

Mark 10:32-52 “The Servant’s Heart” 10/9/22

Outline:

- 1) The coming of the Son of Man (10:32-34)

Daniel 7:

⁹ As I looked, **thrones were placed, and the Ancient of days took his seat;**
his clothing was white as snow, and
the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames;
its wheels were burning fire.
¹⁰ A stream of fire issued and came out from before him;
a thousand thousands served him, and
ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him;
the court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

[Rival kings and kingdoms are thrown down] ...

¹³ I saw in the night visions,
and behold, with the clouds of heaven
there came one like a son of man,
and he came to the Ancient of Days
and was presented before him.
¹⁴ And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom,
that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him;
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
which shall not pass away, and
his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

- 2) Selfish-ambition (10:35-41)

Psalm 78:8, For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup with foaming wine, well mixed, and he pours out from it, and all the wicked of the earth shall drain it down to the dregs.

Mark 14:33-36, And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. And he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain

here and watch.” And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

John Stott, “It is God himself who in holy wrath needs to be propitiated, God himself who in holy love undertook to do the propitiating, and God himself who in the person of his Son died for the propitiation of our sins. Thus God took his own loving initiative to appease his own righteous anger by bearing it his own self in his own Son when he took our place and died for us. There is no crudity here to evoke our ridicule, only the profundity of holy love to evoke our worship. ... God does not love us because Christ died for us; Christ died for us because God loved us. If it is God’s wrath which needed to be propitiated, it is God’s love which did the propitiating.” (*The Cross of Christ*, 174-175)

Psalm 116:12-13, “What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD”

3) Self-sacrificing, Servant Son of Man (10:42-45)

James Edwards, “The pronouncement is, of course, and oxymoron, for a slave, who was inferior even to a servant, was in ancient society the last and least of all. The idea of a slave being first is as absurdly paradoxical as a camel going through the eye of a needle (v25) – and it probably likewise induced smiles and shaking heads from Jesus’ audience. The desire for power and dominance focuses attention on self and this kills love, for love by nature is focused on others. ...disciples should adopt the posture of servants and slaves not on the basis of ethical reasoning but *because* it is the posture of the Son of Man. ... The life to which the gospel calls believers is not an ethical system but ‘the way of the Lord’, of which Jesus is the pattern and incarnation.” (*The Gospel According to Mark*, 326)

4) Model disciple (10:46-52)