

**Psalm 22: 27-31; “The Ends of Earth Remembering”, A Sermon on Christ’s
Application of Redemption, Delivered by Pastor Paul Rendall,
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We have come to the last section of this glorious Psalm which has told us so much of the thoughts of Christ during His sufferings on the cross, and afterwards in His victorious resurrection. Now today we come to the application and the results of that redemption. It says here in verse 27 that “All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the Lord.” This last section of the Psalm ends by telling us what will be the result of Christ’s application of this great redemption that He accomplished on the part of all of His people. What does it mean when it says – All the ends of the world will remember? Well, 1st of all – It will mean that all the families of the nations shall turn to the Lord and worship before our God. 2nd – It will mean that all the families of the earth shall come to realize what spiritual prosperity is. And 3rd – It will mean that all the families of the earth shall understand the importance of recounting what the Lord has done in their generation.

1st of all – The ends of the earth remembering, will mean that all the families of the nations shall turn to the Lord and worship before our God. (verses 27 & 28)

Verse 27 says: “All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.” “For the kingdom is the Lord’s and He rules over the nations.” Let us seek to understand what is being said here. It certainly is true that someday at the end of the world, when Christ returns that He will bring in the New Heavens and New Earth, and at that time that all of the families of the nations will worship God. But it says here – All of the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the Lord. And so, we must ask ourselves – What shall they remember? And why would they need to turn to the Lord during that time when the eternal state begins? No, this verse is not talking about the New Heavens and New Earth. It is talking about someday in this present Church age. This is speaking of people turning to the Lord in their conversion to Christ.

What shall the many peoples in those nations remember then? They shall remember that the kingdom is the Lord’s. They shall remember that Christ’s spiritual Kingdom is greater than any and all political kingdoms. They will remember that this greatest of kingdoms belongs to Christ; that they belong to Him, and that He rules over all of the nations. This is the truth which the nations have largely forgotten all down through this Church age, thus far. But in the future, this truth shall come with power to many people in all the nations of the world, to the ends of the earth. It will come to many people and many nations that they need Christ; that the nation that they live in needs Christ to rule over them. As nations of people they will remember that without Christ, without being a part of His Kingdom, they would only serve idols. They would only pursue vain, and worldly and sinful things, without Christ.

Eventually, these verses are saying, many people in many nations will come to realize this truth like they never have before, that they need to turn to the Lord for salvation, so that they might have good government and be responsible God-fearing citizens in their nation. Psalm 33: 12 – Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He has chosen as His own inheritance.” People, then, will remember that the only good governments that have existed since time began were those governments which trusted in the Lord and recognized His authority. And they will, in times to come, incorporate the truth of God’s word into their Constitutions and into their laws.

At a certain time in the future, it is saying here, eventually, all the nations of the world to the ends of the earth will come to see their need of Christ. They shall remember what God has said in His word; what He has promised in His word that He would do, which is to exalt His Son and

His Son's Kingdom among the nations of the world. People in that day will remember that when Christ was raised from the dead He was given the purchase deed to all the nations of this world. Turn with me over to Psalm 2, verses 7-9. "I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You.'" "Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession." "You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel."

This is not speaking of Christ's 2nd Coming, as you might think at first glance, but it is speaking of the Father's breaking the power of all of the nations who oppose and resist His purpose; that of exalting Christ and His kingdom. The Father does this to exalt Christ for His great work of redemption. He does this so that Christ's kingdom will eventually come to spiritually rule over all the earth. At the end of the 2nd Psalm you find this exhortation: "Now therefore, be wise, O kings; be instructed, you judges of the earth." "Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling." Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little." This is an exhortation to kings, ruler, and judged in all the earth, to repent. Many Christians mistakenly believe, that it will take Christ's Second Coming to break the nations of their false worship, but the Lord Jesus knows that it is the purpose of the Father to do this great thing, through the preaching of many ministers, the sharing of His word by His Church and the pouring out of His Spirit on their efforts. In Revelation 19: 15, it is the sword which comes out of Christ's mouth that strikes the nations, both to judge and to save.

It is the Father's purpose because of the greatness of what Christ did on the cross, to save a number which no man can number from among those nations. It is very true that God the Father has providentially so ordered things that Christ's kingdom has ruled in the midst of His enemies in all times of this Church age, whether they are individual people or whether they are nations. The Lord Jesus knows that He and the Father will save individual people from all tribes, tongues, peoples, and nations. But He also knows that it is the Father's purpose that His kingdom will take possession of whole nations as well, before He comes back to judge the world. That is what our verses are referring to. That progress will eventually result in complete victory, in the complete triumph of Christ's kingdom over all the kingdoms of this world, so that they will turn to Him and worship Him. The kingdom is the Lord's. He rules over the nations.

The Father's purpose is clearly revealed for us in Psalm 110, verses 1 and 2. There it says – "The Lord (that is the Father) said to my Lord (that is the Son), 'Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool.'" "The Lord shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion." "Rule in the midst of Your enemies." So, the Father, it is saying here, would send the rod of Christ's strength, that is the gospel, out of Zion. The gospel would proceed forth from the lips of the apostles, out of the fledgling church at Jerusalem. And then in all of the generations following until Christ returns, the Father will have His Son to sit at His right hand where He now is; ruling and reigning in righteousness, until the Father puts all His enemies under His feet. In other words, our Lord Jesus Christ will remain there until all of these enemies are put under His feet by His Father's actions and His working among the nations to destroy their idols and to establish His Son's kingdom. Until that time, then, when all the enemies are put under Christ's feet, Christ will not return.

Now, we must joyfully confess that, looking at things from the human standpoint, there has been a certain very tangible amount of success and gospel prosperity which has taken place. As we look back over all the generations since Christ went to sit at the Father's right hand, we see great progress, don't we? And yet as we look at the advance of His kingdom among all the nations, we see that His gospel has not yet conquered any one of those nations to the extent that we would presently call it a "Christian nation". What ought our goal to be then? It is that we would continue to preach Christ and His gospel of salvation, and Christ and His glory, in terms of living the Christian life. This is something that by the power of the Spirit working in us, that

we can do. It is something that we can, we should, and we will remember, and turn to the Lord for greater power and opportunities to proclaim Him.

We will remember to preach the truth of the gospel of Christ. We will preach the truth about what it means to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. We will teach against all that is false in doctrine, and all that is pleasing and displeasing to our God in worship. And when we focus on these things, my brethren, in connection with the glory of living the Christian life, we shall eventually succeed, even if we are greatly opposed. People will know us by our fruits. And when we succeed in this mission, of preaching the gospel and the glory of the Christian life, eventually these great false religions which Satan has raised up will come to an end. When the word comes with power, then all idols underfoot shall be trod. When success is granted to the Church's efforts, then false religions will come down. And that will mean the setting up of Christ's kingdom in a greater sense than ever before; that is, on the greater level of the nations. It will mean the victory of Christ's kingdom upon the earth.

It is spoken of in this same way, again, in Psalm 102, verses 12-17 – “But You, O Lord, shall endure forever, and the remembrance of your name to all generations.” “You will arise and have mercy on Zion; for the time to favor her, yes, the set time, has come.” “For your servants take pleasure in her stones, and show favor to her dust, so the nations shall fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth Your glory.” “For the Lord shall build up Zion; He shall appear in His glory.” “He shall regard the destitute, and shall not despise their prayer.” So, I want you to see this, my brethren, that Christ died not only that God's individual elect people would be saved, but that His kingdom might come to reign upon the earth.

It says so in Revelation chapter 5, verses 9 and 10 – “For You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nations, and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth.” Let us also remember Isaiah 53: 11 – “Christ shall see the travail of His soul and be satisfied.” And Isaiah 52: 15 – “So shall He sprinkle many nations.” “Kings shall shut their mouths at Him; for what had not been told them they shall see, and what they had not heard they shall consider.” And so, before Christ comes back, and before this old world ends, we should know that the ends of the world shall remember the promises of God and turn to Him when He pours out His Spirit upon them.

2nd – All the ends of the earth, remembering, means that those people and nations who believe in Jesus shall come to realize what spiritual prosperity is.

Verse 29 says: “All the prosperous of the earth shall eat and worship; all those who go down to the dust shall bow before Him, even he who cannot keep himself alive.” I hope that you can see how very important it is that you understand what spiritual prosperity is. It is vitally important in order to live your life unto God that you grow rich in spiritual things; glorying in the rich of grace in Christ, and then becoming rich toward God, and rich in good works toward other people. If you will live only to yourself, you can only prosper in earthly things. You may gain the whole world. You may become prosperous in worldly wealth and possessions, and yet lose your soul. So, who are the truly prosperous of the earth? The prosperous of the earth, here in these verses, are those who spiritually become partakers of Christ, and all the blessings of His grace. They become rich in faith and every grace.

Every sinner who believes in Jesus Christ is made spiritually prosperous, because as the believe they then become rich as they partake of Christ's sacrifice by faith. Listen to 2nd Corinthians 8, verse 9 – “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.” This is saying that when you believe in Christ, it is His intention that by His grace that you would become a spiritual rich man. Since you are made spiritually fat by His grace and truth, you are able to obey His word, and you are truly able to worship the Lord of glory. You are able to be rich toward God in praise, and giving to Him your life, your strength, your all, to Him. It is

translated in the King James this way: “All the fat of the earth shall eat and worship.” The American Standard Version and the Revised Standard Version translate it as “the fat ones of the earth shall eat and worship”.

There are two categories of people here in verse 29; those who are prosperous and those who go down to the dust. Those who believe in Christ and those who do not. The soul of the person believing in Jesus is made fat by partaking of spiritual things which will nourish their soul, and give them the fullness of grace to prosper greatly, to the glory of God. The soul of the person who does not believe in Jesus shall still will bow before Him on the Day of Judgment, even though they cannot keep themselves alive. Proverbs 28: 25 says – “He who is of a proud heart stirs up strife, but he who trusts in the Lord will be prospered.” (He shall be made fat) How thankful we should be that the Lord has called us to be partakers of the Divine nature, to partake of spiritual food which will enrich our souls and make us fat.

This prosperity begins by your partaking of Christ who is the bread of life. Christ Himself says in John chapter 6, verse 35 – “I am the bread of life.” “He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.” And again, He says in verse 51 – “I am the living bread which came down from heaven.” “If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.” So, eating Christ spiritually, leads to the greatest spiritual prosperity. For in Him are all the riches of wisdom and knowledge, both in terms of being saved, and in terms of living the Christian life. When a person begins to feed on Christ, they are feeding upon His faithfulness in what He has done for sinners. They are feeding upon His faithfulness to give them spiritual life, and spiritual health, and spiritual strength to do God’s will in everything. They feed upon the truth of His word, and they grow stronger in faith.

As it says in Psalm 1, when the believer’s delight is in the law of the Lord and He meditates in His law day and night, he will then become a tree by the rivers of living water; a tree that will bring forth its fruit in its season, and whose leaf will not wither; and whatever he will do, shall prosper. That is what our text is saying, on a very great scale. The spiritually prosperous eat and they worship. They feed on Christ’s faithfulness and they worship through Him their Mediator, the one true and living God. They give God and Christ the glory for this great salvation that they have partaken of, and they become rich towards God. The blessing of the Lord makes them rich spiritually, and He adds no sorrow to it, it says in Proverbs 10: 22. They learn to become successful in living the Christian life as His righteous ones and holy ones.

Joshua 1, verses 8 and 9 say this: “This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it.” “For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.” So, spiritual prosperity is something that you must work at, as you can see from these verses. You work at keeping God’s law in your heart, you work at meditating upon it day and night, so that you may observe to do all that is written in it, and then you are told, and you believe it with all your heart, you will have good success. You will know spiritual prosperity. And the more that your soul prospers, the more that you will want to give yourself to further the cause of Christ; that is, financially, and with your time and strength.

Turn with me to Isaiah 60, verses 5b-9. Listen to these words about those who will live in the time period of the Latter-Day glory of the church, and how the Gentiles will give of their wealth to further Christ’s kingdom. Speaking of the Kingdom of Christ and how it will be furthered by the Gentiles, in relation to the converted Jews, it says this – “The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you.” “The multitude of camels shall cover your land, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come; they shall bring gold and incense, and they shall proclaim the praises of the Lord.” “All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together to you, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; they shall ascend with acceptance on My altar,

and I will glorify the house of My glory.” “Who are these who fly like a cloud, and like doves to their roosts?” Surely the coastlands shall wait for Me; and the ships of Tarshish will come first, to bring your sons from afar, their silver and their gold with them, to the name of the Lord your God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because He has glorified you.”

Ah, this is what it will mean for them to remember and to turn to the Lord in those days; all the families of the earth, eating and worshipping together, because many people in their respective nations have been converted to Christ. They will all enter in the same way, the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith in Him. They will all be zealous for good works. They will all give financially in a great way to promote Christ’s kingdom. And God the Father will bless all of these nations that have exalted His Son, and have welcomed the idea of the Jews becoming a part of the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ. Listen to Isaiah 60, verses 15-17 – “Whereas you have been forsaken and hated, so that no one went through you, I will make you an eternal excellence, a joy of many generations.” “You shall drink the milk of the Gentiles, and milk the breast of kings; you shall know that I, the Lord, am your Savior and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.”

“Instead of bronze I will bring gold, instead of iron I will bring silver, instead of wood, bronze, and instead of stones, iron.” “I will also make your officers peace, and your magistrates righteousness.” “Violence shall no longer be heard in your land, neither wasting nor destruction within your borders; but you shall call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise.” So the people elected to government in that day shall be godly men and women. The magistrates will be righteous in these many nations. This is what it will mean when all the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before Him. Will you not pray for the fulfillment of these verses in our own land, and for revival to come to all the nations of the world?

3rd – The Ends of the Earth Remembering will mean that all the families of the earth shall understand the importance of recounting what the Lord has done in their generation.

Verse 30 says: “A posterity shall serve Him.” “It will be recounted of the Lord to the next generation, they will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born, that He has done this.” Are you not glad, that this is something that we ourselves as Christians can do in our own generation? Each and every generation of Christians can praise the Lord that there will be a posterity which shall serve Him, if their children come to know the Lord. Each generation can recount the wonders of grace which have been shown to them, and promises that God has kept, and things which have been done by God for them.

Each generation can declare Christ’s righteousness to the next. Christ has done all that God has required, in order for Him to look upon us with favor. Christ has suffered, bled, and died to atone for all of our sins. Christ has been raised from the dead as the manifestation of God’s intention; that is, to apply all the benefits of salvation to the hearts of His people, so that they might be changed from glory to glory, and be made fit for heaven. Concerning this great time that is coming, for the advance of Christ’s kingdom among the nations, we find a very great promise which is given to the Jews in relation to their conversion; the principle of which I believe that we can pray will take place in the minds and hearts of all Gentile Christians as well.

It is found in Isaiah 59: 20 and 21 – “The Redeemer will come to Zion, and to those who turn from transgression in Jacob,’ says the Lord.” “As for Me, says the Lord, this is My covenant with them: My Spirit who is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants’ descendants,’ says the Lord, ‘from this time and forevermore.” What a great promise this is, and out of it will flow all of this tremendous gospel success and blessing as we

have been thinking about. Let us be those who boast in the Lord and the great things that He has done, and the great things that He will do in the future.

I hope that you will be one of those believers who lives out the truth of Psalm 145, verses 10-12. “All Your works shall praise You, O Lord, and Your saints shall bless You.” “They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, and talk of Your power, to make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of His kingdom.” “Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures through all generations.” Let us learn to serve our God and our Christ in just this way; to recount His mighty works in our lives, and in relating whatever has been godly in the history of our nation. Let us declare His works, and always be read to declare God’s righteousness to a people who will be born, that He has done these great things to exalt His Son and His Son’s Kingdom.