

SELAH #13: PSALM 24:7-10/ACTS 1: 9-11 "GOD'S CHOSEN VICTOR"

I don't know what u turn to for a lift. Sometimes you need a Lift. Coffee morning lift. Music. Prayer. U really needed a LYFT. TAKES ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER. BIG LIFT. Jesus didn't Lyft to take him from earth to heaven. **HE GOT A LIFT FROM THE FATHER.**

- Ascension. ONE OF THE MOST UNDERVALUED ASPECTS OF EASTER WEEK. Amazing Easter Week. Thousands Join us. Gospel. Worship. Art. Dance. Worship. **MANY** The story isn't over. **The Resurrection isn't a happy ending to the earthly ministry of Jesus. - And they all lived happily ever after.**

MP: Jesus Christ's ascension means the story isn't over, but rather that God's Kingdom and New Creation have been inaugurated in real time.

PAINT THE PICTURE: Royal procession. Conquering King returned heaven, victorious over his enemies. gates heaven are open. whole host of heaven is gathered. Son coronated, crown on His head seated in honor right hand of the Father. Declared Lord AL Hebrews 9:24 For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

WE LIVE OUR LIVES HEADS DOWN. EVEN COMING INTO WORSHIP CENTER

To get the lift you need lift your head up to heaven to see what's happened in Christ.

Colossians 3:1-2 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things on earth.

JESUS RULES AS THE KING OF GLORY

King of glory: Jesus is the warrior King who conquered His enemies, is received in Heaven, and brings glory to the Trinity by inaugurating the New Creation through His Kingdom as history moves towards the renewal of all things.

- **Prayer Answered: Father....restore the glory**
 - o Glory: Visible manifestation of God in all His power and beauty.

JESUS IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD

- The religious leaders had a major issue with this. **EQUALITY + ABS POWER**
 - o JESUS IN CONTROL. RULING/REIGNING. **Control Freaks Drive. WHEEL**

Acts 2:36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.

Jesus already reigns from heaven, but the full transformation of the world is not yet complete — it's why we see glimpses of glory even in a broken world.

JESUS EMPOWERS THE CHURCH TO FULFILL ITS VOCATION

Vocation: We all are share a calling and purpose that comes from God.

From heaven, Jesus supplies power to His people through the Holy Spirit. **HEAVENLIKE?**

- **Transformation:** Your transformed life is a picture of things to come...
 - o **Christianity is true and it works. PEOPLE WANT THAT.**

Church Example:

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Because Christ is seated as King, His Spirit works now in us to manifest the realities of that kingdom on earth...

- **Exaltation:** R community picture things to come. GOD AMONG US. EXALT HIM
The Resurrection lifted Jesus from death; the Ascension lifted Him to the throne, and we lift him up in worship.

- **Mission:** Our mission is a picture of things to come.
Because He lifted us up, we lift up others in Jesus name.

Vegas 5th most unchurch city in country. Fewest people reg attending. **CHANGE THAT**

Revelation 7:9-10 A multitude from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.

JESUS INTERCEDES FOR THOSE WHO COME TO HIM

- He mediates the New Covenant. HE BRINGS YOU TO THE FATHER
Hebrews 7:25 He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

o He saves TO THE UTTERMOST. HE LIFTS YOU UP. OUT OF UR SIN. LIFT
Ephesians 2:4. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

HAVE YOU OPENED UP THE GATES OF YOUR HEART TO THE KING OF GLORY?

Heaven has opened up to receive it's time that you do to.

History isn't spiraling