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CHRIST'S PASSION AND VICTORY

CONSIDER
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HOLY WEEK DEVOTIONAL

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INTRODUCTION: CONSIDER HIM-FIXING OUR EYES ON CHRIST THIS HOLY WEEK

As we enter this sacred week leading up to Resurrection Sunday, I want to invite you to slow down and consider Him—the Lord Jesus Christ. The world will rush past these days as if they are like any other. Even we, as believers, can become so familiar with the story of Christ’s suffering, death, and resurrection that we fail to let the weight of it press upon our souls. But Holy Week is a time to pause, to look, and to fix our eyes on Jesus, “the founder and perfecter of our faith” (Hebrews 12:2). It is a time to be still, to reflect deeply, and to allow the truth of the gospel to rekindle our love for Him.

This devotional has been written to help us do just that—to fix our gaze upon Christ in the days leading up to Easter. The theme comes from Hebrews 12:3, which exhorts us:

“Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.”

I can’t think of a more fitting exhortation for this season. The book of Hebrews was written to a weary people—believers who were suffering, struggling, and tempted to turn back. They had begun well in the faith but, under the weight of trials, their endurance was faltering. The inspired author lifts their eyes from their troubles and directs them to the supreme glory of Christ, the One who is better than the prophets, better than the angels, better than Moses, better than the priests, better than the sacrifices. He alone is the sure and steadfast anchor for the soul (Hebrews 6:19).

And so, as we journey through Holy Week, we will meditate on key passages from Hebrews that exalt Christ—His person, His priesthood, His sacrifice, and His victory. Each day’s reading will guide us to consider Him, to behold Him in His suffering and triumph, and to worship Him with renewed awe.

HOW TO USE THIS DEVOTIONAL FOR YOUR DEEPEST JOY IN CHRIST

Each day, you will find:

1. **A Scripture from Hebrews** – A passage that directs our focus to Christ and His work during Holy Week.
2. **A Reflection on the Scripture** – A brief meditation on how this passage reveals the beauty of Christ's person and work.
3. **Ways to Meditate on the Scripture** – Practical steps to slow down, reflect, and let these truths shape your heart.
4. **An Application** – A call to respond in faith and love for Christ.
5. **A Short Prayer** – A guide to help you pray through the passage and seek God's grace to apply it to your life.
6. **A Hymn to Sing** – Worship through song is a powerful way to stir our affections for Christ. Each day includes a recommended hymn to sing, whether alone or with others, as a response of praise, adoration, and thanksgiving for what Christ has done.

I encourage you to read slowly. Do not rush through these meditations. Instead, linger over the words of Scripture, allowing them to shape your affections and stir your soul. Take time to pray and ask the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to see more of Christ. Consider journaling your thoughts and prayers as a way of capturing what the Lord is teaching you.

Incorporating This Devotion for the Whole Family

Holy Week is not just for individual reflection—it is an opportunity for families to gather together and consider Christ as one body. If you have children, this devotional can be a beautiful tool for family worship.

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- **Read the passage together** – Have a parent or child read the Scripture aloud. Encourage children to listen carefully and ask questions.
 - **Discuss what it means** – Ask your children, “What does this passage tell us about Jesus?” or “How does this help us love Him more?”
 - **Pray together** – Let each family member pray, thanking Jesus for His sacrifice and asking for help to trust Him more.
 - **Sing together** – Worship with the recommended hymn. Teach your children how singing is a way to praise God and respond to His Word.
 - **Let them participate** – Have children take turns leading a prayer, reading a verse, or choosing a worship song. This allows them to engage with Christ personally.

Whether you are walking through this devotional alone, with friends, or with family, make space for worship. Let these times stir your love for Christ and prepare your heart for the joy of Resurrection Sunday.

Let Us Consider Him Together

This is my prayer for you and for myself as we journey through this Holy Week: That we would not grow weary or fainthearted, but that our hearts would be inflamed with love for Christ, strengthened in faith, and anchored in the hope of the gospel. That we would find our deepest joy in Him, knowing that when we are most satisfied in Christ, God is most glorified in us. And that by considering the One who endured the cross, we would be renewed in our endurance to run this race with perseverance, looking to the day when our faith will be sight, and we will see Him in all His glory.

Let us consider Him together.

In Christ,

Pastor Arthur Gonçalves

PALM SUNDAY: THE KING WHO CAME TO SAVE

Scripture: Hebrews 1:1-4 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. 3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Meditation & Devotional

On Palm Sunday, Jesus entered Jerusalem as the long-awaited King. The crowds waved palm branches, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” (John 12:13). Yet, they did not understand what kind of King had come. They expected a ruler who would overthrow Rome, but Christ had come to conquer a greater enemy—sin and death. Hebrews 1:1-4 reminds us that Jesus is not just any king; He is the ultimate revelation of God. In times past, God spoke through prophets, but now He has spoken fully and finally through His Son. Jesus, the radiance of God's glory and the exact imprint of His nature, is not only the promised King but also our Prophet and Priest.

This passage calls us to consider Him—the One through whom God created the world, the One who upholds all things by the word of His power, and the One who has made purification for sins and now reigns at the Father's right hand. The King who entered Jerusalem humbly on a donkey is the same One who sits enthroned in heaven. His kingdom is not of this world, but it is unshakable and eternal. As we begin Holy Week, let us fix our eyes on Christ, not as a temporary deliverer but as the sovereign King who came to save through His suffering, death, and resurrection.

Pause and consider this: The people of Jerusalem welcomed Jesus with joy, yet by Friday, they cried out for His crucifixion. How often do we profess Christ with our lips but fail to submit to Him as King in our hearts? This week, let us truly behold Him as He is—our Prophet, Priest, and King.

*P*ALM SUNDAY: THE KING WHO CAME TO SAVE

Meditate on Hebrews 1:1-4

Consider Him—God’s final Word, the radiance of His glory, and the exact imprint of His nature. As Holy Week begins, fix your eyes on Christ, who upholds the universe yet humbled Himself to suffer and die for sinners.

Application

Consider Him as your true King. Will you merely acknowledge Him, or will you surrender every part of your life to His rule?

Prayer

Heavenly Father,

As we begin Holy Week, help us not just to celebrate Jesus outwardly, but to truly surrender to Him as King. Open our eyes to see His glory, our hearts to trust His Word, and our lives to reflect His reign. May we not grow weary in faith, but fix our eyes on Christ.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

A Hymn to Sing

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" – Look up the lyrics and sing in worship, proclaiming Christ as the King who reigns forever.

MONDAY:

THE SON'S OBEDIENCE & SUFFERING

Scripture: Hebrews 2:10-18 For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. 11 For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, 12 saying, "I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise." 13 And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Behold, I and the children God has given me." 14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. 16 For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. 17 Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Meditation & Devotional

The road to the cross was marked by suffering. Hebrews 2:10-18 reminds us that it was fitting for Christ to suffer in order to bring many sons to glory. The world sees suffering as weakness, but in God's wisdom, Jesus' suffering was the means by which He became the perfect Savior—not in the sense that He was lacking in righteousness, but in that His obedience and suffering fulfilled His mission to redeem sinners. He did not remain distant from our struggles but took on human flesh, endured temptation, and faced death itself to rescue His people from slavery to sin.

Through His suffering, Jesus became our merciful and faithful High Priest. He did not simply observe our pain from afar—He entered into it. He took on flesh and blood so that He could die in our place, destroy the power of death, and deliver us from fear. His suffering was not only necessary but deeply personal; it qualified Him to be the true mediator between God and man, the one who can sympathize with our weaknesses (Hebrews 4:15).

Pause and consider this: Christ, the eternal Son of God, willingly subjected Himself to suffering so that we might be called His brothers and sisters. Do we recognize the depth of His love? Do we take comfort in knowing that He understands our struggles, trials, and temptations? As we reflect on Holy Week, let us behold the obedience of Christ in suffering, knowing that His perfect sacrifice has set us free.

MONDAY:

THE SON'S OBEDIENCE & SUFFERING

Meditate on Hebrews 2:10-18

Consider Him—the One who became like us so that He might redeem us. Meditate on how Christ's suffering was not in vain, but the very means by which He brought many sons to glory.

Application

Consider Him as your merciful High Priest. Are you carrying burdens that Christ has already borne for you? Lay them down at His feet and trust in His sufficient work.

Prayer

*Heavenly Father,
Thank You for sending Your Son to suffer in my place. Help me to see His obedience in suffering not just as a distant event, but as the foundation of my salvation. Strengthen my faith to trust Him in my own trials, knowing that He understands my weakness and intercedes for me. Fix my heart on Christ, the pioneer of my salvation, that I may not grow weary.
In Jesus' name, Amen.*

A Hymn to Sing

"Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners" – Look up the lyrics and sing in worship, praising Christ as our merciful and faithful High Priest.

TUESDAY: CHRIST: GREATER THAN MOSES

Scripture: Hebrews 3:1-6 Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, 2 who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. 3 For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. 4 (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) 5 Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, 6 but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

Meditation & Devotional

For Israel, Moses was the greatest prophet and leader—the one through whom God delivered His law and led His people to the edge of the Promised Land. Yet Hebrews 3:1-6 calls us to consider Jesus, who is far greater. Moses was a faithful servant in God's house, but Jesus is the Son over the house, the very One who built it. The difference between them is not just one of role but of glory and supremacy. Moses pointed forward to Christ, but Christ fulfills all that Moses anticipated—leading His people not to an earthly land but to eternal rest in the presence of God.

Christ's faithfulness is what secures our redemption. Though He suffered, He never wavered in obedience to the Father. As Moses led the people out of slavery in Egypt, Christ leads us out enslavement to sin. But unlike Moses, whose people perished in the wilderness due to unbelief, Christ's work brings us all the way home. His faithfulness guarantees that those who belong to Him will reach their final rest in the presence of God.

Pause and consider this:

Are you holding fast to Christ as your hope and confidence? The Israelites followed Moses, yet many fell away through unbelief. Christ is greater than Moses, and we are His house if we persevere in faith. Holy Week reminds us that Jesus' faithfulness in suffering secures not only our salvation but also our endurance. Let us cling to Him, knowing that He will never fail us.

TUESDAY: CHRIST: GREATER THAN MOSES

Meditate on Hebrews 3:1-6

Consider Him—the faithful Son over God’s house. Meditate on how Jesus surpasses Moses and leads His people into a better rest—one that is eternal and secure.

Application

Consider Him as your confidence. Are you trusting in your own strength or in Christ’s faithfulness? Fix your hope on Him, knowing that He alone secures your salvation.

Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for sending Jesus, the true and greater Moses, who leads His people into eternal rest. Strengthen my faith to hold fast to Him, not trusting in my own righteousness but in His faithfulness. As I reflect on Christ’s suffering this Holy Week, help me to endure with confidence, knowing that He is leading me home.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.

A Hymn to Sing

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" – Look up the lyrics and sing in worship, celebrating Christ as our faithful leader and Redeemer.

WEDNESDAY: OUR HIGH PRIEST WHO SYMPATHIZES

Scripture: Hebrews 4:14-16 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Meditation & Devotional

Jesus is not only our Savior—He is also our High Priest, the One who intercedes for us before the Father. Unlike the priests of the Old Testament, who had to repeatedly offer sacrifices for their own sins and for the sins of the people, Christ offered Himself once for all. But what makes His priesthood so precious to us is this: He sympathizes with our weaknesses. He is not a distant or indifferent priest but one who has walked the road of suffering, who has been tempted in every way yet remained without sin.

Because He has endured every trial we face, Jesus knows our struggles—not just from a place of divine knowledge but from lived experience. He knows the weight of grief, the sting of betrayal, and the exhaustion of temptation. And yet, He never wavered. This means that when we come before Him, we do not come in fear of rejection but with confidence, knowing that His throne is one of grace, mercy, and help. He does not turn away the weary; He invites them to come.

Pause and consider this:

Where do you go in times of weakness? Do you try to carry burdens alone, or do you bring them to Christ, your sympathetic High Priest? Holy Week reminds us that the One who suffered for us is also the One who stands ready to strengthen us. Let us draw near to Him, trusting that His grace is sufficient.

WEDNESDAY: OUR HIGH PRIEST WHO SYMPATHIZES

Meditate on Hebrews 4:14-16

Consider Him—the High Priest who knows your struggles and welcomes you to His throne of grace. Meditate on how Christ's sufferings make Him the perfect source of mercy and strength.

Application

Consider Him as your help in time of need. Are you carrying burdens you have not brought to Christ? Draw near with confidence, knowing that He understands and provides grace.

Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for giving us a High Priest who understands our weaknesses. Help me to trust in Christ's mercy and to draw near to Him in my struggles. Teach me to rely not on my own strength, but on His grace. In times of temptation, sorrow, and need, let me run to Him, knowing that He welcomes me with compassion.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

A Hymn to Sing

"Before the Throne of God Above" – Look up the lyrics and sing in worship, rejoicing in Christ as your sympathetic High Priest.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: THE MEDIATOR OF A NEW COVENANT

Scripture: Hebrews 9:11-15 But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) 12 he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. 13 For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, 14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. 15 Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

Meditation & Devotional

On this night, before His crucifixion, Jesus gathered with His disciples and spoke of the new covenant in His blood (Luke 22:20). Hebrews 9:11-15 reveals the profound reality of what this means: Christ's suffering and death were the fulfillment of all sacrifices. The old covenant, with its repeated sacrifices of goats and bulls, could never fully cleanse the conscience or bring lasting redemption. But Jesus, the true and better High Priest, entered the heavenly holy place once for all, not with the blood of animals but with His own blood, securing eternal redemption for His people. His suffering was not in vain—it was the necessary cost of our salvation. Under the old covenant, sacrifices were shadows, pointing forward to a greater reality. Now, in Christ, the substance has come. His blood not only purifies us from sin but also frees us to serve the living God. The cross is not just about forgiveness; it is about transformation. Because of Christ's atoning work, we are no longer bound by sin but are called to walk in newness of life under the new covenant of grace.

Pause and consider this:

Are you living as one who has been redeemed? Christ's blood has not only purchased your forgiveness—it has secured your eternal inheritance. As we reflect on the weight of Maundy Thursday, let us rejoice in the finished work of Christ, the true Mediator, who has reconciled us to God forever.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: THE MEDIATOR OF A NEW COVENANT

Meditate on Hebrews 9:11-15

Consider Him—the One whose blood established the New Covenant, securing eternal redemption. Meditate on how Christ's perfect sacrifice fulfills all that the old covenant anticipated.

Application

Consider Him as your Mediator. Are you still clinging to your own dead works, or are you resting in the finished work of Christ? Serve the living God with joy, knowing you are redeemed.

Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for sending Your Son as the Mediator of a new and better covenant. Help me to rest in His finished work, knowing that His blood has secured my redemption forever. Purify my conscience from dead works, that I may serve You with joy and gratitude. Let me never take lightly the cost of my salvation, but live in the freedom Christ has purchased for me.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

A Hymn to Sing

"There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood" – Look up the lyrics and sing in worship, rejoicing in the cleansing power of Christ's sacrifice.

GOOD FRIDAY: ONCE FOR ALL: THE PERFECT SACRIFICE

Scripture: Hebrews 10:11-14 And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12 But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, 13 waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. 14 For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

Meditation & Devotional

The cross was not just a moment in history—it was the moment when redemption was accomplished. For centuries, the priests of Israel stood daily in the temple, offering sacrifices that could never fully remove sin. Their work was never done. But on Good Friday, Christ, the true and final High Priest, offered one perfect sacrifice for all time—His own life. Unlike the Old Testament priests, when Jesus had finished His work, He sat down at the right hand of God, because nothing more was needed. His sacrifice fully satisfied the justice of God and secured our eternal forgiveness.

The cross is where Christ bore the full weight of our sin. Hebrews tells us He endured the hostility of sinners (Hebrews 12:3), taking upon Himself the wrath we deserved. Every lash, every insult, every nail driven into His flesh was the cost of our redemption. Yet, in that suffering, He was victorious. The sacrifice that was once repeated endlessly was now finished, complete, and final. By His one offering, He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. The cross is not just about pardon—it is about transformation.

Pause and consider this:

Do you live as though Christ's sacrifice was enough? We often try to atone for our sins in our own strength—through guilt, striving, or religious duty. But the work is finished. The blood of Jesus has fully cleansed us. On this Good Friday, let us come before the cross with humility, gratitude, and awe, remembering that our salvation is not based on our effort, but on the perfect, once-for-all sacrifice of Christ.

GOOD FRIDAY: ONCE FOR ALL: THE PERFECT SACRIFICE

Meditate on Hebrews 10:11-14

Consider Him—the High Priest and perfect Lamb, whose sacrifice was once for all. Meditate on how His finished work means there is nothing left for you to add.

Application

Consider Him as your full atonement. Are you living in the freedom of His finished work, or do you still carry guilt that Christ has already borne? Rest in His perfect sacrifice.

Prayer

Heavenly Father,

On this Good Friday, I stand in awe of Christ's perfect sacrifice. He bore my sin, my shame, and the wrath I deserved, so that I might stand forgiven and free. Help me to trust fully in His finished work, knowing that nothing can be added to what He has done. Let my heart never grow cold to the wonder of the cross, but lead me to worship in gratitude and love.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

A Hymn to Sing

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" – Look up the lyrics and sing in worship, reflecting on the depth of Christ's sacrifice for you.

HOLY SATURDAY: RESTING IN THE PROMISE

Scripture: Hebrews 11:39-40 And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40 since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Meditation & Devotional

Holy Saturday is a day of waiting—a day that sits in the tension between death and resurrection, sorrow and hope. After Jesus was laid in the tomb, His followers were left in darkness, mourning the One they thought would redeem them. Yet even in that silence, the promise remained. Hebrews 11:39-40 reminds us that the saints of old walked by faith, trusting in a promise they did not see fulfilled. They looked forward to a Redeemer, yet the fullness of God’s plan was revealed only in Christ. Now, we stand on the other side of the cross, knowing that the promise has been fulfilled, and yet we, too, wait—longing for the final resurrection when all things will be made new.

Though the world was dark on that Saturday, the hope of resurrection remained. The grave was not the end of the story. The saints before us endured suffering, persecution, and death, trusting that God was preparing a greater promise. That promise is Christ Himself, and in Him, we have a hope that cannot be shaken. Holy Saturday calls us to rest in that hope—to trust that even when all seems lost, God is still working, still faithful, and still fulfilling His promises.

Pause and consider this:

Do you trust in the promises of God even in the waiting? We live in a world still groaning for redemption, but Christ’s finished work guarantees that sorrow will not have the last word. As we sit in the stillness of Holy Saturday, let us rest in the promise that Sunday is coming—and with it, the dawn of resurrection and new life.

HOLY SATURDAY: RESTING IN THE PROMISE

Meditate on Hebrews 11:39-40

Consider Him—the fulfilled promise, the One in whom every longing finds its answer. Meditate on how God's plan is greater than what we see in the present.

Application

Consider Him in your waiting. Are you resting in God's promises, even when you do not yet see their fulfillment? Trust that His plan is sure, and His faithfulness never fails.

Prayer

Heavenly Father,

In the silence of waiting, help me to trust in Your promises. Just as the saints of old looked forward to Christ, let my heart be anchored in the hope of His resurrection. When darkness lingers and answers seem far off, remind me that You are faithful. May I rest in Your sovereign plan, knowing that Sunday is coming.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

A Hymn to Sing

"Be Still, My Soul" – Look up the lyrics and sing in worship, resting in the faithfulness of God, even in the waiting.

RESURRECTION SUNDAY: THE LIVING CHRIST & OUR UNSHAKABLE KINGDOM

Scripture: Hebrews 12:22-24 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, 23 and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

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Resurrection Sunday is the glorious declaration that Christ lives! Death could not defeat Him; the grave could not hold Him, and now, because He is risen, we belong to an unshakable kingdom. Hebrews 12:22-24 paints a breathtaking picture of what the resurrection has secured for us—not just life after death, but entrance into the heavenly Zion, the city of the living God. Through the blood of Christ, we are no longer bound to the old covenant of sin and death. Instead, we have come to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, whose blood does not cry out for vengeance like Abel's, but for forgiveness, redemption, and eternal life. Because Christ is risen, we belong to a kingdom that cannot be shaken (Hebrews 12:28). The resurrection is not just an event to be celebrated—it is the foundation of our hope, our joy, and our future. The saints who have gone before us, the angels in festal gathering, the city of the living God—all of these remind us that our faith is not in vain. Christ's resurrection guarantees our own, and His victory ensures that we are secure forever in Him.

Pause and consider this:

Are you living in the power of the resurrection? The empty tomb is not just proof of Christ's victory—it is the anchor of our faith. This day is not just about remembering; it is about rejoicing, about living boldly for Christ, knowing that because He lives, we will also live with Him in glory.

RESURRECTION SUNDAY: THE LIVING CHRIST & OUR UNSHAKABLE KINGDOM

Meditate on Hebrews 12:22-24

Consider Him—the risen and reigning King, whose resurrection brings us into the city of the living God. Meditate on the unshakable hope secured by His blood.

Application

Consider Him as your victorious Savior. Are you living as a citizen of an unshakable kingdom, or are you still clinging to the things of this world? Rejoice in the risen Christ, and live in the power of His resurrection.

Prayer

Heavenly Father,

On this Resurrection Sunday, I rejoice in the victory of Christ! Because He lives, I have a hope that cannot be shaken. Thank You for bringing me into the kingdom of the living God, where Jesus reigns as the mediator of a new covenant. Help me to live in the power of His resurrection, fixing my eyes on the eternal joy that is mine in Him.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

A Hymn to Sing

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" – Look up the lyrics and sing in joyful worship, celebrating the risen King and our unshakable kingdom in Him.

FINAL THOUGHTS: A LIFE OF CONSIDERING HIM

As we close this Holy Week journey through Hebrews, my prayer is that we do not see this book the same again—but through the lens of Christ’s passion, His suffering, and His victory. We have fixed our eyes on Jesus—the King who came to save, the High Priest who sympathizes, the once-for-all sacrifice who secured our redemption, and the risen Lord who brings us into an unshakable kingdom.

But this call to consider Him does not end with Easter Sunday. The Christian life is one of daily remembering, daily fixing our eyes on Christ, daily holding fast to the confession of our hope (Hebrews 10:23). The saints of old walked in faith, looking forward to what was promised. Now, we stand on the other side of the cross, knowing that the promise has been fulfilled—and yet, we still wait for the day when our faith will be sight.

Until that day, we must continue to consider Him, not growing weary or fainthearted (Hebrews 12:3). When trials press in, when doubts arise, when sin entangles, we return to Christ—our mediator, our priest, our King. His blood speaks a better word, His sacrifice is complete, His throne is one of grace, and His kingdom cannot be shaken. Let us go forward with endurance, with faith, and with joy, knowing that the One who suffered for us now reigns for us.

FINAL THOUGHTS: A LIFE OF CONSIDERING HIM

A Final Prayer Together

Heavenly Father,

We come before You as Your people, united in Christ, lifting our hearts in worship and thanksgiving. You have spoken to us through Your Son, revealing His glory, His suffering, and His triumph. May we never cease to consider Him.

When trials come, help us to hold fast to our confession.

When our faith feels weak, remind us that Christ is faithful.

When sin weighs us down, lead us to His throne of grace and mercy. When the world shakes around us, let us stand firm in His unshakable kingdom.

Thank You for the cross. Thank You for the empty tomb.

Thank You that because Christ is risen, we have a living hope that will never fade. Until the day He returns,

strengthen us to walk by faith, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.

In His victorious name we pray, Amen.

He is risen indeed!

***With Great Hope in our Lord,
Pastor Arthur Gonçalves***



HOLY WEEK DEVOTIONAL