



KW REDEEMER WORSHIP SERVICE

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GOD CALLS | God calls His people to cease from their work to marvel & rest in His.

SCRIPTURE READING

Leader: The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you. Sing the praises of the Lord, enthroned in Zion; proclaim among the nations what he has done. (Psalm 9:9-11)

Leader: *We thank God for his grace!*

ALL: *Amen!*

GOD CLEANSSES | God cleanses us from our sin because though we are unfaithful, He remains faithful.

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you destroyed the power of sin and death. We confess that we fall into doubt and fear, brought on by our selfishness and sin. We waste your gifts, wander from your ways, and forget your love. We overlook our neighbor, and are constantly focused on ourselves. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of the fullness of life given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

PRAYER

Announcements

Join us for midweek gatherings at 7:30 - a time to connect with each other with a short reflection on God's word. Support the ministry of the gospel by giving at kwredeemer.com

GOD COMMUNES | God communes with us through His Word & Spirit together, bringing renewal.

KIDS GOSPEL TEACHING

SERMON

GOD COMMISSIONS | As recipients of grace & reconciliation, we are made ministers of reconciliation.

CLOSING PRAYER, DOXOLOGY & DISMISSAL

GOSPEL HOPE - PART 8

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Acts 1:1-11 In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach 2 until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. 3 After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. 4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” 6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7 He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” 9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. 10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 11 “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

CHRIST’S ASCENSION HAS PERSONAL SIGNIFICANCE FOR US: it creates hope

V9 “up” GRK ἐπαίρω : not just “directional” denotes being exalted. The emphasis here goes beyond Jesus leaving their sight, but ascending to power.

CHRIST’S MINISTRY CONTINUES THROUGH US: we become witnesses

v4 DON’T go until I go. What is so important?

V5 Son of God leaves and the Spirit of God comes. Not the 1st time the Spirit is active: but in a new way.

OT: the Spirit comes upon *certain people* for a *time*. | NT: the Spirit indwells *all* God’s people for *all time*.

v8) **BE witnesses:** [How?](#) Fleishy: loving life as result of gospel AND sharing the gospel.

CHRIST’S ASCENSION HAS ETERNAL IMPLICATIONS THAT RE-ENVISION US:

We view our lives, our successes, our hardships & our world in light of eternity.

V6 - Will you now restore the kingdom to Israel? A very honest, relatable question: the disciples, like us, fixate on how God is going to solve their immediate problem - but God’s plan since Genesis has been to deal with our ultimate problem. We relate to immediate problems **differently** when at rest in the fact that God solved our ultimate problem **definitively**.

V11: **Why do you stand here?** God’s power comes upon the followers of Christ to BE witnesses. “State of being.” Being a witness is not an action reserved for those with particular skills but the call to all who have received and are resting in God’s amazing grace. (II Cor 5:17-21) May God give us humble confidence to share the gospel we rest in.

V11 This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.” This explicitly speaks of **the return of the King**.

When we look at Genesis we get a frame of reference for what **God wanted & where we’re headed**.

Did God command "sing 24hrs?" No. God said, be fruitful & multiply. HEB meaning: cultivate the earth and create societal flourishing, diverse communities rooted in love, reflecting the One whose image we bear.