

30 Days Together
“Immanuel - God With Us”
#30daystogether

Day #2 – Nov. 27th

Text: Hebrews 1:1-14

God’s Final Word: His Son

1 In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. 3 The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. 4 So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

The Son Superior to Angels

5 For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father”? Or again, “I will be his Father, and he will be my Son”? 6 And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.” 7 In speaking of the angels he says, “He makes his angels spirits, and his servants flames of fire.” 8 But about the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom. 9 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy.” 10 He also says, “In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. 11 They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. 12 You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end.” 13 To which of the angels did God ever say, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet” 14 Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

Devotion: Bria Clark

I don’t know about you, but I wear through shoes and shirts super quickly. I buy a new pair of running shoes every 6 months and I feel like it only takes a year to “pit-out” a favorite shirt. Maybe it’s just my active self, but I burn through clothes and shoes easily. From a financial standpoint, this is annoying and for a person who doesn’t enjoy shopping it’s even worse. However, God reminds us in Hebrews 1:10-11 that “wear” is intentional.

‘In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. 11 They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment.’

There is nothing of this world that is meant to last. Zoom isn’t meant to last. Masks aren’t meant to last. Fear isn’t meant to last and emotional burnout isn’t meant to last. The only lasting thing that cannot

parish or wear out is the love that God poured out for us through the life, death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Jesus is proof that God “loves righteousness and hates wickedness.” Jesus anoints us with a plentiful supply of “oil of joy,” but until we have a creak or rusty wheel- it’s easy to forget how joy-giving Jesus is.

When I think about God’s statement of “anointing with the oil of joy”, my thoughts jump to the Tinman from The Wizard of Oz. Our first introduction to the Tinman is that he is lifeless and in desperate need for oil. Once he is given oil to his joints, he is able to move his arms, to walk and to talk. The oil that the Tinman received gave him new life and joy that had he not accepted the oil that Dorothy gave him, he would still be lying in the forest of wherever he was. In a way, the Tinman was anointed with Jesus’ oil of joy and given new life. He was rescued and born again. For many of online learning, social distancing, isolation or _____ are sucking us dry of the joy that Jesus is eager to fill us with.

Advent marks the time for us to rejoice in the gift of God’s love and promises with the birth of our savior. In this and future devotionals, soak up the “oil of joy” that God so graciously gives through the works of Jesus Christ and the lessons we can learn from His Word. For everything in this life is temporary, but He will remain the same. His love is constant and never changing. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Closing Prayer: Dear Lord, we thank you for being constant and that your love for us has always been meant to last. Please help us in this season to find joy in You and Your son and help us to run dry of the joy and hope that only You can provide. Bless our advent season and keep drawing us close to You and Your Word. Amen.