

SERMON: THE KING OF GLORY**Good Morning OIC & Welcome to Father's House**

I have titled this message “The King of Glory.” As Handel wrote in his famous oratorio *Messiah*, “Who is the King of Glory?” Handel knew the answer. He wrote that glorious music to Jesus.

Handel was inspired by **(Psalm 24.8)**

which asks the question: “Who is the King of Glory?” The answer is Jesus.

The Lord Jesus' first visit to Earth revealed God in the flesh. This was for His Sacrifice and God's mercy beyond description given to sinners. This mercy for sinners is in Jesus' prayer on His Cross for those crucifying Him, “*Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing,*” in **(Luke 23.34)**. His prayer to His Father was really also for me and for you as our sins nailed Him to the Cross, just as if we were there swinging the hammers upon the nails into His wrists and legs!

This same gentle and forgiving Jesus shall return as the Ruler and Judge of all mankind as we see in **(Revelation 11.15-16)** *15 Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices shouting in heaven: “The world has now become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever.”* And, **(Revelation 19.11)** *11 Then I saw heaven opened, and a white horse was standing there. Its rider was named Faithful and True, for he judges fairly and wages a righteous war. 12 His eyes were like flames of fire, and on his head were many crowns. A name was written on him that no one understood except himself. 13 He wore a robe dipped in blood, and his title was the Word of God. 14 The armies of heaven, dressed in the finest of pure white linen, followed him on white horses. 15 From his mouth came a sharp sword to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod. He will release the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty, like juice flowing from a winepress. 16 On his robe at his thigh was written this title: King of all kings and Lord of all lords.*

At the End of History Jesus Christ will be revealed to the whole world as the “*King of all kings and Lord of all lords.*” Born-again Christians have already crowned Him as their King. They call Him LORD as He is equal with God. God the Father has given His Son from eternity past the new title and authority of *Lord and Christ*. In AD 30 { That is Anno Domini, the 30th Year of GOD } Peter declared this to the Jews in Jerusalem on that Pentecost Sunday. God had just poured out

Holy Spirit on Christians. This Pentecost is referred to by theologians as the “Birth of The Church.” Pentecost is also called the Feast of First Fruits (including wheat harvest). God planned His outpouring of Holy Spirit on the Church on this day. Pentecost was always 50 days after Passover. This Spirit out-poured Pentecost was 50 days after the Passover when Jesus was crucified.

God's Spirit brings power to witness Christ and fruits to live for Him. Jesus ordered the Disciples to wait for this outpouring, “The Birth of the Church,” before they obey His Great Commission to bring His Gospel to the *ends of the Earth*. This is in **(Acts 1.4-5)** *4 Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, “Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. 5 John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”*

The public title *Lord and Christ* for Jesus is recorded in **(Acts 4.36)**: *Therefore let the whole house of Israel recognize beyond all doubt and acknowledge assuredly that God has made Him both Lord and Christ (the Messiah)—this Jesus Whom you crucified.* Christians are promised to see Jesus in His Glory when they leave their temporal bodies. For Jesus promised them in **(John 14.2)** *There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?*

All Christians have already tasted something of His Glory for they have all been given the very Spirit of God within them. We see in Psalm 24 some of the prophetic words about Christ, the Messiah. These were written by King David about 1000 BC {Before Christ}. Reading **(Psalm 24.7-10)** *7 Open up, ancient gates! Open up, ancient doors, and let the King of glory enter. 8 Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty; the LORD, invincible in battle. 9 Open up, ancient gates! Open up, ancient doors, and let the King of glory enter. 10 Who is the King of glory? The LORD of Heaven's Armies— he is the King of glory.*

Jesus will return in Great visual Glory at the End of Time to judge the earth and all the peoples. But His title of the “King of Glory” was fitting already before this return as Conquering King. Jesus' greatest conquest and victory was during His first visit to Earth. His return to Heaven has His name as *the King of glory* as the words in **(Psalm 24.7)**: *Open up, ancient gates! Open up, ancient doors, and let the King of glory enter.* Psalm 24 was declaring in 1000BC Jesus' future return to Heaven. This return would be after He would complete His Mission to die for our sins on His bloody Cross. And also **(Psalm 24.7-10)** *Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty; the LORD, invincible in battle. 9 Open up, ancient gates! Open up, ancient doors, and let the King of glory enter. 10 Who is the King of glory? The LORD of Heaven's Armies— he is the King of glory.*

The Newer Testament declares this also in **(Hebrews 2.9)** *What we do see is Jesus, who for a little while was given a position “a little lower than the angels”; and because he suffered death for us, he is now “crowned with glory and honor.”* Yes, by God’s grace, **Jesus** tasted death for everyone. He finished His Mission to planet Earth: *suffered death for us* as the Perfect Blood Sacrifice for the Salvation of men. So as in **(Psalm 24.9)** *Open up, ancient gates! Open up, ancient doors, and let the King of glory enter.* And as recorded in Luke's account in **(Acts 1.9-11)** *After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him. 10 As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them. 11 “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!”*

Christians need not see Jesus' physical Glory, to crown Him King of their heart, their **King of Glory today!** For they know that He has worked such wonders 1) for them, 2) in them, and 3) by them.

1. “Who is the King of Glory?” JESUS FOR THEM

The LORD strong and mighty; the LORD, invincible in battle. (Psalm 24.8) The Lord Jesus upon His Cross at Calvary routed every foe, breaking all the weapons of the Enemy in pieces. He fulfilled completely God's Promise in **(Isaiah 54.17)** *But in that coming day no weapon turned against you will succeed. You will silence every voice raised up to accuse you. These benefits are enjoyed by the servants of the Lord; their vindication will come from me. I, the Lord, have spoken!* So Jesus was *invincible in battle* on The Cross. For His finished work of satisfactory obedience is seen for us as He said: *It is Finished (John 19.30)...* he said, **“It is finished!”** Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. Jesus was pointing to the Believers' home in Heaven for He spoke the popular Greek expression in Jerusalem : *tetelestai* **(John 19.30/NTG)**. This everyday expression was used in the real estate business of the day. It simply meant “The mortgage is PAID!” ...our home on Heaven.

He triumphed over the grave on the third Day after His Crucifixion. Jesus always completes what He starts or promises. He had first revealed His future Suffering and Passion to His Apostles on the day that Peter exclaimed in **(Matthew 16.16)**: “You are the Messiah,[the Christ], the Son of the living God.” And then in the same teaching time with them in **(Matthew 16.21)** *From then on Jesus began to tell his disciples plainly that it was necessary for him to go to Jerusalem, and that he would suffer many terrible things at the hands of the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but on the third day he would be raised from the dead.*

His triumphant Resurrection showed that God had accepted His Son's Sacrifice. God's anger for Mankind's Sins was appeased. Death is now no longer a weapon for Satan. Christians have everlasting life and their own Resurrection is as sure as Jesus.'

As the Apostle Paul wrote in **(1 Corinthians 15.20-23)** *20 But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died. 21 So you see, just as death came into the world through a man {Adam in the Garden of Eden}, now the resurrection from the dead has begun through another man, {Jesus}. 22 Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life. 23 But there is an order to this resurrection: Christ was raised as the first of the harvest; then all who belong to Christ will be raised when he comes back.* Therefore, Jesus, our King of Glory, has overturned the hopes of Hell!

Also by His return to Heaven, Jesus led captivity captive. In **(Ephesians 4.8)** Paul tells us: **8 Therefore it is said, When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive [He led a train of vanquished foes] and He bestowed gifts on men.** He made a show of all our spiritual enemies, Satan and his messengers, as proclaimed in **(Colossians 2.13-16)** *13 You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. 14 He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. 15 In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.*

Every arrow of guilt which Satan might have shot at us is **broken**, for who can lay anything to the charge of God's elect? Jesus' Church. Vain are the sharp swords of infernal or hellish malice. The perpetual battles of the serpent's seed {the non-Christians} against Christians will fail! For in the midst of the Church, the feeblest warriors for Jesus are crowned!

Therefore the Lord Jesus is the King of Glory: strong and mighty; invincible in battle in (Psalm 24.8).

2. "Who is the King of Glory?" JESUS IN THEM

The **King of Glory's** conquests were **for** the Believer and against their external foes. But, the **King** also made conquests **in them**, internally. In addition to the King of Glory "**for them**," the saved Born-again Believer might also adore their Jesus, the King of Glory, for His conquests "**in them**!"

The arrows of their *natural hatred* are snapped. The weapons of their rebellion are broken. What victories has grace won in our evil hearts! How **glorious** is Jesus when the will is subdued, and

sin is dethroned! As for our remaining corruptions, they shall sustain an equally sure defeat. Every temptation, and doubt, and fear, shall be utterly destroyed. In the Peaceful place in our hearts, the name of Jesus is beyond compare:

He has won our love, and He shall wear it.

3. “Who is the King of Glory?” JESUS BY THEM

He works **for them, in them, and by them** to the world! For in **(Romans 8.37/AMPC)** *Yet amid all these things we are more than conquerors and gain a surpassing victory through Him Who loved us.* We shall cast down the powers of darkness which are in the world, by our faith, and zeal, and holiness. We shall win sinners to Jesus. We shall overturn false systems and heresies. We shall convert nations! For God is with us, and none shall stand before us.

As the Apostle Paul promised in the Holy Bible in **(2 Corinthians 2.14)** *But thank God! He has made us his captives and continues to lead us along in Christ's triumphal procession. Now he uses us to spread the knowledge of Christ everywhere, like a sweet perfume.*

Here Paul speaks of the Christians and especially preachers. That is anyone who “preaches,” or tells the “Good News of Jesus:” **He has made us his captives.** This is unlike in **(Ephesians 4.8)** *When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive [He led a train of vanquished foes] and He bestowed gifts on men.* **Whenever any sinner becomes a believer in Jesus he passes from being an enemy against God to become a love-slave to serve Jesus. God humiliated the Devil and his messengers by Jesus Cross. God made Jesus' Cross the means to give sinners the Gift of becoming His Sons! Free from disgrace and shame. That is truly from Death to Life!**

Dear OIC Saints, our service for the King of Glory starts as we exit the church building today. Let us all stand and make a joyful noise to the King of Glory and sing together **Onward Christian Soldiers** shown on the overhead,

Onward Christian Soldiers ---

1 Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.
Christ the Royal Master
Leads against the foe,
Forward into battle,

See, His banners go.
Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.

2 At the sign of triumph
Satan's host doth flee;
On, then, Christian soldiers,
On to victory.
Hell's foundations quiver
At the shout of praise;
Brothers, lift your voices,
Loud your anthems raise.
Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.

3 Like a mighty army
Moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading
Where the saints have trod;
We are not divided,
All one body we,
One in hope, and doctrine,
One in charity.
Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.

4 Crowns and thrones may perish,
Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus
Constant will remain;
Gates of hell can never
'Gainst that Church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise,
And that cannot fail.
Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.

5 Onward, then, ye people,
Join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices
In the triumph-song;
Glory, laud, and honour,
Unto Christ the King,
This through countless ages
Men and Angels sing.
Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.

YES!With the Cross of Jesus Going on before ...

Let Us Pray

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Greek text, or his decision for more clarity, make it needed.