



BETWEEN 6:00—9:00 AM: NEITHER IGNORANT NOR ASHAMED OF THE MESSAGE THAT MATTERS

As I shared last week, we’re exploring the Gospel in Joel Moment. Again, this might be a headscratcher (“We already know it”). Yes, but I want to look at it afresh. This reexamination of our core message starts with the WHAT, before the SO WHAT. That is, the Gospel involves content, events, facts, or “pieces,” you could say. These pieces — when put together — depict the unique existence and achievement of Jesus, the saving King. We also talk about the purposes and benefits of the Gospel, but I want to start with the events themselves and get them firmly in mind so we know them by heart.

But everything in good time. Let’s first get relaxed and happy in God, like children resting in the arms of their Father. As you’ll see in the last verse of the passage below, the quiet of a beautiful morning is to be shattered by resounding praise. Read slowly — pen in hand — underlining, bracketing, highlighting and leaving marks of emphasis, respect and appreciation. Skimming Scripture is almost a crime!

Psa. 65:1 *Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed.*

Psa. 65:2 *O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come.*

Psa. 65:3 *When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions.*

Psa. 65:4 *Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!*

Psa. 65:5 *By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas;*

Psa. 65:6 *the one who by his strength established the mountains, being girded with might;*

Psa. 65:7 *who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples,*

Psa. 65:8 *so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at your signs. You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy.*

There are a cluster of action verbs in this passage with God as the subject. For example, God hears (V.2) and God atones (V.3). Go back and find the rest. Pick the one that means the most to you today, October 21, 2020 and write it here: _____

On the next page, we’ll learn about the first event or piece of the gospel. You’ll enjoy an art piece by Kierra Jones that I’ll explain later in Joel Moment. Turn the page and we’ll explore the first Gospel piece.

Gospel Piece #1

Jesus the Saving King preexisted as God the Son



BETWEEN 9:00-12:00 PM: Passages about PREEXISTENCE TO GET OUR MINDS AROUND

Read each passage and notice evidence for the Gospel fact that Jesus was in heavenly glory with God the Father before assuming a human nature and body. This is where the Gospel kicks off. Read the portion from Psalm 2 (below) in the Old Testament where the Messiah is identified in the New Testament book of Acts (also below) as the true speaker of passages written 1,000 years before Jesus was born.

Written in 1000 BC: ^{ESV} **Psalm 2:6** *"As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill." ⁷ I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.*

Written in AD 62: ^{ESV} **Acts 13:32** *And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, ³³ this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus, as also it is written in the second Psalm, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you."*

BETWEEN 12:00-3:00 PM: LET'S GET SWITCH GEARS AND READ A PASSAGE THAT OUR SPECIAL JOEL MOMENT GUEST AMY JOH WILL REFERENCE WHEN WE HEAR HER STORY

^{ESV} **Isaiah 58:1** *"Cry aloud; do not hold back; lift up your voice like a trumpet; declare to my people their transgression, to the house of Jacob their sins. ² Yet they seek me daily and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that did righteousness and did not forsake the judgment of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they delight to draw near to God. ³ 'Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?' Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. ⁴ Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. ⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶ "Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? ⁸ Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ⁹ Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.' If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, ¹⁰ if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. ¹¹ And the LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. ¹² And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to dwell in. ¹³ "If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly; ¹⁴ then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."*

BETWEEN 3:00—4:00 PM: Join the Joel Moment Prayer Gathering. Go to Zoom.com and enter Meeting ID and Password.



AMY JOH [A special welcome to Amy Joh! She'll share about her own faith journey and what brought her to Bayshore Christian Ministries.]

RALPH BYRD [He'll tell us about events in church history where the preexistence of Jesus was attacked and how God raised the "saint of stubbornness" to oppose this heresy and keep the church on the right track.]

GROUP PRAYER PROMPT #1 (7 min.): *ESV Isaiah 58:6 "Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?"* Pray for Bayshore Christian Ministries. Ask God to raise up volunteers and funds to help young people know Jesus, gain skills for a future that honors him and advances the reign of Jesus, the saving king. Ask God to make the virtual banquet a true success.

GROUP PRAYER PROMPT #2 (7 min.): There never was a time when the Son was NOT. The Messiah Jesus, the *"Author of life" (Acts 3:15)* has always existed. Praise Jesus who is equal with God, and begotten by him, not made. You don't need to pray in fancy theological words. Just lift up Jesus for being alive BEFORE he was born. As we'll see, this is critical for our salvation.

GROUP PRAYER PROMPT #3 (10 min.):

ESV Malachi 3:16 Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name.

Let's hit "pause" and talk to each other in our Zoom rooms. Does anyone have a particular need he or she would like to share? Scribble them down and then lift up those concerns as well as all the other struggles, roadblocks and tumults we're facing as a nation.



Please plan on attending *"Hope and a Future,"* a virtual fundraising banquet that Darren and others from Valley Church are attending on Sunday, October 25. This ministry is one that Valley Church is looking to partner with. To join Darren at the virtual banquet please visit www.bayshore.org and click on "Join Us for Our Virtual Event." Mark "Darren" as your host.