



Lesson 75 – “To My Father, and Your Father”

Based on Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:9-12.

1) What did Jesus declare to His Father before His death?

John 17:4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have _____ the work which thou gavest me to do.

The time had come for Christ to ascend to His Father's throne. As a divine conqueror He was about to return with the trophies of victory to the heavenly courts.

After His resurrection He tarried on earth for a season, that His disciples might become familiar with Him in His risen and glorified body. Now He was ready for the leave-taking. He had authenticated the fact that He was a living Saviour. His disciples need no longer associate Him with the tomb. They could think of Him as glorified before the heavenly universe.

2) Where were they?

Luke 24:50 And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

Bethany is on the slope of the Mount of Olives.

3) Where did the Disciples come back from after Jesus left for Heaven?

Acts 1:12 Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called _____, which is from Jerusalem a _____ day's journey.

A Sabbath Day's journey is 2000 Cubits or 3000 feet.

When Jesus was weary and heart-burdened, He had gone forth to find rest in the Mount of Olives. The Holy Shekinah, in departing from the first temple, had stood upon the eastern mountain, as if loath to forsake the chosen city; so, Christ stood upon Olivet, with yearning heart overlooking Jerusalem. The groves and glens of the mountain had been consecrated by His prayers and tears. Its steeps had echoed the triumphant shouts of the multitude that proclaimed Him king. On its sloping descent He had found a home with Lazarus at Bethany. In the garden of Gethsemane at its foot, He had prayed and agonized alone. From this mountain He was to ascend to heaven. Upon its summit His feet will rest when He shall come again. Not as a man of sorrows, but as a glorious and triumphant king He will stand upon Olivet, while Hebrew hallelujahs mingle with Gentile hosannas, and the voices of the redeemed as a mighty host shall swell the acclamation, Crown Him Lord of all!

4) What did Jesus discuss with them?

Acts 1:4-5 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the _____ of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the _____ not many days hence.

5) What were the Disciples concerned with?

Acts 1:6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time _____ again the _____ to Israel?



6) What was His answer?

Acts 1:7-8 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the _____ or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all _____, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

The disciples knew not that this was to be their last interview with their Master. Jesus spent the time in conversation with them, repeating His former instruction. As they approached Gethsemane, He paused, that they might call to mind the lessons He had given them on the night of His great agony.

7) What promise has never been broken?

Matthew 28:20 ...lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the _____. Amen.

Jesus led the way across the summit, to the vicinity of Bethany. Here He paused, and the disciples gathered about Him. Beams of light seemed to radiate from His countenance as He looked lovingly upon them. He upbraided them not for their faults and failures; words of the deepest tenderness were the last that fell upon their ears from the lips of their Lord. With hands outstretched in blessing, and as if in assurance of His protecting care, He slowly ascended from among them, drawn heavenward by a power stronger than any earthly attraction. As He passed upward, the awe-stricken disciples looked with straining eyes for the last glimpse of their ascending Lord. A cloud of glory hid Him from their sight. At the same time there floated down to them the sweetest and most joyous music from the angel choir.

8) Angels interrupted their awe, what did they say?

Acts 1:10-11 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye _____ up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in _____ as ye have seen him go into heaven.

These angels were of the company that had been waiting in a shining cloud to escort Jesus to His heavenly home. The most exalted of the angel throng, they were the two who had come to the tomb at Christ's resurrection, and they had been with Him throughout His life on earth. With eager desire all heaven had waited for the end of His tarrying in a world marred by the curse of sin. The time had now come for the heavenly universe to receive their King. Did not the two angels long to join the throng that welcomed Jesus? But in sympathy and love for those whom He had left, they waited to give them comfort.

9) What did Paul say about God's faithful angels?

Hebrews 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to _____ for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

10) How will Christ return?

Revelation 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.



1 Thessalonians 4:16 For the Lord himself shall _____ from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

Matthew 25:31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the _____ with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

11) What is Christ doing now (among other things)?

John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a _____ for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Christ had ascended to heaven in the form of humanity. The disciples had beheld the cloud receive Him. The same Jesus who had walked and talked and prayed with them; who had broken bread with them; who had been with them in their boats on the lake; and who had that very day toiled with them up the ascent of Olivet, the same Jesus had now gone to share His Father's throne. And the angels had assured them that the very One whom they had seen go up into heaven would come again even as He had ascended.

12) How did the Disciples return to Jerusalem?

Luke 24:52-53 And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with _____: And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

When the disciples went back to Jerusalem, the people looked upon them with amazement. After the trial and crucifixion of Christ, it had been thought that they would appear downcast and ashamed. Their enemies expected to see upon their faces an expression of sorrow and defeat. Instead of this there was only gladness and triumph. Their faces were aglow with a happiness not born of earth. They did not mourn over disappointed hopes but were full of praise and thanksgiving to God. With rejoicing they told the wonderful story of Christ's resurrection and His ascension to heaven, and their testimony was received by many.

13) What promise did they take seriously?

John 16:23-24 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in _____ name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall _____, that your joy may be full.

14) Where is Jesus?

Romans 8:34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the _____ of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

Pentecost brought them fullness of joy in the presence of the Comforter, even as Christ had promised.

15) What did the angels sing as Christ ascended?

Psalms 24:7-10 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the _____ of _____ shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD _____ and _____, the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.



Then the portals of the city of God are opened wide, and the angelic throng sweep through the gates amid a burst of rapturous music.

There is the throne, and around it the rainbow of promise. There are cherubim and seraphim. The commanders of the angel hosts, the sons of God, the representatives of the unfallen worlds, are assembled. The heavenly council before which Lucifer had accused God and His Son, the representatives of those sinless realms over which Satan had thought to establish his dominion, all are there to welcome the Redeemer. They are eager to celebrate His triumph and to glorify their King.

But He waves them back. Not yet, He cannot now receive the coronet of glory and the royal robe. He enters into the presence of His Father. He points to His wounded head, the pierced side, the marred feet; He lifts His hands, bearing the print of nails. He points to the tokens of His triumph; He presents to God the wave sheaf, those raised with Him as representatives of that great multitude who shall come forth from the grave at His second coming. He approaches the Father, with whom there is joy over one sinner that repents, who rejoices over one with singing.

16) What promise did Jesus claim before the Father?

John 17:24 Father, I will that _____, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may _____ my _____, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

17) What was the Father's reply?

Ephesians 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us _____ in the beloved.

Before the heavenly angels and the representatives of unfallen worlds, they are declared justified. Where He is, there His church shall be. With joy unutterable, rulers and principalities and powers acknowledge the supremacy of the Prince of life. The angel host prostrate themselves before Him, while the glad shout fills all the courts of heaven.

18) What praise is on their lips?

Revelation 5:12 Saying with a loud voice, _____ is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

19) What will we ALL say?

Revelation 5:13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, _____, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the _____ for ever and ever.

20) What is Jesus doing now?

Hebrews 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the _____ that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make _____ for them.

Can you see you are loved and have a place in God's Kingdom?

Do you want to stand on the Sea of Glass in the presence of God?

When is the time to surrender to His Will?