

A LESSON FROM PALM SUNDAY (1 Pet. 1:10-12)

Intro. Hard to put self in times and understanding of OT people. What did they see in tabernacle? What did they know about salvation? Easier to look back than imagine how much OT people could look forward. Vv. 5, 9 of salvation from our perspective includes hope, res, inheritance. From OT, vv. 10-12.

I. The Teachers, v. 10

A. Who teaches us, 10. Prophets. Great men who knew lots about God and His plans. But did not fully understand sal. Matt 13:17. Many prophets desired to see what you see but did see them.

B. How did they learn? Sought and searched (more minutely). Even writers had to study their Spirit-inspired writings bec did not understand all they wrote.

II. Their Curriculum, v. 11

A. In general--the Messiah. [Grace for Gentiles. Not unknown in OT but did not know that it would involved the church (a mystery), or when and how this would happen. Joel 2:28 Spirit on all people. Acts 2:39 those afar off=Gentiles.]

To whom or to what period (time) and what circumstances the Spirit of X was pointing. Unclear as to the Deliverer and circumstances. Jn 1:19 that Jn Bap was Messiah. Understood a Messiah but did not know the man (Jesus) or what period He might arise. Middle of X's ministry still unsure, Matt 11:3. HS in them was pointing to Messiah. What is the Spirit of X? HS which X sent at Pentecost, Acts 2:33. Or the Messiah -spirit in them; i.e., the Messiah-spirit in them was pointing and involved in their search.

B. Specifically they taught (1) Sufferings for X (those He was appointed to bear) and Glories after these things. Isa 53. (2) Glories afterward. Isa 11. But saw these as one right after the other. Did not realize the intervening period of the church which was not known, Col. 1:25. Horseback in Mexico.

III. Our Assignment, v. 12

A. Know the scope of the plan of God. We now can know the whole picture thru those who evangelized us. Note Now in cf to Then (the age of the prophets). Specifically, that sufferings and glories separated by age of church.

Examples of how X separated His 1st coming from His 2nd. Dan 9:26-27.

1. At beg of public ministry. Isa 61:1-2. Lk 4:16-19. Suffered by rejection.

2. At end of His earthly life. Matt 21:5 quoting Zech 9:9 but not 10 of universal peace. 13:7-9. Donkey and her foal (son). Both animals went along. Custom was for a king coming in peace to ride on a donkey; if in war then a stallion. cf. Rev. 19:11 horse and to Jerus. Same arena in which suffered, He will be glorified.

If say both happened at 1st coming then postmill. If amill then no literal fulfillment of glories on this earth. If premill then makes sense.

[B. Know the purpose of God for us--our sufferings, v. 6 will certainly be followed by glories, v. 4, as His were.

C. Show grace of God in suffering. Angels are peering into our grace. Jn 20:5,11. What are we going to teach the angels?]

Ps 22:1-2-My God why have you forsaken me? I cry and you do not answer. Isa 52-53. Appearance marred, despised, forsaken, sorrows grief, smitten of God, afflicted, pierced through crushed, oppressed, afflicted, killed, made a guilt offering.