

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2017

MORNING MESSAGE

“The Return of the King”

Acts 1:9-11

- I. THE ASCENSION OF THE SAVIOR (v.9)
 - A. One of the least appreciated events in the life of Jesus is His ascension
 1. It is mentioned in detail in few scriptures
 - a. Mark 16:19, “So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God”
 - b. Luke 24:50-51, “And he led them out as far as Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven”
 - B. Peter did not describe the event, but he told us what happened in 1 Peter 3:22, “Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him”
 1. Notice His absence – “Who is gone”
 2. Notice His arrival – “into heaven and is on the right hand of God”
 3. Notice His authority – “angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him”
- II. THE AMAZEMENT OF THE SAINTS (vv.10-11a)
 - A. When the King left the planet, the disciples stood in awe
 1. “Looked steadfastly” means to fasten one’s eyes upon, to behold earnestly, to look fixedly
 2. “Gazing up into heaven” is a different Greek word, but means the exact same thing; to observe fixedly
- III. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SERAPHIM (vv.10b-11)
 - A. The “two men” were angels who announced the return of the King
 1. He is coming personally – “this same Jesus”
 2. He is coming positively – “shall so come
 3. He is coming powerfully – “in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven”