bed to swim; / With my tears I dissolve my couch.

Psa 6:7 My eye is wasted because of grief; / It has aged because of all those who vex me.
Psa 6:8 Depart from me, all you workers of iniquity, / For Jehovah has heard the sound of my weeping.
Psa 6:9 Jehovah has heard my supplication; / Jehovah receives my prayer.
Psa 6:10 All my enemies will be ashamed and greatly dismayed; / They will turn back; they will be put to shame suddenly.

Psa 7:1 O Jehovah my God, in You do I take refuge. / Save me from all who pursue me, and deliver me;
Psa 7:2 Lest he tear my soul like a lion, / Tearing it apart without anyone to deliver it.
Psa 7:3 O Jehovah my God, if I have done this, / If there is unrighteousness in my hands,
Psa 7:4 If I have recompensed with evil him who was at peace with me / (Rather, I have delivered him who vexed me without cause);

Psa 7:5 Let the enemy pursue my soul and overtake me, / And let him trample my life to the ground / And lay my glory down in the dust. Selah.

Psa 7:6 Arise, O Jehovah, in Your anger; / Lift Yourself up against the overflowing wrath of those who vex me, / And awake for me: You have commanded judgment.

Psa 7:7 And let the assembly of the peoples surround You, / And over it return on high.
Psa 7:8 Jehovah will execute judgment on the peoples; / Judge me, O Jehovah, according to my righteousness / And according to my integrity that is with me.

Psa 7:9 Oh, let the evil of the wicked come to an end, / But establish the righteous man. / For the righteous God / Tries the hearts and the inward parts.

Psa 7:10 My shield is with God, / Who saves the upright in heart.
Psa 7:11 God is a righteous Judge / And a God who has indignation every day.
Psa 7:12 If one does not turn, He will whet His sword. / He bends His bow and makes it ready.
Psa 7:13 And He prepares instruments of death against him; / He has made His arrows fiery shafts.
Psa 7:14 Behold, the evil man travails with iniquity; / He conceives mischief and brings forth falsehood.
Psa 7:15 He digs a pit and hollows it out, / Then he falls into the hole that he has made.
Psa 7:16 His mischief returns upon his own head, / And upon the crown of his own head his violence comes down.

Psa 7:17 I will give thanks to Jehovah according to His righteousness, / And I will sing psalms to the name of Jehovah the Most High.

- B. Here in Psalm 8 the name of the incarnated, crucified, resurrected, ascended, and exalted Jesus (Phil. 2:5-11) is excellent (majestic) in all the earth according to the divine revelation, and the Lord's glory is over the heavens in the sight of David.

Phil 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus,
Phil 2:6 Who, existing in the form of God, did not consider being equal with God a treasure to be grasped,
Phil 2:7 But emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, becoming in the likeness of men;
Phil 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient even unto death, and that the death of a cross.

Phil 2:9 Therefore also God highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,
Phil 2:10 That in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
Phil 2:11 And every tongue should openly confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

- C. The goal of this psalm is to join the earth to the heavens and bring the heavens down to the earth, making the earth and the heavens one — John 1:51; Gen. 28:12.

John 1:51 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.
Gen 28:12 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.

IV. **Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings the Lord has established strength (praise—Matt. 21:16) because of His adversaries, to stop the enemy and the avenger—Psa. 8:2:**

Matt 21:16 And they said to Him, Do you hear what these are saying? And Jesus said to them, Yes. Have you never read, "Out of the mouth of infants and sucklings You have perfected praise"?

Psa 8:2 Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings / You have established strength / Because of Your adversaries, / To stop the enemy and the avenger.

- A. Babes and sucklings are the youngest, smallest, and weakest among men, indicating the highest consummation of the Lord's work in His redemption.

- B. The Lord has established praise out of the mouths of babes and sucklings because of His adversaries (within) and for the stopping of the enemy and the avenger (without).
- C. Satan is God's adversary within God's kingdom, God's enemy outside God's kingdom, and the avenger who roves to and fro over the earth— cf. Job 1:7; 1 Pet. 5:8.
 Job 1:7 And Jehovah said to Satan, Where have you come from? And Satan answered Jehovah and said, From roving the earth and going about in it.
 1 Pet 5:8 Be sober; watch. Your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking someone to devour.

V. David saw the heavens, the works of the Lord's fingers, the moon and the stars, which the Lord has ordained— Psa. 8:3:

- Psa 8:3 When I see Your heavens, the works of Your fingers, / The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,
- A. The moon and the stars indicate that David had this view— a view turned from looking at the earth to contemplating the heavens in the night.
 - B. In this view David had a pure vision to see the pure work in God's creation and ordination.
 - C. The aim in the Lord's redemption is to turn us from the messy earth to the bright heaven.

VI. What is mortal man, that the Lord remembers him, and the son of man, that He visits him?—v. 4:

- Psa 8:4 What is mortal man, that You remember him, / And the son of man, that You visit him?
- A. In his view in the heavens, David turned his consideration to man on the earth.
 - B. Man is the central object of God in His creation for the accomplishment of His economy to fulfill His heart's desire.
 - C. The first "man" in verse 4 is *enosh* in Hebrew, and the second "man" is *adam* in Hebrew, both referring to:
 1. The God-created man in God's creation in Genesis 1:26.
 Gen 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.
 2. The Satan-captured man in man's fall in Psalm 8:4.
 Psa 8:4 What is mortal man, that You remember him, / And the son of man, that You visit him?
 3. Christ as a man in His incarnation for the accomplishment of God's redemption in Hebrews 2:6.
 Heb 2:6 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?"
 - D. Such a man God remembers in His economy and visits in His incarnation— John 1:14; Phil. 2:7.
 John 1:14 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.
 Phil 2:7 But emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, becoming in the likeness of men;

VII. The Lord has made man a little lower than angels—Psa. 8:5a; Heb. 2:7a:

- Psa 8:5a You have made him a little lower than angels ...
 Heb 2:7a You have made Him a little inferior to the angels; ...
- A. This refers to Christ's incarnation with His human living for His all-inclusive death— John 1:14; Heb. 2:9a.
 John 1:14 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.
 Heb 2:9a But we see Jesus, who was made a little inferior to the angels because of the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor, ...
 - B. In His incarnation Christ was made a little lower than angels, physically not positionally, in the sense of being in the flesh.

VIII. God has crowned man (Christ) with glory and honor—Psa. 8:5b; Heb. 2:7b:

- Psa 8:5b ... And have crowned him with glory and honor.
 Heb 2:7b ... You have crowned Him with glory and honor and have set Him over the works of Your hands;

- A. This refers to Christ's resurrection in His glory (John 7:39b; Luke 24:26) and His ascension in His honor (Acts 2:33-36; 5:31a).
- John 7:39b ... for the Spirit was not yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.
- Luke 24:26 Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and enter into His glory?
- Acts 2:33 Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God and having received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father, He has poured out this which you both see and hear.
- Acts 2:34 For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, "The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at My right hand
- Acts 2:35 Until I set Your enemies as a footstool for Your feet."
- Acts 2:36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you have crucified.
- Acts 5:31a This One God has exalted to His right hand as Leader and Savior, ...
- B. This was through His all-inclusive death—Heb. 2:9.
- Heb 2:9 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.

IX. Psalm 8:2-5 shows us how the babes and sucklings are produced:

- Psa 8:2 Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings / You have established strength / Because of Your adversaries, / To stop the enemy and the avenger.
- Psa 8:3 When I see Your heavens, the works of Your fingers, / The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,
- Psa 8:4 What is mortal man, that You remember him, / And the son of man, that You visit him?
- Psa 8:5 You have made him a little lower than angels / And have crowned him with glory and honor.
- A. In order to produce babes and sucklings, God has visited man—v. 4:
- Psa 8:4 What is mortal man, that You remember him, / And the son of man, that You visit him?
1. God visited man by becoming incarnated, by putting on humanity and becoming a man to be a little lower than the angels—v. 5a.
Psa 8:5a You have made him a little lower than angels ...
 2. God visited man also by living on earth, dying, rising up from the dead, and ascending to the heavens to be crowned with glory and honor—v. 5b.
Psa 8:5b ... And have crowned him with glory and honor.
 3. God visited man through the long journey of His process to become the life-giving Spirit to reach us and to enter into us— John 1:14; 1 Cor. 15:45b; 6:17; cf. 1 Pet. 2:12; Luke 1:68, 78.
John 1:14 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.
1 Cor 15:45b ... the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.
1 Cor 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.
1 Pet 2:12 Having your manner of life excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the matter concerning which they speak against you as evildoers they may, by your good works, as they see them with their own eyes, glorify God in the day of His visitation.
Luke 1:68 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, because He has visited and accomplished redemption for His people,
Luke 1:78 Because of the merciful compassions of our God, in which the rising sun will visit us from on high,
 4. The incarnated One has become the life-giving Spirit, and it is this One who produces babes and sucklings.
- B. We become babes and sucklings in the initial stage through regeneration:
1. We are remade, re-created, through regeneration—cf. Matt. 18:3; 19:14.
Matt 18:3 And said, Truly I say to you, Unless you turn and become like little children, you shall by no means enter into the kingdom of the heavens.
Matt 19:14 But Jesus said, Allow the little children and do not prevent them from coming to Me, for of such is the kingdom of the heavens.
 2. Regeneration reduces our natural activity.
 3. The proper, genuine salvation stops our human doing and makes us babes and sucklings to praise the Lord.

- C. The process of producing babes and sucklings continues with sanctification, renewing, and transformation—Heb. 2:11; Rom. 12:2; 2 Cor. 3:18.
- Heb 2:11 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,
- Rom 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.
- 2 Cor 3:18 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.
- D. The Lord has perfected praise, or established strength, out of the mouths of babes and sucklings for the purpose of stopping His adversaries, the enemy, and the avenger—Psa. 8:2:
- Psa 8:2 Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings / You have established strength / Because of Your adversaries, / To stop the enemy and the avenger.
1. God overcomes His enemy through babes and sucklings, the youngest, smallest, and weakest among men; this is the Lord's recovery and victory— cf. 1 Cor. 1:26-31.

1 Cor 1:26 For consider your calling, brothers, that there are not many wise according to flesh, not many powerful, not many wellborn.

1 Cor 1:27 But God has chosen the foolish things of the world that He might shame those who are wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world that He might shame the things that are strong,

1 Cor 1:28 And the lowborn things of the world and the despised things God has chosen, things which are not, that He might bring to nought the things which are,

1 Cor 1:29 So that no flesh may boast before God.

1 Cor 1:30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom to us from God: both righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

1 Cor 1:31 That as it is written, "He who boasts, let him boast in the Lord."
 2. All things will be ruled over by Christ with His Body, and all things will be subjected under His feet—Psa. 8:6-8.

Psa 8:6 For You have caused him to rule over the works of Your hands; / You have put all things under his feet:

Psa 8:7 All sheep and oxen, / As well as the beasts of the field,

Psa 8:8 The birds of heaven and the fish of the sea, / Whatever passes through the paths of the seas.
 3. The perfected praise of the babes and sucklings is the ultimate consummation of the Lord's work of incarnation, human living, death, resurrection, ascension, and coming back to rule on earth:
 - a. We may praise the Lord, but our praise needs to be perfected; through transformation we are perfected in praising the Lord.
 - b. The perfected praise is the praise for the Lord's incarnation, human living, death, resurrection, ascension, and kingdom.
 - c. In order to praise the Lord, we need to see Jesus, turning our view from the messy earth to the bright heaven— Heb. 2:9; 12:1-2.

Heb 2:9 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.

Heb 12:1 Therefore let us also, having so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, put away every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us and run with endurance the race which is set before us,

Heb 12:2 Looking away unto Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down on the right hand of the throne of God.
 - d. The perfected praise is the strength out of the mouths of babes and sucklings, the praise that defeats the adversaries, the enemy, and the avenger—2 Chron. 20:22; cf. vv. 12, 20-21.

2 Chron 20:22 And when they began to shout in song and to praise, Jehovah set ambushes for the children of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who were coming out against Judah; and they were struck.

2 Chron 20:12 O our God, will You not judge them? For we have no strength before this great multitude that is coming against us, and we do not know what to do; but our eyes are upon You.

2 Chron 20:20 And they rose up early in the morning and went out to the wilderness of Tekoa. And as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood up and said, Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem. Believe in Jehovah your God, and you will be established; believe in His prophets, and you will succeed.

2 Chron 20:21 And when he had taken counsel with the people, he appointed them to sing to Jehovah and give thanks in holy array as they went out before the army and say, Give thanks to Jehovah, for His lovingkindness endures forever.

4. “Through Him then let us offer up a sacrifice of praise continually to God, that is, the fruit of lips confessing His name”—Heb. 13:15.

X. God has caused man (Christ) to rule over the works of God’s hands and has put all things under His feet: all sheep and oxen, the beasts of the field, the birds of heaven, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes through the paths of the seas—Psa. 8:6-8; Heb. 2:7b-8a:

Psa 8:6 For You have caused him to rule over the works of Your hands; / You have put all things under his feet:

Psa 8:7 All sheep and oxen, / As well as the beasts of the field,

Psa 8:8 The birds of heaven and the fish of the sea, / Whatever passes through the paths of the seas.

Heb 2:7b ... You have crowned Him with glory and honor and have set Him over the works of Your hands;

Heb 2:8a You have subjected all things under His feet....

- A. This word was fulfilled in Adam (Gen. 1:26-28), but it was broken by man’s fall.

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

Gen 1:27 And God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Gen 1:28 And God blessed them; and God said to them, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.

- B. In Christ’s ascension God subjected all things under Christ’s feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church, which is His Body—Eph. 1:22-23; Rom. 16:20:

Eph 1:22 And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church,

Eph 1:23 Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.

Rom 16:20 Now the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

1. In the Body life we participate in the transmission of Christ’s subjecting power to put all things under the feet of His Body.

2. The God of peace crushes Satan under the feet of those who live the church life as the practical expression of the Body—v. 20.

Rom 16:20 Now the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

- C. This word will be fulfilled in full in the millennium, the age of restoration—Rev. 20:4-6; Matt. 19:28; Isa. 11:6-9; 65:25.

Rev 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of the testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and of those who had not worshipped the beast nor his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

Rev 20:5 The rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection.

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

Matt 19:28 And Jesus said to them, Truly I say to you that you who have followed Me, in the restoration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you also shall sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

- Isa 11:6 And the wolf will dwell with the lamb; / And the leopard will lie down with the kid, / And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; / And a young boy will lead them about.
- Isa 11:7 The cow and the bear will graze; / Their young will lie down together; / And the lion will eat straw like the ox.
- Isa 11:8 The nursing child will play by the cobra's hole, / And upon the viper's den / The weaned child will stretch his hand.
- Isa 11:9 They will not harm nor destroy / In all My holy mountain, / For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of Jehovah, / As water covers the sea.
- Isa 65:25 The wolf and the lamb will feed as one, / And the lion will eat straw like the ox, / And dust will be the serpent's food; / They will not harm nor destroy / In all My holy mountain, says Jehovah.

XI. O Jehovah our Lord, how excellent (majestic) is Your name in all the earth!—Psa. 8:9:

Psa 8:9 O Jehovah our Lord, / How excellent is Your name / In all the earth!

- A. Verse 9 repeats the first part of verse 1 to strengthen the thought concerning the excellency of the Lord's name in all the earth.

Psa 8:9 O Jehovah our Lord, / How excellent is Your name / In all the earth!

Psa 8:1 O Jehovah our Lord, / How excellent is Your name / In all the earth, / You who have set Your glory over the heavens!

- B. This makes the earth as excellent as the heavens, as indicated in the first part of the Lord's prayer: "Our Father who is in the heavens, Your name be sanctified; Your kingdom come; Your will be done, as in heaven, so also on earth"—Matt. 6:9-10.

Matt 6:9 You then pray in this way: Our Father who is in the heavens, Your name be sanctified;

Matt 6:10 Your kingdom come; Your will be done, as in heaven, so also on earth.