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All Saints

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

¹In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. ¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷“As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”

Psalm 149

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful. ² Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King. ³ Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre. ⁴ For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory. ⁵ Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches. ⁶ Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands, ⁷ to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples, ⁸ to bind their kings with fetters and their nobles with chains of iron, ⁹ to execute on them the judgment decreed. This is glory for all his faithful ones. Praise the LORD!

Ephesians 1:11-23

¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him **you** also, when **you** had heard the word of truth, the gospel of **your** salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory. ¹⁵I have heard of **your** faith in the Lord Jesus and **your** love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for **you** as I remember **you** in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give **you** a spirit of wisdom and revelation as **you** come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of **your** heart enlightened, **you** may know what is the hope to which he has called **you**, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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Luke 6:20-31

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²²“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵“Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. “Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. ²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.”