

Easter Meditation (pt 2)

"The Reign of the Son of Man"

Psalm 8:1-9

God's Creation Purpose

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1. The display of God's majestic name
 - displayed in God's creating man in His image and giving man dominion over all creation
 - as God's image-bearer, man is to rule and subdue creation and fill the earth

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2. The Problem

- Man rebelled against God, failed to rule, and fell under God's judgment
- Man is now subjected to death and all of creation is subjected to corruption

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Good News!

- God did not abandoned His original creation purpose for man and all creation...

This purpose is ultimately fulfilled in the man Christ Jesus

Fulfillment in Christ

A. Jesus' Humiliation

➤ Hebrews 2:5-9

- *His incarnation* – Jesus, the eternal Son, took on a human nature and was subjected to death
- *His death* – Jesus became man in order to remove God's judgment from us by "tasting death" for us

Fulfillment in Christ

B. Jesus' Exaltation

➤ 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

1. Jesus is the second Adam
 - Jesus is the representative head of a new humanity (like Adam)
 - All who are "in Christ" by faith will be given resurrection life

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2. Jesus' resurrection is the "first fruits"
 - His resurrection is the guarantee of the bodily resurrection of all who belong to Him
 - The resurrection of believers will happen at Christ's coming

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3. Jesus reigns as the exalted Son of Man
 - On the basis of His redeeming work, Jesus is given dominion over all things as Man
 - the last enemy that will be abolished is death

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4. Jesus, the Son, is subject to the Father forever
 - Jesus, as the God-man, is the supreme agent of bringing the Father glory
 - The goal of all history and creation is that God be all in all

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Conclusion

1. God's creation purpose is realized in the New Earth and Heavens in which His glory fills all creation and He is all in all
2. In our resurrected and glorified state, we will reign with Christ over all creation to the glory of the Father