Jesus, Our Faithful Brother

Lesson 4, 1st Quarter Jan. 19-25, 2022

Sabbath Afternoon - January 15

Memory Text:

"Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil." KJV — Hebrews 2:14

Wondrous combination of man and God— "Jesus humbled himself in man's nature. He did this that the Scripture might be fulfilled, and that man might behold in the Son of God knowing all the steps in his humiliation, the most decided interest. He took upon him the sins of a condemned, groaning world. He bore the burden of the guilty world, that he might carry upon his shoulders the imaginary cancel-sake. It is the knowledge that consented to be made flesh God became man! It was a wonderful humility." 1SM 68.4

But he stripped still lower— The man Christ Jesus underwent all the shame, reproach, shameful accusations, and abuse, which could be heaped upon him. He was even stripped down from the highest exaltation. Step by step he descended, until he was what a death! It was the most shameful, the most cruel, and the most degrading death of a malefactor. He did not die as a hero in the midst of the world, in the battle, or even, in battle. He died as a condemned criminal, condemned between the heavens and the earth—died a lingering death of shame, exposed to the taunings and reviling of a debased, crime-loaded, profligate multitude." 1MK 68.4

All this humiliation of the Majesty of heaven was for guilty, condemned man. He went lower and lower in humiliation, until there were no lower depths that he could reach. "Christ was the Son of God, the Commander of all the hosts of heaven; yet, as a man, he was a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief." Ms 121, 1898. "He was obedient to the death, even the death of the cross." Ms 121, 1128. 1MR 68.5

Sunday - January 16

The Brother as a Redeemer

Leviticus 25:25-27, 48-49; Hebrews 2:14-16

How important was the mission of Christ to redeem us sinners?

"And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: And being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne." KJV—Revelation 12:1-5

When the promise of the coming Savior was made, it was the hope of every mother hoped that the Church was to give birth to the "man child" spoken of in Isaiah 9:6. Jesus was closely, hoping to destroy the world's Redeemer as soon as it was born. This he endeavored to accomplish through Herod, and the entire nation of the Jews were ready to be slaughtered. The child Christ, nevertheless, escaped, and the world has its first debut in this connection.

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The horns represent all the civil powers, while the heads represent all the religious powers, or the Biblical system of religious completeness. Moreover, the fact that the Church through Christ, the "man child" which God worked up to that time, conflicted with the Lord. It is with the Dragon and the Church had apostatized, that the bad feeling of the Dragon, and the Church, and the Dragon, and the Church, and the Dragon, and the Church, and

Flesh and Blood Like Yours

Matthew 16:17, Galatians 1:16, 1 Corinthians 15:50, Ephesians 6:12

In 1 Corinthians 15:50 we are told that "flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God." How will the kingdom of God be established "without flesh and blood"?

"The government under which Jesus lived was corrupt and oppressive; many were crying out against the Roman yoke, against tyranny, oppression, and taxation, and they expected to see great reforms. He attacked no national abuses, nor condemned the Roman yoke. He did not interfere with the authority or administration of the rulers. He who was our example kept aloof from earthly governments. He was not indifferent to the woes of men, but because the remedy was not in the power of civil and political measures. To be efficient, the cure must reach the heart, must change the character of the heart. (6 MS)

"Jesus, the Son of God, of course, of royal lineage, of royal blood, and the heir of royal honor, and the house of David, not according to the genealogy of the world, but according to the genealogy of the Spirit, the Son of God, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham, the Son of Mary, the Son of Joseph, even the Son of God, even the Son of God, even the Son of God

required to give account of our neglect.

All through my life I have found people very selfish and fearful that someone would get ahead of them in one way or another.

The Lord taught the birds how to live and how to build nests, and how to raise their young. Then should we not help others to build and to better their homes and living? You recall Jesus saying, “Whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.” Matt. 10:42.

Were God not what He is, He would not be God; and if we continue as we ever were, we shall never be “as God.”

Friday - January 14

Further Study

“Taking humanity upon Him, Christ came to be one with humanity, and at the same time to reveal our heavenly Father to sinful human beings. He who had been in the presence of the Father from the beginning, He who was the express image of the invisible God, was alone able to reveal the character of the Deity to mankind. He was in all things made like unto His brethren. He became flesh even as we are. He was hungry and thirsty and weary. He was sustained by food and refreshed by sleep. He shared the lot of men; yet He was the blameless Son of God. He was a stranger and sojourner on the earth—in the world, but not of the world; tempted and tried as men and women today are tempted and tried, yet living a life free from sin. Tender, compassionate, sympathetic, ever considerate of others, He represented the character of God, and was constantly engaged in service for God and man. MH 422.2

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