

Sermon Notes – May 24, 2015, Pastor Alan Smith

“Glorious Day!”

We are at the start of summer vacation season! We wait with great expectation for that time when we leave our homes and go to a place by the beach or in the mountains or just your favorite place to visit. We look forward to the rest and relaxation that we will experience; forgetting the worries of our daily lives. We may have made these plans last year and have longed for the day when it becomes a reality! We look forward to the freedom! Much like the prisoner looks forward to the day of his release. In this story of the day of Pentecost the disciples were empowered by the Holy Spirit and were praising God and the people heard them praising in their own languages.

Peter starts to speak. In **Acts 2: 17** ‘**In the last days,**’ **God says, ‘I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.** In the last days all these wonderful and yet frightening things are going to happen. The Jewish people have been looking for the Messiah to come and usher in His kingdom, driving out all enemies from Israel. Let’s review the Old Testament’s predictions for the Messiah.

Here Victory of God’s kingdom is foreseen:

- **Zechariah 14:9 (NLT) — 9 And the LORD will be king over all the earth. On that day there will be one LORD—his name alone will be worshiped.**
- **Psalm 45:3–6 (NLT) — 3 Put on your sword, O mighty warrior! You are so glorious, so majestic! 4 In your majesty, ride out to victory, defending truth, humility, and justice. Go forth to perform awe-inspiring deeds! 5 Your arrows are sharp, piercing your enemies’ hearts. The nations fall beneath your feet. 6 Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever. You rule with a scepter of justice.**
- **Isaiah 42:13 (NLT) — 13 The LORD will march forth like a mighty hero; he will come out like a warrior, full of fury. He will shout his battle cry and crush all his enemies.**

In these verses we see when God’s kingdom is established on Earth all the enemies of God will be defeated.

- **Daniel 7:13–14 (NLT) — 13 As my vision continued that night, I saw someone like a son of man coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient One and was led into his presence. 14 He was given authority, honor, and sovereignty over all the**

nations of the world, so that people of every race and nation and language would obey him. His rule is eternal—it will never end. His kingdom will never be destroyed.

- **Psalm 72:8–11 (NLT) — 8** May he reign from sea to sea, and from the Euphrates River to the ends of the earth. **9** Desert nomads will bow before him; his enemies will fall before him in the dust. **10** The western kings of Tarshish and other distant lands will bring him tribute. The eastern kings of Sheba and Seba will bring him gifts. **11** All kings will bow before him, and all nations will serve him.

We see that the prophecies point to a person as the Messiah and that one man will rule. During the time when the Messiah rules it will be a time of restoration. Harmony will be restored in nature:

Isaiah 11:6–9 (NLT) — 6 In that day the wolf and the lamb will live together; the leopard will lie down with the baby goat. The calf and the yearling will be safe with the lion, and a little child will lead them all. **7** The cow will graze near the bear. The cub and the calf will lie down together. The lion will eat hay like a cow. **8** The baby will play safely near the hole of a cobra. Yes, a little child will put its hand in a nest of deadly snakes without harm. **9** Nothing will hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain, for as the waters fill the sea, so the earth will be filled with people who know the LORD.

The land's prosperity will be restored:

- **Amos 9:13–15 (NLT) — 13** “The time will come,” says the LORD, “when the grain and grapes will grow faster than they can be harvested. Then the terraced vineyards on the hills of Israel will drip with sweet wine! **14** I will bring my exiled people of Israel back from distant lands, and they will rebuild their ruined cities and live in them again. They will plant vineyards and gardens; they will eat their crops and drink their wine. **15** I will firmly plant them there in their own land. They will never again be uprooted from the land I have given them,” says the LORD your God.
- **Joel 3:18 (NLT) — 18** In that day the mountains will drip with sweet wine, and the hills will flow with milk. Water will fill the streambeds of Judah, and a fountain will burst forth from the LORD’s Temple, watering the arid valley of acacias.

God’s people will be restored:

Amos 9:11 (NLT) — 11 “In that day I will restore the fallen house of David. I will repair its damaged walls. From the ruins I will rebuild it and restore its former glory.

In those days people will seek repentance:

Ezekiel 11:19–20 (NLT) — 19 And I will give them singleness of heart and put a new spirit within them. I will take away their stony, stubborn heart and give them a tender, responsive heart, 20 so they will obey my decrees and regulations. Then they will truly be my people, and I will be their God.

Here are some of the characteristics of when Jesus will rule this universe.

We will see a time of righteousness and justice:

- **Psalm 72:12–13 (NLT) — 12 He will rescue the poor when they cry to him; he will help the oppressed, who have no one to defend them. 13 He feels pity for the weak and the needy, and he will rescue them.**
- **Isaiah 9:7 (NLT) — 7 His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the LORD of Heaven’s Armies will make this happen!**

There will be peace and security:

- **Micah 4:3–4 (NLT) — 3 The LORD will mediate between peoples and will settle disputes between strong nations far away. They will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will no longer fight against nation, nor train for war anymore. 4 Everyone will live in peace and prosperity, enjoying their own grapevines and fig trees, for there will be nothing to fear. The LORD of Heaven’s Armies has made this promise!**
- **Ezekiel 34:25–29 (NLT) — 25 “I will make a covenant of peace with my people and drive away the dangerous animals from the land. Then they will be able to camp safely in the wildest places and sleep in the woods without fear. 26 I will bless my people and their homes around my holy hill. And in the proper season I will send the showers they need. There will be showers of blessing. 27 The orchards and fields of my people will yield bumper crops, and everyone will live in safety. When I have broken their chains of slavery and rescued them from those who enslaved them, then they will know that I am the LORD. 28 They will no longer be prey for other nations, and wild animals will no longer devour them. They will live in safety, and no one will frighten them. 29 “And I will**

make their land famous for its crops, so my people will never again suffer from famines or the insults of foreign nations.

Everyone will acknowledge Jesus:

Isaiah 2:2–3 (NLT) — 2 In the last days, the mountain of the LORD’s house will be the highest of all—the most important place on earth. It will be raised above the other hills, and people from all over the world will stream there to worship. 3 People from many nations will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of Jacob’s God. There he will teach us his ways, and we will walk in his paths.” For the LORD’s teaching will go out from Zion; his word will go out from Jerusalem.

God’s Spirit will be poured out to all people:

- **Isaiah 44:3 (NLT) — 3 For I will pour out water to quench your thirst and to irrigate your parched fields. And I will pour out my Spirit on your descendants, and my blessing on your children.**
- **Ezekiel 36:27 (NLT) — 27 And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my regulations.**

We just learned what the Old Testament view of the age of the Messiah. Let’s look at the New Testament view of the Kingdom of God.

The Kingdom of God started with Jesus and His ministry on Earth:

Matthew 12:28 (NLT) — 28 But if I am casting out demons by the Spirit of God, then the Kingdom of God has arrived among you.

Everything will be made new in the Kingdom:

Revelation 21:1–4 (NLT) — 1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, “Look, God’s home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. 4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.”

When Jesus returns the all these wonderful things become a reality:

- **Revelation 11:15 (NLT) — 15 Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices shouting in heaven: “The world has now become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever.”**
- **Revelation 12:10 (NLT) — 10 Then I heard a loud voice shouting across the heavens, “It has come at last— salvation and power and the Kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters has been thrown down to earth— the one who accuses them before our God day and night.**

I know I have provided many scriptures and I guess the one thing I want us to realize is that one day, one glorious day all will be made new. One day Jesus will rule this world and this world will be as God first intended it to be from the beginning of time. Let’s have great hope about that glorious day!

Here is a verse from a Casting Crowns song Glorious Day:

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming

One day the skies with His glories will shine

Wonderful day, my Beloved One, bringing

My Savior, Jesus, is mine

Living, He loved me

Dying, He saved me

Buried, He carried my sins far away

Rising, He justified freely forever

One day He's coming

Oh glorious day, oh glorious day