

APPOINTED HEIR

Sunday Morning: February 18, 2001

Text: Hebrews 1:2-6 "Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

3. Who being the brightness of *his* glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;
4. Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.
5. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?
6. And again, when he bringeth in the first begotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him."

Last Sunday we reflected on the facts that God spoke in time past to the fathers by prophets. Not one single prophet had all the revelation of God. Until the New Testament was completed not all the prophets that God used in the early days of the New Testament had all of the knowledge of God until together in the Book that we have. So in these last days God the Father is speaking to us through His son. Obviously we do not have the Son with us physically today, so we need to reflect upon what has been written by Luke and John and the apostles and some that were not apostles. Reflecting upon what these men wrote we can respond to how His Son is speaking to us. In Hebrews 1:2 it says

HEIR OF ALL THINGS

Hebrews 1:2 "Hath in these last days **spoken unto us by *his* Son**, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds [ages];"

Last Sunday we mentioned the fact that the prophets were speaking about the inheritance of the nation of Israel. In this age, speaking to us through His Son, He is speaking about the inheritance that we have through the Lord Jesus Christ. We are to consider Jesus Christ because he is the example that we need to pattern our lives after so that we can enter into our inheritance as the nation of Israel could have entered into their inheritance, but were move out of their inheritance because of disobedience. Obviously the bottom line is the God wants his children to be obedient to His Word. The Word of God is to be the touchstone or the guide line in which we govern what we believe and how we live and practice. In Hebrews chapter twelve verses one through three we have a portion of scripture that encourages us to consider Him. To consider the Son.

CONSIDER HIM

Hebrews 12:1-3 "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of **witnesses**, let us **lay aside every weight**, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and **let us run with patience** the race that is set before us, 2. **Looking unto Jesus** the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and **is set down at the right hand of the throne of God**. 3. For **consider him that endured** such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds."

We are to consider Him that endured. We are to be looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of

our faith, and to do that we are encouraged to endure. Endurance is very difficult if we are weighted down. We will be come exhausted quickly. No one runs a marathon with boot with lead in them, particularly if they want to finish. Now if they want to run 100 yards that is one thing. There are weights in our life that can cause us to be come weary in well doing. And the word 'sin' has the definite article 'the' in front of it and it is the sin of lawlessness. Some people talk about our besetting sin, this sin is a sin of lawlessness. The sin of lawlessness says that we can do anything believe anything we want to even though the Word of God does not support it. Lawlessness can cause us to be defeated in our endurance.

When we look at the witnesses that are referred to in verse one it is referring to the witnesses in Hebrews 11. All of these in Hebrews 11 are men and women of faith and we are to look at their lives. They were not perfect. I was reflecting a little this morning on those witnesses and there is only two that I recall in Hebrews 11 that do not have definite sins mentioned that they did. One of them was Able. There is no references to anything that Able did. Then the other one that I can think of that is referred to (and that I did not find) and see if his name is even here. I do not see his name in here. I was thinking that Daniel's name was in there, but Daniel's name is not there (other than in the mentioning of the prophets in verse 32). The point I am trying to make is this. I am encouraged to keep on keeping on because I can look at all these people with their warts and things because they were not perfect in other words. You know what that includes me. I can be encourage by some one who did not live a perfect life. We know that that they pleased God. Jesus was perfect in the fact that He did not sin and so I can look unto Him and pattern my life after his life. It says 'Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross.' What was the joy that was set before our Lord Jesus Christ? I believe it was the Father's approval. He wanted to do what His Father wanted him to do, and we will see that in more detail in just moment. The joy that was set before him was to rule and reign in the coming kingdom. To enter into the inheritance that His father had given him as we read in Hebrews chapter one. So the joy that was set before him had to with His inheritance, therefore he endured the cross. He endure the crucifixion, yes, but He also endured the cross that he took up daily. That cross had to do with his father's will, therefore we need to pattern our life after this example. Because he was willing to endure the cross, despising the shame that would come with disobedience, we read that he 'is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. He is at his father's right hand and that were we want to be. We want to be where the Lord would have us to be in his coming kingdom. We all can't be on the left hand and on the right hand. James and John had that aspiration, but Jesus said well it's not mine to give and it is tough to get there. It takes some suffering, the same kind of suffering that Jesus Christ had to go through drinking that cup and the baptism that he had to be baptized with which had to do with suffering. So we are to consider Him that endured contradiction of sinner against himself. We are going to have people that are going to appose us to try to hinder us and if we will consider them, we will become weary and faint in our own minds. We need to consider Jesus.

In John 4:34 Jesus said unto his disciple and the woman at the well:

TO DO HIS WILL

John 4:34 "Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work."

Looking unto Jesus and considering Jesus, our sustenance is to be doing the will of the Father and finishing. People are quitting to day left and right, but the Word of God says we are to finish. Jesus set that example. In John 6:38 it says:

NOT MY WILL

John 6:38 "For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me."

That is the example. That is the Father speaking to us in the Son. We are to be obedient to our to our heavenly Father. In John 18:11:

CUP OF CRUCIFIXION

John 18:11 "Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: **the cup** which my Father hath given me, **shall I not drink it?**"

What Peter was going to do was to whip out his trusty sword and fend off all these people that were going to take him and crucify Him. The Lord rebuked him. He said don't you want me to drink the cup that my Father gave me. That is what He came to do. He came to drink that cup. In fact in Mark 14:36. This is Jesus in the garden:

NOT MY WILL, BUT THINE

Mark 14:36 "And he said, **Abba**, Father, all things *are* possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless **not what I will**, but what thou wilt."

Jesus wanted the will of the Father.

GOD'S WILL ACCOMPLISHED

Hebrews 1:3 "Who being the brightness of *his* glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when **he had by himself purged our sins**, sat down on the **right hand** of the **Majesty on high**;"

When he had by him self purged our sins what did he say on the cross? It is finished. Is that finishing the work that God had him to do, yes indeed. Where was he privileged to sit after having accomplished what God sent to do? At his right hand. God has extended His ministry beyond that finished work in that He is our high priest. He is interceding on our behalf to day. We are to consider the apostle and high priest of our profession in Hebrews chapter three verse one and two.

CONSIDER CHRIST JESUS

Hebrews 3:1-2 "Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, **consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus**; 2. Who was **faithful to him (the Father)** that **appointed** him, as also Moses *was faithful* in all his house"

What are we to consider? The fact that Jesus Christ was faithful. We need to be faithful to the Lord. In fact in verse six:

WE NEED TO BE FAITHFUL

Hebrews 3:6 "But Christ as a son over his own house; **whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence** and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end."

We need to hold fast our confidence in him our example and our rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

Then back to Hebrews chapter one verse two:

APPOINTED HEIR

Hebrews 1:2 "Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath **appointed heir** of all things, by whom also he made the worlds [ages];"

Jesus Christ is the heir of all things. He has it all and he was appointed heir. He has also appointed us an inheritance as well as he did the apostles in Luke 22:28-30.

APPOINTED UNTO US

Luke 22:28-30 "Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations. 29. And I **appoint** unto **you a kingdom**, as my Father hath **appointed unto me**; 30. That ye may eat and drink at my table **in my kingdom**, and **sit on thrones** judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

This was an inheritance promised to the apostles. We know that Judas forfeited that position by his behavior, he did not finish. He failed, but he says that I appoint unto you a kingdom just like my Father has appointed unto me a kingdom. Just like God the Father appointed the nation of Israel an inheritance in the land flowing with milk and honey. By their disobedience they were disqualified to have that inheritance. We know that one day that will be restore to them, but as an example to us we need to appreciate that we can lose our inheritance as well.

THE SON OVERCAME

Revelation 3:21-22 "To him that **overcometh** will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even **as I also overcame**, and am set down **with my Father in his throne**. 22. **He that hath an ear, let him hear** what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

What we are talking about this morning are ways of overcoming. What do we have to do to be an overcomer. First of all is obedience. I think secondly, I think it is finishing. What a tragedy it is to be obedient and to be faithful for the first fifty years and then blow it in the last two or three years of our life. We need to finish our course. So we find that Jesus Christ was an overcomer and he said if you will be an overcomer you will share my throne and rule and reign with me.

In 1 Corinthians six, Paul tells us there is something we need to know. Verse nine says:

KNOW THIS TRUTH

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 "**Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither** fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, **10.** Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, **shall inherit the kingdom of God.**"

The unjust shall not inherit the kingdom of God. This does not have anything to do with salvation. This has to do with our inheritance. Don't be deceived. Let me tell you, people can be deceived and it says here '**neither** fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, **10.** Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, **shall inherit the kingdom of God.**' The inheriting of the kingdom God has to do with thrones and principalities and ruling and reigning. This is not what is commonly referred to day as entering the kingdom. People refer to getting saved as entering the kingdom. That is not salvation. You become a child of God. That doesn't have anything to do with entering the kingdom. That expression has become prominent since we have moved to Minnesota. Before we move to Minnesota and I would say, in the first five years we had never heard that express of entering the kingdom and associating with salvation. I would say it has been in the last 13 year or so that expression has been has been synonymous. You know what that is part of deception and confusion. What it does is takes away the significance of the coming kingdom of our Lord and the fact that we need to preserve to enter into that kingdom. If we don't do the will of the Father the word of God says that we will not enter the kingdom. If we are born from above we will see it but if we don't do the will of the Father we will not enter it. Therefore we to know that if we are unjust we will lose our inheritance.

Second Peter chapter one tells to be diligent:

BE DILIGENT

2 Peter 1:10-11 "Wherefore the rather, **brethren, give diligence** to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: **11. For so an entrance** shall be ministered unto you abundantly **into the everlasting kingdom** of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

The falling here has to do with quitting, stopping the enduring race. If we will make our calling and election sure we will have an abundant entrance into His kingdom. It says verse eleven:

We are to be diligent if we expect to rule and reign with Christ.

Revelation 21:7 reminds us again of the significance of being an overcomer.

OVERCOMERS INHERIT

Revelation 21:7 "**He that overcometh shall inherit all things**; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son."

Did you know if your are not a son you will not rule and reign with Christ. It's the sons of God who rule today. Satan is a son of God. The Prince of Persia is a son of God. They are angels to day, but one day the angels will no longer rule and reign. Those sons of God will be replaced by the sons of God who finished their course are the ones who will rule and reign.

In 1 Corinthians in chapter fifteen we are encourage to be stedfast and unmoveable.

BE STEDFAST, UNMOVEABLE

1 Corinthians 15:57-58 "But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. **58.** Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

Beloved it takes steadfastness. It takes being unmoveable. It takes abounding in the work of the Lord if we expect our work and labor not to be in vain. That is the example that Jesus Christ gave us. And we need to follow that example.

Paul followed that example in second Timothy chapter four when Paul said in verse seven:

PAUL FINISHED

2 Timothy 4:7-8 "I have fought a good fight, **I have finished *my* course**, I have kept the faith: **8. Henceforth** there is laid up for me **a crown** of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

What was the life style of Paul? He was a fighter. He was a finisher. He was a man of faith. He finished and notice that he will receive a crown. What is a crown associated with? A kingdom and ruling and reigning. Do you know what helped Paul to fight the fight that he needed to fight and finish the course and to keep the faith? The anticipation of the soon return of the Lord Jesus Christ. You know what, when you begin to say in your heart the Lord delayeth his coming, do you know what happens to your life style? It changes. It means you have time to slip and do things that are not pleasing to the Lord. Eat, drink, and be drunken. That is not the will of the Lord. I am not saying we are not suppose to have food and drink, but we are not to be drunken on food and not to be drunken on drink. We are not to be mistreating one another. This behavior will cause us to be disqualified to rule and reign in the coming kingdom of heaven. We need to be anticipating his soon return.

In Revelation seventeen and verse fourteen it says:

KINGS AND LORDS

Revelation 17:14 "These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and **King of kings**: and they that are **with him** are called, and chosen, and faithful."

We are encouraged to be faithful. Why is he in that group? Because He is called, He is chosen, and He has been faithful. And if we have these values we too will be with him.

In Revelation chapter three and verses four and five.

THEY ARE WORTHY

Revelation 3:4-5 "Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk **with me** in white: **for they are worthy**. 5. He that **overcometh**, the same shall be **clothed in white raiment**; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels."

I don't know about you, but I want to be with Him in his kingdom. I want to be ruling and reigning with him and I am taking my roll model as being the Son of God who lived on this earth for one purpose, to please his heavenly Father and to finish the work that He gave him to do. And you know, Jesus told his disciples as the Father has sent me, what? Even so, send I you. There is no difference the same goes for us as well. May the Lord help us to listen to the example that is given to us by His Son for the Word of God.