

Ephesians Series

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The Victorious Ascent of the God-Man

Ephesians 4:7–10



EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

- 1. What did the rejection of Christ do to the Kingdom program of God?**
- 2. Why was the ascension of Christ necessary for the giving of the Holy Spirit?**
- 3. And, what is the significance of the ascension of Christ for this new dispensation?**

1. God had a plan which He had kept to Himself and was not revealed until after the rejection of the Messiah. It was only hinted at prior to the crucifixion, and it was not revealed by God until after the birth of the Church on Pentecost AD 33 in Acts 2.

Eph. 3:9, “and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ;

Eph. 3:10, “to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places,”

2. Christ Himself said that He must ascend before He could send the Holy Spirit. This was because He was not yet King on the earth and had a new plan for a new people, the Church.

John 16:7, “Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.”

3. In the ascension Christ is now serving as our High Priest. As such He serves as our intercessor and our advocate before the Father.

Heb. 4:14, “Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

Heb. 4:15, “For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.”

Rom. 8:26, “Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but **the Spirit Himself makes intercession** for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Rom. 8:27, “Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because **He makes intercession** for the saints according to the will of God.”

Rom. 8:34, “Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is **even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.**”

1 John 2:1, “My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.”

4. Christ is doing something else right now, Christ is preparing a place for us.

John 14:2, “In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; but if this were not so, then I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.”

Last week the focus was on two things:

- 1. The Ascension Completes the Strategic Victory of Christ on the Cross**
- 2. The Strategic Victory of Christ sets up a new phase or dispensation in the plan of God.**

This week the focus is on:

The Victorious Ascent and Psalm 68:18

Acts 1:9, “Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.”

**ἐπαίρω *epairō*
3 sing aor pass
indic to lift up**

**ὑπολαμβάνω *hupolambanō*
3 sing aor act indic to
suppose; to lift up; to reply**

Heb. 4:14, “Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.”

διέρχομαι, *dierchomai*, perfect active participle,

“to come or go through, to pass through, to travel through a place or location”

The Biblical “Heavens”

The Third Heaven: The Throne of God

The Second Heaven: The Universe

The First Heaven: The Earth’s Atmosphere

1 Pet. 3:22, “who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.”

**πορεύομαι *poreuomai*
aorist passive participle,
masculine singular nominative
“to go,” used of a journey**

Eph. 4:9, “(Now this expression, ‘He ascended,’ what does it mean except that He also had descended into the lower parts of the earth?)”

Eph. 4:10, “He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)”

***Sessionem:* (Latin) to sit**

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Eph. 3:10, “to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places,”

Psa. 8:4, “What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him?”

Psa. 8:5, “For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor.

Psa. 8:6, “You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet,”

Heb. 2:6, “But one testified in a certain place [Psa. 8:4–6], saying: ‘*What is man that You are mindful of him, or the Son of Man that You take care of him?*’

Heb. 2:7, “ ‘*You have made him a little lower than the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honor, and set him over the works of Your hands.*’

Heb. 2:8, “ ‘*You have put all things in subjection under his feet.*’ For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him.

Heb. 2:9, “But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.”

Heb 1:3, “And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,” (Psalm 110:1)

Heb 10:12, “but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God,

Heb 10:13, “waiting from that time onward until His enemies be made a footstool for His feet.” (Psalm 110:1)

- 1. FIVE Messianic Psalms: Psalm 2; Psalm 8; Psalm 89; Psalm 132; and Psalm 110 plus Daniel 7 and the role of Psalm 68:18.**
- 2. The terms *Son of Man* and *Son of God*; *Son of David* and *King of Kings* and *Lord of Lords*.**
- 3. The David Covenant as the foundation for understanding all of the above.**
- 4. The Melchizedekian priesthood and its fulfillment in Christ.**

**Psa. 68:16, “Why do you look with envy, O mountains
with *many* peaks,**

**At the mountain which God has desired for His
abode?**

Surely the LORD will dwell *there* forever.

**Psa. 68:17, “The chariots of God are myriads,
thousands upon thousands;**

The Lord is among them *as at Sinai*, in holiness.”