



“The Del-Haven Vision”

“Without vision, the people perish” (Proverbs 29:18)

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“The Lord reigns, He is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed. He has girded Himself with strength. Surely the world is established, so that it cannot be moved. Your throne is established from of old. You are from everlasting.” Ps.93:1-2

This wonderful Psalm puts forth one of the plainest and clearest statements of the eternal sovereignty of Christ our God in all of scripture. That it is Christ, the eternal Son of God that is referred to here can be seen from the Hebrew word for *reigns*. The meaning of this word includes the imagery of Him ascending the throne. And this is exactly what Christ has done. Heb.1:3 says, “*who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.*” In other words, having completed in its entirety the work of our atonement and redemption, He ascended back into Heaven from where He came and sat down on the ruling throne of all creation. This is where He is right now!

But wait...what we have so far said is only part of the truth. This Psalm was written centuries before the explanatory epistle of Hebrews. Nevertheless, this Psalm does not declare that the Lord will reign, but rather it plainly says that He reigns right now. Therefore, the Word of God plainly declares that the Lord has always reigned over everything...even the time of His own incarnation. The only way that we can even come close to comprehending this Christian reality is by our receiving the truth of the doctrine of the Trinity.

For example, the apostle Peter at Pentecost preached the gospel of the glory of Christ when he said, “*Men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know -- Him, being delivered by the predetermined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.*” (Acts 2:22-24) That which we see alluded to here is obviously the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ as events that were reigned over from start to finish by Almighty God. And, having been raised up from the dead, Christ went on into Heaven and took His seat on that throne that sovereignly reigns over us and all creation even at this very moment.

He it is that is clothed with majesty and girded with strength. He it is that has established -- erected and appointed -- the very existence of the earth and all its inhabitants. And what's more, His ruling throne is described as being everlasting, or eternal in its existence. In other words, He, as our sovereign God, has always been there, and is there now, and always will be there. “*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.*” Heb.13:8 “*For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever, Amen.*” Rom.11:36

*For Christ's glory only!
A. Carpenter*

Chapel Dedication Scheduled for April 24th

My dear friends I have wonderful news! We are now ready to have a dedication service for the Del-Haven Memorial Chapel. The Board has decided to target April 24, 2004 as the day to officially celebrate and dedicate this blessed new additional structure to be used expressly for the ministry of the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ. So mark this date on your calendars right now. That will be a Saturday, and we are planning to have refreshments available along with a dedication program that will begin at 2:00 PM in the afternoon. Let's all pray that our Lord will grant us excellent weather for this long awaited event.

Please, do your best to be able to attend. To have a chapel on the campgrounds was one of Dad's most often expressed longings. We have made it also a memorial to Dick and Mary Elizabeth Capp, who were life-long friends and founding members of Del-Haven. Therefore, this will be a time of memorial for their past ministry here, and a dedication of this new building for the continuance of service for our Lord Jesus Christ in the future. We want you...no...we need to have you all here for this.

The progress on the pay off of the loan for the construction of the chapel has now reached \$24,828.21. It will be two years come this April 13th since we began from over \$50,000. We praise the Lord for your continual support of this endeavor over and above our regular costs of operation. It would, of course, be absolutely grand if we could have this indebtedness completely paid off by the time of the dedication service. Whatever the Lord has in store, however, please continue to pray with us concerning this matter. What He has done, and is doing, is truly wonderful, and we give Him all the praise and glory for it!

Prayer Concerns

Dining Hall Floor Renovations

Please continue also to pray with us concerning our need to renovate the floor in the dining hall. This is a project that definitely needs to be accomplished before this next camp season begins. We trust that the Lord will lead us to victory in this challenge as well.

T- Shirt Imprinting

Oh, by the way, does anyone out there know of someone who does t-shirt imprinting? We need to find another source for us to be able to get some Del-Haven t-shirts imprinted in all sizes. These have always been a favorite gift to campers and friends alike. If you can help us please get in touch with us --- (816) 690-8465 or 3497. We would greatly appreciate it!

Coming Camp Season

The recent warm weather has all of us anticipating this next camp season that is coming right up. In all your faithful prayers for us please remember to pray for the children that God will once again be sending out here to hear the soul converting, life changing good news of Christ our Savior. This is the real reason for the upkeep and additions to the facilities -- the proclamation of the gospel of the glory of Christ. We love you all, and we continually pray for God's daily blessing upon you as well.

**“Your testimonies are very sure. Holiness adorns your house,
O Lord, forever.”** Ps.93:5