I Will Arise

Lesson 4, 1st Quarterly Lesson 3 - 9, 2024.

Sabbath Afternoon Message 5

Memory Text:

"For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, says the LORD; I will set him in safety from him that puffeth at him." KJV – Psalm 12:5

"The forbearance that God has exercised toward the wicked, embolden men in transgression; but their punishment will come in the same manner as the flood for being long delayed. The Lord shall rise up as in Mount Perazim, and be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon, that he may do his work, his strange work, and bring to pass his act, his strange act. Isa. 28:21. The day of the Lord is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasting and desolation. Zeph. 1:15. The day of the great wrath of God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Ezek. 33:11. "Behold, I am a fearful and gracious, long-suffering God, slow to anger, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin." Yet he will "by no means clear the guilty." Exodus 34:6, 7. While he does not delight in vengeance, he will execute judgment upon the transgressors of his law. He is forced to do this, to preserve the inhabitants of the earth from utter depravity and ruin. In order to save some he must cut off those who are incorrigible. Sometimes he has to take the ax of destruction and lay it at the root of the tree. Sometimes he must arise and cry came before him, even into his ears. Then the judgments of God will be poured upon the wicked, till his mind and wrath, because he was wrath, and grieved at the sins of his people, and his ear is open to their cry." Testimonies for the Church, vol. 5, p. 211. "Behold, the heavens also, and came down: and darkness was under his feet. And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind. He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies." KJV – Psalm 18:9, 10, 11.

"The God of the Hebrews had presided over the proud Egyptian, and had brought his people out from the midst of the surrounding nations. In Jerusalem the hearts of the people had been softened by the long-continued mercy of God, and they had been brought into close relationship and with many tears. In their great need they had trusted wholly in the power of God to save, and the Lord had heard them. Now the temple courts resounded with songs of solemn praise." PK 261.4

"More terrible manifestations than the world has ever yet witnessed are to be revealed at the second advent of Christ. "The mountains quake at Him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at His presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein. Who can stand before His indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of His anger? Nahum 1:5, 6. "Now Thy Redeemer, O Israel, cometh to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the Lord." Isa. 59:20. "Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee." Rev. 3:9. "