**R808\_(R47) – Rumination for July 26, 2020 by K.C. Ung**

The **T**heme:**The Lord of the Mountains**

The **T**ext: *How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of Him that bringeth good tidings* Isa. 52:7

The **T**hots:

Intro.: To bring good tidings, the Lord trod the mountains.

1. **On Moriah He was the Virtual Sacrifice. Gen. 22:2, 13**

 *Take now thy son,* ***thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest****, and get thee into the land of* ***Moriah****;*

 *and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.*

 *Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering* ***in the stead of his son****.*

* 1. He was the **S**on Whom the Father loveth.

Cf. *The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into His hand.* Jn. 3:35

Cf*. Lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.* Matt. 3:17

* 1. He was the **S**on, the Father’s Only Son.

 Cf. T*he* ***only*** *begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared* *Him*. Jn. 1:18

 *Cf. For God so loved the world, that He gave His* ***only*** *begotten Son*. Jn. 3:16

* 1. He was the burnt **S**acrifice offered on the altar.

 Cf. *Sacrifice and offering and* ***burnt offerings*** *and offering for sin Thou wouldest not,*

 *neither hadst pleasure therein; … Then said He, Lo, I come to do Thy will, O God.* Heb. 10:8, 9

* 1. He was the **S**ubstitute for us - *Abraham … offered him (ram) up … in the stead of his son*.

 *Cf. Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree.* I Pet. 2:24

1. **At Calvary He was the Vicarious Sacrifice.**

 *And when they were come to the place, which is called* ***Calvary****, there they crucified Him*. Lk. 23:33

 [Calvary – a hill, a mound, an elevation, a public highway?]

* 1. There He died **not** for sins of His own.
		1. *For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew* ***no sin****.* II Cor. 5:21
		2. *Who did* ***no sin****, neither was guile found in His mouth.* II Pet. 2:22
		3. *And in Him is* ***no sin****.* I Jn. 3:5
	2. There He died **for** our sins. H*e was manifested to take away our sins.* I Jn. 3:5
		1. *For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the Just for the unjust,*

 *that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:* I Pet. 3:18

* + 1. *that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.* II Cor. 5:21
		2. *that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.* I Pet. 2:24
1. **At Mount Zion His Victorious Sacrifice will be the subject of the Song Rev. 14:1**
2. The **S**ubjects who will **S**ing:
	1. The 144,000 **S**ealed **S**ervants of God – *with Him an hundred forty and four thousand.* Rev. 14:1
	2. The Tribulation **S**aints – *them that had gotten the victory over the beast…* Rev. 15:1
	3. All Gentile nations**S**aved by Grace *- all nations shall come and worship before Thee.* Rev. 15:4

 *Lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people,*

 *and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, …saying,*

 *Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb* Rev. 7:9, 10

1. The **S**ubject of the **S**ong.
	1. The **S**ubject is the Lamb of *God – I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion,* Rev. 14:1
	2. The **S**ong is a new Song *– And they sung as it were a new song before the throne,* Rev. 14:3

*And they* ***S****ing the* ***S****ong of Moses the* ***S****ervant of God, and the* ***S****ong of the Lamb,*

***S****aying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty;*

*just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of* ***S****aints.*

Rev. 15:3

Conclusion:

In the meanwhile, the **L**amb of God will ever be the **S**ubject of our Remembrance at the **L**ord’s **S**upper.

*There is a green hill far away, without a city wall,*

*Where the dear Lord was crucified, Who died to save us all.*

*Oh, dearly, dearly has He loved! And we must love Him too;*

*And trust in His redeeming blood, And try His works to do.*

 Cecil Frances Alexander

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 808**

1. **Psalm 121:1-8 (HCSB)**

*1 I lift my eyes toward the****mountains****. Where will my help come from?
2 My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.*

At this time of the COVID\_19 Pandemic, many parties have been affected in one way or the other. The normal lifestyle of many has been somewhat overturned and they are trying to adapt to new challenges.

Christians are not left untouched. They are now restricted in their congregational gatherings and have to adapt themselves to virtual coming together for fellowship and worship. Individual lives are affected with some living in isolation, others in fear and still others being left to themselves without their loved ones at the side.

It is at times like these that Christians are tested for their faith and confidence in God. They need to look up to God to prove the reality of His presence, His power, His protection and His providence. Look upwards to the mountains and beyond the mountains and be assured of the following as the Psalmist did when he was downcast and downhearted:

He assures you of His Protection in so many ways.

Do look up to the Mountains and the Creator and Sustainer of all Creation: *3  He will not allow your foot to slip; your Protector will not slumber.
4  Indeed, the Protector of Israel does not slumber or sleep.
5  The LORD protects you; the LORD is a shelter right by your side.
6  The sun will not strike you by day or the moon by night.
7  The LORD will protect you from all harm; He will protect your life.
8  The LORD will protect your coming and going both now and forever.*

Is He your Help today and all days to **F**ollow? **F**ear not, He will protect you! **REFLECT**

1. Mountains have been figured to represent problems and trials one faces in life.

There are times and occasions in life when we face “mountains” we think are insurmountable. It is in times like these we should be reminded that our God is the God of the mountains. He created them. He placed them where He wants them to be. And He can remove them as He chooses. Therefore, when we face mountains of difficulties in life, we should be looking up to Him and be reminded that He indeed is the God of the mountains.

*"Be of good courage," God spake unto Joshua,
When o'er the river God pointed the way;
Jordan uncrossable! things seemed impossible,
Waters divide as they march and obey.*

*CHORUS Got any rivers you think are uncrossable?*

*Got any mountains you can't tunnel through?
God specializes in things thought impossible*

 *He does the things others cannot do.* Oscar C Eliason

**Isaiah 40:4 -** *Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low:*

 *and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:*

Do you believe this? **REFLECT.**

**Points To Ponder:**

*The Lord can, not only* ***F****latten the* ***M****ountains, but also* ***F****ill up the* ***V****alleys, of your* ***L****ife.*

Isa. 40:4