

FBC Missions Conference

Theme: 'Set Your Minds on the Things Above' (Colossians 3:1-4)

Second Session Sermon Notes – Saturday, August 14, 2021

“THE LAMB IS ITS LIGHT”

Revelation 21:22-27

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

- John sees no _____ in New Jerusalem!
- The temple in which we shall dwell is the _____ and _____.

Psalm 17:8 *Keep me as the apple of Your eye; hide me under the shadow of Your wings.*

Psalm 36:7 *How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.*

Psalm 57:1 *Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by.*

Psalm 63:7 *For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.*

Psalm 91:1 *He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.*

- God is the _____ place of His people. He is our _____!
- In the New Jerusalem there will be no need of the _____, no need of the _____, the light of the sun and the light of the moon will be rendered irrelevant, unnecessary—they won't be needed! Why not? *“For the glory of God illuminated it.”*
- In His risen glory He is the _____ of the _____ to Come!
- When John records the scene at the cross, why does he not record the darkness?
- Who are the nations? The nations are the company of the _____, those who the Lamb has _____ by His blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation.
- There is no room in the church for an _____ pride.
- God has His people from every _____, _____, _____, and _____, and all of them are saved by grace and by grace alone!
- The _____ of the Lord from all _____ shall be there.

Isaiah 35:10 *And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.*

- The gates of the city are always _____.
- There shall be no _____, no _____, no _____ in this city - within this city all that is spoken is always true.
- There will be no place for _____ sinners in the New Jerusalem.
- _____ will appear before the judgment seat of Christ without exception.
- This is the first rule for missions: Forsake all _____ in yourself and _____ wholly in the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ!

Personal Reflection and Discussion Questions:

1. In the New Jerusalem the light of the sun and the light of the moon will be rendered irrelevant, unnecessary - they won't be needed! Why not?
2. How does Jesus bring light and life to men?
3. When John records the scene at the cross, why does he not record the darkness?
4. Who "shall walk in the light of the Lamb."?"
5. *And they shall bring their glory and honor into the city.* What does this mean?
6. Why are the gates of the city always open?
7. What opportunity will you lose when the New Heavens and New Earth come?
8. Discuss Horatius Bonar's poem: "*Upon a life I did not live, upon a death I did not die, Another's life, Another's death, I stake my whole eternity!*"

Dr. Vern Poythress: "*The nations represent redeemed humanity in all its cultural divisions. The distinctiveness of different cultures and peoples is not simply wiped out, but redeemed, in harmony with the picture in 1 Corinthians 12 of the unity and diversity of the body of Christ.*"

John Piper: "*There is a beauty and power of praise that comes from unity in diversity that is greater than that which comes from unity alone.... The beauty and power of praise that will come to the Lord from the diversity of the nations are greater than the beauty and power that would come to Him if the chorus of the redeemed were culturally uniform.*"

Piper: "*More depth of beauty is felt from a choir that sings in parts than from a choir that sings only in unison. Unity in diversity is more beautiful and more powerful than the unity of uniformity. This carries over to the untold differences that exist between the peoples of the world. When their diversity unites in worship to God, the beauty of their praise will echo the depth and greatness of God's beauty far more than if the redeemed were from only a few different people groups.*"

Horatius Bonar: "*Upon a life I did not live, upon a death I did not die, Another's life, Another's death, I stake my whole eternity!*"

Meredith Kline, "*The Spirit is the breath of life, and hence the picture that emerges is that of heaven dwellers, those in the Spirit-atmosphere, breathing continually afresh the breath of life. That is the secret of immortality.*"