

Christ Revealed in Psalms
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The Recovery of the Earth in the book of Psalms

Genesis 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. 27 And God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.*

Psalms 2:6 *But I have installed My King Upon Zion, My holy mountain.*

Psalms 47:2-3 *2 For Jehovah Most High is awesome: A great King over all the earth. 3 He subdues peoples under us, and nations under our feet.*

Ephesians 1:9-10 *9 Making known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Himself, 10 Unto the economy of the fullness of the times, to head up all things in Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth, in Him.*

Revelations 11:15 *... The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.*

Revelations 12:11 *And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they loved not their soul-life even unto death.*

Psalms 24:7 *Lift up your heads, O gates; And be lifted up, O long enduring doors; And the King of glory will come in.*

Further Scripture Reading: Psalms 2:8-9; 22:27-28; 48:1-2; 72:8, 19; 93:1; 97:1; 145:1, 11-13; Luke 24:44; Rev. 11:15

I. The book of Psalms unveil the recovery of the earth through God's reigning in Christ and His kingdom:

- A. Christ, the installed king (Psa. 2:6), will set up His kingdom with the nations as His inheritance and the ends of the earth as His possessions; He will rule the nations with an iron rod—Psa. 2:8-9; Rev. 11:15.
- B. Psalms 24:1 means that the Lord has the right, the title, to this earth.
- C. In Psalms 47:2-3 we see Christ as a great King over all the earth.
- D. As the King, Christ will come to judge the earth, the world and the peoples with righteousness and truth and He will reign over the nations—Psa. 96:3-13.
- E. According to Psalm 97, Christ will reign, and the earth will be glad and rejoicing—vs. 1, 8-9, 11-12.
- F. In the new heavens and new earth Christ will be exalted, praised as the King—Psa. 140-147.

II. God's created man to express Him with His image and to represent Him by exercising His dominion over all the earth—Gen. 1:26-27:

- A. Man is especially related to the earth, and the area where God desires man to rule is the earth; God needs man to recover the earth from the usurping hand of Satan, causing Satan to suffer loss on the earth—Gen. 1:26-27.
- B. After the fall of man, Christ came to bring the heavenly rule to earth so that the earth would be recover for God's interest and so that the will of God could be done on earth as in heaven—Matt. 2:2; 27:11; 4:17; 12:28.
- C. God's desire to obtain men who are able to praise; those who can praise are those who can deal with the enemy—Psalm 8:1-2; Matt. 21:16.
- D. The believers must pray for the coming of the kingdom until the earth is fully restored for God's will in the coming kingdom—Matt. 18:18-19.

Questions:

1. How does God recover the earth back to Himself?
2. What is God's purpose in creating man?
3. How can man cooperate with God to deal with the enemy and recover the earth back to God?

Hymn

Behold how good and how pleasant it is,
For brethren to dwell together in unity!
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It is like the precious ointment upon the head,
That ran down upon the beard,
Even Aaron's beard:
That went down to the skirts of his garments.

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As the dew of Hermon, And as the dew that descended
Upon the mountains of Zion:
For there the Lord commanded the blessing,
Even life forevermore.