

### Ascended Up On High Where He Was Before

#### How He Led a Multitude of Captives.

What the Ascension of Jesus Implied For Himself and For the World.



At Baltimore, Md., May 21st.—Pastor Russell of the Brooklyn Church here preached twice to-day to large and attentive audiences. We report one of his discourses from the text, "When He ascended up on high He led a multitude of captives" (Ephesians iv, 8-10).

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forty days, with the Apostles for their establishment, and instruction—He on the spirit plane, invisible to them, except when He manifested Himself by appearing miraculously in various forms to convince them that He was no longer deceased, and also that He was no longer confined to human conditions—that His resurrection had made him again a spirit being on the higher plane, where He was before He took human nature for the suffering of death, for the redemption of humanity.

Not alone by His words, but also by His conduct, our Lord taught His followers. They had not as yet been begotten of the Holy Spirit, and hence could not understand or appreciate spiritual things. They could, therefore, receive instructions only along natural lines.

Jesus was raised from the dead a spirit being, far above angels, principalities and powers. Had He then gone directly to the Father without manifesting Himself to His disciples, they would never have been able to understand the truth of the matter. Hence their lessons were given them largely that they might realize that it was necessary that Messiah should die, in order that He might redeem the world, and that it was also necessary that He ascend up on high and re-enter upon the spiritual plane of existence, which He had before He came into the world.

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A Multitude of Captives. Our text, in a figurative way, represents the ascension of Jesus from the earthly plane to the heavenly as the triumph of a great Conqueror. Sin had gained ascendancy over Adam and his race, and had brought mankind low to the dust, mentally, morally and physically. Moreover, this victory over man had been gained in a legal manner—through one Who was rich, as the Logos in man's disobedience (Romans v, glory, preserved His identity when He was made poor for our sakes, made flesh, that He might be our Redeemer. Similarly, that Re-

demar preserves His identity now that He has been made rich again, now that He has been received up to the spirit plane of glory, honor and immortality, the divine nature. To suppose that Jesus went to heaven a man is to mistake the significance of His title, The Son of Man, which He maintains, as identifying Him with His great redemptive work—as one of His many titles. To suppose that Jesus is a human being in heaven would be to suppose that He is still as when in the flesh, "a little lower than the angels," whereas the Scriptures declare that He has ascended far higher, so that all the angels of God, as well as men, are commanded to worship Him. To suppose Jesus in heaven a human being would be to suppose Him out of all harmony with heavenly, spiritual conditions and surroundings.

Moreover, are we not told that the Church of Christ will be changed from the human to the spirit condition in the resurrection, and that this change will make the "elect of God" like their Redeemer, so that they may see Him as He is, not as He was, that they may see Him in glory, honor and immortality, exaltation, and not as the humiliated One Who was made flesh that He might sacrifice His flesh on man's behalf? When we so thought we forgot the Scriptural declaration that "flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God," hence that all those called to be partakers of the divine nature and heavenly Kingdom with their Redeemer and Lord must be made like Him by the power of the First Resurrection.

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self competent to pay the sinners' ransomprice, and gave Himself a ransom for all, "to be testified in due time" (1 Timothy ii, 6). Thus the great Conqueror is seen returning to the heavenly state, acclaimed by the Heavenly Host, and following Him far down the centuries, the prophetic view saw, first the Church, the "Royal Priesthood," "His brethren," "His Bride," delivered from the power of sin and death, through the merit of His blood. And these were but the first corps of a following host—"a kind of first-fruits to God of His creatures," rescued from sin and from death" (James i, 18; Revelation xiv, 4).

Later on, stretching down for a thousand years beyond the Church's deliverance, the prophetic pen-portents countless hosts of every nation, people, kindred and tongue, to be delivered from the power of sin and death through the merit of Him Who died, "the Just for the unjust." Now the Saviour of the Church, His Bride, He will shortly be the Saviour of the world, its Great King, Great Teacher, Great Priest, Great Mediator. During the thousand years of His reign Satan will be bound, ignorance and superstition shall become scattered before the light of the New Dispensation, mankind shall be uplifted to human perfection and blessed with an earthly Eden—all that was lost by Adam and redeemed for man through the death of Jesus.

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VICTORIA CORNERS. Mrs. Hanes, jr., has been receiving old acquaintances in this neighborhood. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Heard and family and Miss Walker spent the 24th with Eugenia friends. We are sorry to learn that Mr. Jas. Best has for the past week been suffering with broken ribs. Mr. Cameron, our Minister at Inistourie, visited his congregation on this line last week. Mr. Cameron's sermons are much enjoyed by all who hear them.

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THURSDAY, MAY 25th, 1911

## Flesherton

Miss Florence Thurston is visiting in Toronto.

Miss Zilla Trimble is visiting the city this week.

Mr. Geo. Stuart is home a few days from Elk Lake.

Mrs. Ed. Whitten is visiting daughter at Toronto this week.

Mrs. W. T. McKee, of 47 1/2 St. is visiting her son, J. W. McKee, 4th inst.

Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Mrs. Iva, are visiting from the city this week.

Charley Crossley has a position as bookkeeper at West Toronto.

Mr. E. Vanzant was in Toronto on Monday afternoon in the cemetery.

Mr. Geo. Mitchell left on Monday to join friends on a week's visit in Parry Sound district.

Mr. A. Munshaw is on a holiday in the city this week, attending the Woodbine races.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ford were up from Dundalk on Friday night visiting their mother.

Miss Maud Richardson and Blackburn visited Mrs. Dandalk over Friday night, attending the spinster concert.

Mrs. Wurts returned to the city on Friday with her daughter, who underwent a successful operation in the city.

Mr. Henry Holman has a real estate in Toronto, we learn recently purchased residence at four thousand dollars.

Flesherton and Ross M. Hall teams played a game on Friday evening, and evenly balanced as to score on each other.

Mr. Richard Smith and R. Smith of Markdale, in town on Saturday, on old friends and Mr. Grammer was a visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. McArthur and Mrs. Scammon, of Wood, visited Mr. and Mrs. Wright on Sunday, at Markdale over and were entertained home by Mrs. Wright for a few days.

Colonel A. G. A. made a short visit to Markdale.

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