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So, we begin by hearing last week that the northern kingdom. Had failed to be what they ought to be. We spent a few months considering the ministry and earthly things, particularly to the poor, the stranger, the widow. That the Lord gave his people Israel. In the midst of a fallen creation, even in the midst of a covenantal situation in which, if they had been faithful, The Lord told him.

They wouldn't have any need, they wouldn't have any poor and then he goes on to tell them but you'll always have poor. And so the Lord in his mercy and his grace and his wisdom, which never cease to amaze us makes even The covenantal shortcomings of his people and occasion, in which they have opportunity to display his character in a different and a fresh way.

In the way that they minister. To the poor. This is of course, one of the reasons why, although each of us is we were thinking

Can't remember which of the recent sermons. It was in. About the desire to be done with sin and and done. With this life, yet there are these limited time offers to the Christian ways that we may only serve him. In this world and that will be gone in one of those is to take care of the poor obviously.

They're not going to be any poor and then you happens and then you are. There's not going to be one of supply. There's not going to be one to righteousness, and we'll have resurrected bodies. There will be no night leaking. Go however many hours a day. There is, I guess it's an unlimited hours for an eternal day.

But, Then the sympathy with the poor that King Jesus has, and that God God has the opportunity to reflect that. This is it for us. This is the only opportunity. Well, Israel had failed and Not only it is real failed but Kings did not help the desire or design for a king was that he would be a help to the people.

That not only would he be a godly king but he would lead the people in godliness we spent time last week. Looking through Psalm 72, which is a psalm that the spirit carried David along to write concerning his son Solomon and what Solomon ought to have been. But obviously what Solomon was not and we, of course, still love to sing it because we know that David by the spirit was prophesying about Christ as he Wrote the song in prayer for us about the forever king who actually makes his people righteous and a big part of that righteousness.

Is his sympathy toward and justice in behalf of those who are oppressed and poor and needy, which is us, especially, however, wealthy. We may be in the things of this world. The things of this world are not the main things we're coming to a section. The first, Timothy 6 that reminds us of that Which is helpful because we've heard recently 1 Corinthians 1 and 2 that the Lord does not select many who are great in this world for his church.

And yet there are those who are wealthy and the things of the world. And so if you're a 21st century American, that's Pretty much all of us. We are just So blessed and material things that those of us who have the least still have opportunity and possession and prerogative that very

few people in the world even still today, can compare to and particularly very few people in history.

And so what do we what do we think about those who are rich? Well, those who are rich know themselves to be poor in spirit and want to be rich in spirit. And so our savior of course, has mercy on both teaches us to pray, with respect to vote.

I don't know if you have some of the same spiritual feelings that I do, are all come to do a little bit differently, but one of the parts of the Lord's prayer that I pray with, I think the least amount of desire and faith is give us this day, our daily bread because I have never lacked for daily bread.

And so It is only by the grace of God, the Holy Spirit that my taking things for granted is ever overcome as I pray that. But then when I come to pray, forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and I feel how unforgiving I am and how needy I am spiritually.

The the Lord's sympathy with me in that and the Lord's helping me because we go on immediately to pray lead us not into temptation and which of us doesn't find the moment in which we have been genuinely And seriously sinned against one of the great moments of temptation where we harbor bitterness and injury and And are even Vince.

Full in our spirit, not making room for the vengeance of God but indulging, pleasure and vengeance. And using some some truths as an excuse in our hearts. And so the The Lord. Jesus is the king who has sympathy for those who are poor in every way. And poverty of the body is not to be overlooked or Or not cared about.

So Israel had not been what they ought to have been and the kings have not been what they ought to have been. But there is a day coming, when there will be a king who is as he should be, who we hopefully, Heard last week is King Jesus and he will be producing a people.

Who are as they should be both from the Jews and from the Gentiles. And this really is the theme of the entire book of Isaiah. Obviously, we don't have time in a In a training class on the deaconate to go through the entire book of Isaiah, but God sparing us to to one another.

We'll have either readings through it and which you'll have opportunity to think through it as instructed, in the teaching that is provided or perhaps, we will have Preaching through it, but we are going to hit a couple of highlights. One is in Isaiah 11. Which is prophesying again. About the Lord Jesus, as the king who is coming.

And the The sympathy and benefit that come, especially to the poor. From him. Probably. We go ahead and read. Versus 1 through 10. Although I see on the outline, we only put versus one through four. This is a mixture of things. Some things that are that apply To the fallen creation as the Lord Jesus is already establishing.

His kingdom among his people. And some of the things you see are things that are new creation. That are not until that the eager longing of the created things that are bound to corruption and decay that Romans 8 talks about has been fulfilled. So Isaiah chapter 11. They're so come forth, a rod from the stem of Jesse and a branch of go out of his roots.

The spirit of y'all face all, rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding the spirit of counsel and might the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of Yahweh. This of course would have been shocking to them. You remember that Isaiah's ministry included the time of Isaiah or Azariah as we have heard him named in 2nd Kings already, 50 years plus of Of Godly king and more to come.

The idea of Jesse, or David. The, the line of David, being cut down to a stump, Where there are only roots left and there's almost there's humanly speaking. No hope that would have been unthinkable to them but it really did happen, didn't it? For hundreds of years. The line of David was reduced to a mere stump mirror, roots.

And yet the one who grew out of that to came out of that, our Lord Jesus is greater than the whole tree of the rest of the line, isn't he? He is the forever king. Well, continues to describe him, his delight is in the fear of Yahweh. He shall not judge by the side of the eyes, nor decide by the hearing of his ears.

But with righteousness, he told judge the poor and decide with equity for the meek of the earth. He shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth. And with the breath of his lips, he shall slay, the wicked. And so, here is the kingship of Jesus with a focus especially on the last day.

And there's an emphasis, on the way, Jesus sees things, not being according to outward appearance, but with just judgment and that his sympathy with the poor is part of that. Well, right now, there's only one part of the new creation that exists. It's the one who is in Christ, that is representative of new creation.

And one of the ways that we display that we have priced and that Christ is king. And the one who is the last Adam, the one who is the forever king is already sitting on the throne of glory. The place that you see that is in Christians having the mind of Christ as we live in this world and so reflecting the way he thinks according to scripture, this is what the holy spirit gives us, right?

That was a big part of what. Dr. McGraw was preaching out of 1 Corinthians 2. That there is the mind of God that is in Christ that we can only have by the Holy spirit. Who is God giving us The mind of Christ. And so, we are the ones who reflect these priorities.

Now, But he is the one that's an obvious reference. Isn't it to the final battle where you have all of the hosts of heaven and you have The Lord gets all of the enemies of the earth, right? Where he wants them by their coalition. Don't Yeah, don't be shaken when when the enemies of God are gather it against him.

We know the the What the Lord does with that, how he sets them up for destruction, to feeds them all at once. But this striking the earth with the rod of his mouth under the breath of his lips, he shall lay the wicked. Righteousness, shall be the belt of his loins and faithfulness.

The belt of his waist, and then he describes doesn't he that age to come in? Which there aren't just no more poor. But in which the creation itself, Participates enjoys, the glorious freedom of the children of God. Yeah, I had Not that. I Not that I would commence to you, either the NIV or picture Bible, but The Lord does many marvelous things, in one of the marvelous things he has done, is, bring me up out of that.

But I received when I was very, very young, a little NIV picture bottle and it had second commandment violations. This Particular picture wasn't but it was it was built off of this passage with all of these different creatures. And the child playing next to the next to the hold of the the snake.

And it was It was mesmerizing to me. As a child because it was so opposite. What the world is? It felt like fantasy but it's not fantasy, is it? It is the undoing. Of the curse that our sin in our

first father. And I hope especially if you've been there in the midweek meetings that you, that that is really come home to you, that we were there and Adam, we send in him.

The world being the way it is, is our own fault. Not just Adam's fault in a way that's distance from us and far away. But we were in him, we were federal federally represented in him. But but the, what the Lord Jesus brings as king is an end. To the curse or rather and you heavens and a new earth that are not under the curse.

And then to the cursed world, The wolf also shelled, well with the lamb. The leopard shall lie down when the young goat the calf and the young lion and the fattling together a little child should lead them. A cow and the bear shall graze, their young ones to lie down together.

Hawaiian shall eat straw, like the ox, the nursing child shall play by the cobras hole the wean child. Shall put his hand in the vipers den. Yet another reminder. That the serpent in just three is not a reptile. It's it's language describing. Satan himself taking appearance as if a creature but more clever than any of them.

As if a beast of the field, he has a creature. Praise God. They shall not hurt, nor destroy, and all my holy mountain. For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of Yahweh as the waters, cover the sea. And as we always do in, in my family, when we, when we read that verse children, How much of the sea is covered by water?

Praise God. Now, don't we wish that our own hearts, don't we long for With assured gospel. Hope that our own hearts would be filled with the knowledge of the offering. As the water's cover the sea. And and yet that is the promise of God not only for our own heart, but for the entirety, Of the new creation.

Not only in the new heavens. Where of course, the heavens are filled. With the knowledge of God. Because God is the heavenliness of heaven. His, his expression display of himself is the dominating reality of heaven, and we who walk so much by sight instead of by faith. We mourn.

That the knowledge of him is not more than it is. The dominating reality of our life. And yet, it is coming. And one of the ways that That we express that we are not being conformed to the pattern of this cosmos. But are being transformed by the renewing of our mind is by our mind.

Chords for instance, the poor reflecting Christ's mind towards the poor. The only reason he hasn't put an end to send and misery, the only reason he has not come with vengeance upon the wicked is because he is so devoted in love to saving all of those who have been chosen from before the foundations of the world.

All of those for him, he died on the cross. All of those for him, he has poured out his spirit to bring them to faith in himself that That he is not slow like some measure slowness. With him. He is willing to wait, a thousand years for something more than we are willing to wait a day for something.

Today is a very important spiritual test for my family. Are we going to love the Lord's day more than we love going to Florida? Because we're going to Florida tomorrow. Yeah. And as the Lord increases our delight in the Lord's day Saturdays, become a spiritual test. Can you wait a whole other day to get to a Lord's day?

Well, we have all been sometimes even as adults, but often as children, I do have a child who thankfully is done throwing up, but has other affliction now who for a week or so. Is today the Lord's day yet and I wish that that was coming from a spiritual place and sometimes it is, you know what, the Lord has done and is doing in her heart as marvelous.

I bless his name for him. Foreign but recently those questions have been come because she knows that the day after the Lord's day, we are leaving for Florida. Well, the way we are eager. For the thing that we almost can't wait a day for Jesus is more eager. To end.

All poverty. All injustice. All lack. And and most of all spiritually, of course. But also physically. He is eager to bring the new creation and yet he is more willing to wait a thousand years. For that out of love for those who be a saving then then we are willing to wait a day for the thing that in our In our disproportionate and messed up desires.

We are, we are not quite, we are not like him as as we ought to be. So, when we reflect the mind of Christ, We are eager to be. Examples of the new creation. That which he desires to bring about. And yet may take thousands more years. We don't know.

How long or how many? Heaven is not going to be empty. And we expect that that there are great multitudes yet being saved. And yet what, you know, the timing of the Lord will be a surprise, don't misread me there, but that which are savior longs for Is on display in parked.

In the lives of his people now. We go in priced her or the new creation. So, there is this. This desire of Christ. That he produces by his spirit in us. When we are merciful, when we are kind. When we are not worldly and self-indulgent in material things, but see them as an opportunity first to enjoy him.

Yeah, we were self-indulgent upon God. And therefore, we don't despise the goodness of material things. We just are not seeking to be full of them so much as we are the enjoyment of God's goodness by then. But that's especially displayed. Then when we are happy to park, With material things for a brother.

Or for even a neighbor. So, there's this. There's this expectation for the age of the church because there's a there's a genuine already. In the already, but not yet. And, It's an already that we want to see. As much as possible because we know our savior desires to see it in the only thing that is keeping That that is keeping it from happening immediately is that he's still saving people, still bringing people to repentance unto life and to saving faith.

So,

Yeah, we'll look at chapter 49. Briefly. Do want to get to the A little bit to the. Of the prosecution of the case. You try to finish the the bolt text this morning.

This is a servant song. This is Jesus being not only Remember. The king. That none of the other sons of David were able to be, but the Israel that Israel was unable to be. Listen to Coastland's to me that means like the ends of the Earth. Yeah, think of Yeah, if you've read Missionary biography is like places like Vonna want to Right as far and remote as possible in the Israelites mind, they weren't thinking about vanuatu.

They were thinking about islands in the Mediterranean or Coastlands in the Mediterranean, along the Mediterranean, but as far as you can think away. Listen to Coastlands to me. Take heed, you people from afar Y'all. He has called me from the womb from The Matrix. The inward. That maze of my mother.

He has made mention of my name and he has made my mouth like a sharp sword again. This is connecting now to the prophecy that we just read in chapter 11. In the shadow of his hand, he is hitting me and made me a polished shaft in his quiver, he has hidden me.

Yeah this is again connected to you know, the first Corinthians 2 that we heard Ryan preach. That we heard Dr. McGraw preach about how what? I couldn't see your ear hear, or the heart of man devise and there's a word, there's a word picture here. Of a clever assassin.

His his got his weapon that you can't see his palming his dagger as it were, you know, like he had And and just in the moment, when his wisdom says, it's the right time to reveal. Outcomes Christ from heaven outcomes Christ, from the plan of god, from, from the line of David that which only the wisdom of God could have anticipated the Lord of glory comes.

And he comes that way, not only in his first coming. As the Lord of glory, who is crucified. But also, He'll come that way in his second coming as well. Like we've been hearing. But this is about his first coming. He said to me, You are my servant to Israel in whom I will be glorified.

Then I said, I have labored in vain I have spent my strength for nothing in vain yet. Surely my just reward is with Yahweh and my work with God. Now, you always says, who formed me from the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him. So that Israel is gathered to him.

For, I shall be glorious and the eyes of Galway, and my god shall be my strength. Indeed, he says, it is too small, a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved ones of Israel, i will also give you as a light to the Gentiles that you should be my salvation to the ends of the Earth.

And so, again, there's this expectation that when Christ comes, he is going to produce a people who are like himself, who are like, Israel should have been remember all those weeks that we had and the good law that they had and the example and display, the that they were to be.

And now when the Lord Jesus comes and there's that remnant from Israel who are being saved, the Meaning of the Romans night, not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. But there is that Israel of faith, that Israel of election, that Israel of choice. But it actually extends not only to the the physical descendants.

Of Jacob of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. But it extends, doesn't it to, to people from all the earth. And so, you have the Lord's, saving some Gentiles by way of Of juice and the Lord saving some juice by provoking them to jealousy by Gentiles. And he concludes that whole section in Romans in chapter 11 saying in this way All Israel.

Shelby saved. And, And so the Lord Jesus is coming rain as the king whom all the the line of David had anticipated is going to be expressed by a people who are as they as Israel. The nation ought to have been There's a lot at stake kids. There's a lot of steak in how you think about and use material things.

Because being a selfish worldly person does not suddenly evaporate when you reach a particular age. And the, the more you learn now, to be generous of spirit, To be generous with your think. Yeah, this is yeah this may sound silly to some of you. This is one reason why we never let the grandparents do the bring a present for everyone.

On one of the kids's birthday things. Yeah, we said we want our children to learn to love that. Their sibling is getting a present Because it's it's something that takes the inward. Renewing work of the Holy spirit to to actually produce out of grace, but the more we're outwardly trained and helped in those this patterns the easier it is To walk by the grace of the spirit.

So you're learning to be generous is not just a learn how to share so that everyone can get a turn. We all had, you know, we all we want there to be enough for all of us. You know, it's not

like the household version of communism. Or socialism. No you learning how to share needs to be.

You learning how to see that thing that God has given you as an opportunity. Not just to enjoy his goodness to you when you have it but to enjoy his goodness to your brother. Or your sister. When your brother hasn't and when your sister has it and even giving up your opportunity because now you're enjoying, not only the goodness of God to your brother sister but that you got to be the one through whom He was good to your brother or sister.

Okay, so as we train our children but we're off and I I think and hope humbled By the how much the things that we're training them in, don't come so easily out of our own hearts at 30 or 40 years older than they are. Guess you start having them young?

But what we want to see. Is the mind of Christ. Reproduced in ourselves the mind of Christ reproduced in our children. This is in the course of world history in the course of redemptive history. A unique place that has been carved out for the church of Jesus Christ. To be something under his kingship.

Israel. Between Sinai and David, and then between David and the coming of Christ. Had not been. An example, a display of the generosity, Of our God. It's a big part of being holy as he is, holy and Christ's. Being the promised king. Is often displayed by the church being as a people What Israel had failed to be.

But ought to have been. Now, that should humiliate us. Because I think a lot of our experience. And church history bears us out in a lot of places. Is that the church is not. Historically, this new display of generosity, there are places where has been. And we look at those and we say, praise God, But this is why the actual ministry is so important, and we're going to have to stop.

But we will Lord willing in 2 weeks time. Will consider. How Israel's failure to be those things was a central part of the Lord's case as he was as he was prosecuting. His case against Judah and about to send them into exile. Let's pray. Lord Jesus, how we thank you that you who did not consider a quality with God, something to be grasped.

Humbled yourself to take the form of a slave. And you are the one whose mind we seek by your spirit as we seek to be able to consider others better than ourselves and To prefer others to ourselves. Oh, Lord. We pray that you would make us a people of overflowing generosity.

Give us contentment with food and clothing. Make us desire to be rich in. Good works rich towards you rich in heaven, rich in eternal things. And, and all of these things to be rich in the display. Of what you are like as our king. So we pray that you'd help us by your spirit.

We thank you that we go now straight from the class into the public worship where you gather us to God by the means of your grace. And we ask that your holy spirit, then would help us. That he would not only help us attend upon the means, but that he would employ them To give us from you, our savior.

That we would have your mind that we would have your character that we would have your life that we would have your strength. That we Would be like you. So we ask it in your name, Lord Jesus. Amen.