

## Weekly Word Oct. 6

Marion Victory

**Genesis 2:18-24**

**Psalm 8**

**Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12**

**Mark 10:2-16**

There is a connection in all of the readings this week. They build upon each other. In Genesis chapter 2:22 we have the account of Eve's creation and the response from Adam's heart bursting with gratefulness and love;

"This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; **(then he names her)**, She shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

Prior to this, in verse 18, God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper **comparable** to him." She wasn't better than him, she wasn't less than him. She was his helpmate, his equal.

Psalm 8 starts and ends the same; O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth! It echoes creation in verses 3-8; When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained, What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? It continues how man is made a little lower than the angels and yet, he is given dominion over the works of God's hands and, **all** things are under his feet, all sheep and oxen, even the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea that pass through the paths of the seas. Wow!

Then in Hebrews we see the Son of man, Jesus, is no longer a little lower than the angels, He is seated at the right hand of the Majesty on high! We are told that we are no longer spoken to by prophets but by His Son. **Read these verses 1-4.**

Hebrews 2:6 says, But one testified in a certain place, saying; And Psalm 8:4-6 appears again. "What is man ...

Then verses 9 -12 tells us why and how Jesus changed His position.

*(it's important that when we read the Word of God that we pay attention to whom the writer is referring to. When He is capitalized, it's always referring to the GODhead, Father, Son, or Holy Spirit. If not, it's referring to mankind. I feel it's important we have a clear translation of God's word for study purposes).*

Finally in the Gospel which is a hard reading for those who haven't received their forgiveness through Christ. We see the echo again of Genesis. Jesus quotes Genesis 2:24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall

become one flesh. After He addresses divorce, He calls the children, (I believe embracing them), and He speaks these words, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, **whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter.**” Whoa ... those are powerful words!

Back to Psalm 8 for a moment. Look at verse 2, Out of the mouths of babes and nursing infants You have **ordained** strength, because of Your enemies, that You may silence the enemy and the avenger. (Ordained meaning: appointed, decreed, prescribed, established).

Remember when you were a babe in Christ? How easy it was to hold the Father’s hand and trust Him? You were ready to take on the devil! You spent time praying and reading His word. You never missed a Bible study. You were full of Zeal. Then you got caught up in all of the ideas and teachings of man, the leaders of the church, and you became an adult. Some of the things you used to do, (dance, worship with abandonment, clap, shout for joy, giggle, pray spontaneously, asking the ‘silly’ questions), all became too childlike. You lessened your alone time with Abba Father, and the interpretations of man became the words of God.

Let’s pray

Heavenly Father, forgive us for neglecting our time with You and replacing it with ‘other things.’ We have allowed ourselves to be distracted by many voices, both good and bad. By opinions, false news, and real news.

There are wars, and storms, and disasters happening all around us and, sometimes we are overwhelmed, and it binds us. But Lord, today we shake off those heavy bands and lift our hands to You in praise knowing, that these things will pass. Your Word is true and as the Sunday School song goes; He’s got the whole world in His hands rings true!

May we become once again as little children gathering close, and hovering around our Father and listening for Your voice. I pray we learn to trust in Your provision and protection for Your people, which includes Israel. Help us to know how to keep watch and pray. Give us ears to hear You, Lord, and hearts to respond to You, above all else.

In Jesus’ Name Amen!

I have read two books in my life that GOD keeps bringing me back to. They are allegorical. One is Pilgrim’s Progress and the other is The Divine Romance by Gene Edwards. Friends, if you can, read them. You will see the love of GOD for His creation in one and the guiding hand of the Father in the other.

