

HALLEL

Title: Hosanna! Blessed Is He

Text: Mark 11:7-11

Take your Bibles, please, and turn to the Gospel of Mark. The Gospel of Mark chapter 11. Here we learn about the TRIUMPHAL ENTRY of Jesus into Jerusalem on that day called Palm Sunday.

Mark chapter 11 beginning with verse 7....(Read Vs 7-11).

Prayer

According to our Scripture the disciples brought a colt to Jesus and they spread their garments on it; and Jesus then sat upon this colt. And then the Bible says that the people spread their garments on the road. And others spread leafy branches in His path.

WHY? What is that all about? Well, I believe, dear friends, that they are doing things that they knew about from the O.T. law. Let me explain.

(1) First of all, the spreading of garments is a sign of high honor.

In 2 Kings 9:13 it talks about JAY'WHO...Now JAY'WHO was made king of Israel. And the Bible says that they spread their garments in front of him on the day of his installation. And it was done in recognition of who he was. He was KING of Israel. It was a sign of the highest honor. And all of these people are putting their garments in front of Jesus. And they are saying that HE IS KING.

(2) Secondly, the palm branches. In Leviticus 23 there are 7 feast of Jehovah that are mentioned. 7 feast of Jehovah. The last one comes on the 15th day of Tabernacles. The feast of Tabernacles follows the feast of atonment.

~~Now~~, the Feast of Atonment is a feast that pictures the national salvation of Israel when the Messiah comes. Zechariah 12:10 says "they will look upon Him whom they have pierced."

Zephaniah says that they will be saved in a day. Romans chapter 11 says that when the deliverer comes out of Zion so all Israel will be saved. In other words, you have to have atonment before ~~you~~ you can have the kingdom.

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~~So~~, the feast of Tabernacles remained the Jews of their wandering in the wilderness when they had no permanent home. And it is a feast which pointed to the permanent kingdom of God that will be established on earth. As a part of the feast of Tabernacles, the Bible says that they took PALM BRANCHES and waved them and threw them on the ground. And the Bible says the people rejoiced. It was a time of great rejoicing.

Now, put it all together. Jesus came into Jersualem riding on a donkey. He had salvation. He had tears in His eyes. Humble riding on a donkey. He came to die. He pictured the day of atonement. There is always atonment and salvation before setting up the kingdom.

But, ^{Number} dear friends, when Jesus comes again it will be on a white horse. And there will be rejoicing and praise to God in the Palm branches.

Revelation 7:9 says of that great mualitutde that will come out of the tribulation, that they will be waving palm branches and rejoicing to God, praising His wonderful name.

You see, that was not only a sign of the highest honor, but the Palm branches remind us from Lev. 23 of the joy that will be in our hearts as to the person of Jesus: HE IS KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

That is why, I believe, the people shouted: "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the coming kingdom of our Father David."

So, I believe that the spreading of the garments and the placing of those palm branches on the ground was fulfilling and O.T. Type. Every Jewish child knew Leveticus 23. They knew the feast, well. Beautiful typology.

(2) Now, let's look at the words ~~that~~ they were crying out to Jesus.

The words that the crowds were crying out according to Mark 11:9-10.

In these words I believe we have a lesson to all of us in how to praise the Lord. Do you really know ^{How To Praise The Lord?} ~~who Jesus is?~~ Are you really wanting to praise his wonderful name? The Lord wants you to praise Him. The Bible says that is why we were designed. God wants our praise. *But do we really know How to praise the Lord?*

Let me share four things with you about their praise. And these four principles will guide us in our attitudes of praise.

(1)Number one, they were praising God for His plan of salvation. This idea comes from the word "Hosanna." The word "Hosanna" means "saved now." Now is the day of salvation says the scriptures. " Save us now " is the cry that comes out of Psalms 118:26.

In Judisam, at the time of the passover, they do what they call HA'LALA (Hallel)...We get our word "Hallelujah" from that word. It means "to Praise the Lord."

Now, what is the HA'LEL? It is reciting chapter 113 of Psalms to chapter 118. Psalms 113 to 118. *The reciting of those 6 Psalms*

~~It~~ ^{is} is in this section, in chapter 118 that we find the statement "Hosanna! ~~Blessed~~ ^{Blessed} is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest."

Now, at the time of passover ~~there~~ ^{there} was a feastive procession of people who came up to Jersualem to the Temple and were received by the Priest And the thing that they shouted and cryied out was the "HA'LEL". Which includes Psalms 118 ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

And how fastinating that the crowd of people, both in front and behind Jesus, on that donkey as they come up to the Eastern gate of Jersualem are shouting the HA'LEL.....HOSANNA!...Save us now....

Well, they were telling the truth, friends, because he did. He ~~died~~ ^{died} on the cross to save us ~~from~~ ^{from} our sins. I don't think the Bible is ever going to let us get ~~away~~ ^{away} from that fact of Praising the Lord for what he has done. It even tell us in Revelation chapter 5 that in heaven we are all going to sing praises to the Lord. "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive glory, honor, and power." God wants you to praise Jesus for the plan of salvation. He has saved you by the precious blood of Christ. There is forgiveness through what Christ has done. You cannot earn your way into God's favor. You cannot pay for it yourself. You must accept what Jesus has already done for you. *AND YOU SHOULD PRAISE HIM FOR THE PLAN OF SALVATION*
(2) And secondly, there was praise for his person. For whom he really is. And I think this is beautiful when they said "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord."

The word "name" refers to the character of God. There is no name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved. Blessed be the name of the Lord. It is all referring to his character. Who He is. We are to praise God for who ~~he~~ ^{he} is. Thank the Lord continually for His greatness. He is the Messiah. And that group of believing disciples around Jesus were just letting it all come out. Priase to God. "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord..." *DO WE PRAISE GOD FOR WHO HE IS?*

(3) And third, there was praise for his purpose in coming to establish His kingdom and ^{to} fulfilling his word. "Blessed is the coming kingdom." You see, not only the king, but the coming kingdom. It was promised to our Father, David. They knew this was the promised Messiah. And they knew that He was going to establish his kingdom on earth. Praise the Lord. He would be faithful to the Davidic covenant.

You know, Jews today still emphasize ~~the~~ ^{the} David's covenant. Because in that covenant they are promised a land and kingdom that will be forever. And they still look forward to that covenant.

And one day it will happen, friends. He who is the King of Kings and Lord and Lords is going to come back. The Messiah, himself. And he is going to establish his kingdom on earth. He is going to fulfill His ~~word~~ word. In Psalms 111 it tells us that He will remember his covenant to his people. He will never forget. He is a faithful God.

You and I ought to praise Him that he never forgets. He remembers his covenant. ~~Always~~ ^{Always} ~~because he will not be done~~

(4) Fourth, there is praise for his sovereignty. Vs 10 says "Hosanna in the highest. There is none higher than Almighty God. He is Lord. Hebrews tells us that Jesus is higher than the angels, he is higher ^{than} the Moses and the house of Israel, he is over the Priesthood, for ~~him~~ he is God. And one day, the book of ^{Philippians} ~~Revelation~~ says, ^u that every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord.... ^{to the glory of God the Father.}

And this Easter as we walk the step of Jesus, through the coming week called Holy, may their be praise in our hearts..in our words...in our attitude...in our dealings with others.

Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord;

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our Father David;

Hosanna in the highest!

Shall we close in prayer