

Hebrews 1: 8 – 14

But of the Son (Jesus) he (God the Father) says,

“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,
the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.
You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;
therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.” (Ps 45:6-7)

And,

“You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning,
and the heavens are the work of your hands;
they will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like a garment,
like a robe you will roll them up,
like a garment they will be changed.

But you are the same,
and your years will have no end.” (Ps 102:25-27)

And to which of the angels has he ever said,

“Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”? (Ps 110:1)

Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

Acts—Series Overview

The Expansion of the Gospel Witness with Power

Acts records God’s faithful accomplishment of all that He promised in taking the gospel to the nations. It lays the groundwork for all that will take place as His Church awaits His return. Just as Jesus lived and spoke as the Father commanded, we now are called to do in the power of His Holy Spirit. While Jesus did this perfectly, we will strive imperfectly, constantly in need of the Holy Spirit’s direction, power, and correction. Nevertheless, our faithful God will work even through our failing efforts and His gospel witness through us will prevail and penetrate every nation, tribe, & territory. For the praise of our King!

Taking Gathered Worship Home

On which side of the battle are you? As Jesus fulfills His mandate for the good news of His Kingdom to spread from Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, to the ends of the earth, His power is on display. No one can keep Him from doing what He has promised to do.

Please use the devotional material below each day this week to praise Christ. Ask Jesus to teach us His ways that we may walk in them to accomplish His purposes.

Sunday Morning

READ **Acts 12:1-11; Philippians 3:20-21; Ephesians 6:10-20; Hebrews 1:8-14**. DISCUSS, How is King Jesus ruling and reigning in the Jerusalem church? How does His Kingdom differ from Herod's? What are the weapons of our warfare? PRAY "Lord King, we praise You as our King. We thank You for already winning the war against evil and death. Help us now to stand strong in Your truth and love. "

Sunday Evening

Young Adults' Fellowship at **6:00** tonight in the FCCW library.

Monday

READ **Acts 12:1-11; Matt 26:47-56; Ephesians 6:10-20**. DISCUSS, What kind of weapon did His disciples use to try and protect Jesus? Why was this ridiculous? How do we often try similar tactics? What kinds of worldly weapons are we most tempted to use? PRAY, "Jesus, You are our King. We praise You and yield to Your authority. Teach us to be vigilant in the battle to which You have called us and to use the weapons You have given us."

Tuesday

READ **Acts 12:1-11; Hebrews 1:8-14; Psalm 45:1-17**. DISCUSS, What difference does it make that Jesus is the enthroned King of Kings? Why is that important for us to remember in our daily lives? Have you publicly confessed your allegiance to King Jesus? PRAY, "Jesus, thank You for protecting us and ruling over Your Kingdom expansion with grace and truth. Teach us to be faithful ambassadors of Your Kingdom."

Wednesday

READ **Acts 12:1-11; Hebrews 1:8-14; Psalm 102:1-28**. DISCUSS, This Psalm starts in agony and ends in remembering God's sovereignty. Why is that? Can you relate? Remember that while God delivered Peter, James was killed. How do we rest in Christ? PRAY, "Lord, we don't understand Your ways, but we trust You. And we don't. Help us. Teach us to trust You fully."

Thursday

READ **Acts 12:1-11; Hebrews 1:8-14; Psalm 110:1-7**. DISCUSS, King Jesus will one day definitively put down all other rulers and be shown to be the only King. How are you waiting on that day? What is your confidence on this earth? PRAY, "Lord, Jesus, come quickly, Lord. Help us as we wait on You."

Friday

READ **Acts 12:1-11; Philippians 3:20-21; Ephesians 6:10-20; Hebrews 1:8-14**. DISCUSS, How has God been teaching you from these passages this week? REJOICE if God has been generous to you in faith in Christ! PRAY for renewal and revival across our land.

Saturday

PREPARE today for the worship service tomorrow. *Both live-stream & in-person services are available.*

READ **Acts 12:1-30**. Invite others to join you for either the *live-stream or in-person service* tomorrow. Ask Jesus to help us love our neighbors well.

Philippians 3: 20 – 21

"But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself."