

Sermon Notes for November 20, 2005 A.M.

Morning: “Marks of Maturity” Ephesians 4:14-16 (Pew Bible page 1040)

“Marks of a Mission Giving Church”

(The Worthy Walk)

Unity—Ephesians 4:3, **Victory**—Ephesians 4:10, **Ministry**—Ephesians 4:12,

Maturity—Ephesians 4:14, **Purity**—Ephesians 4:22, **Charity**—Ephesians 4:32, **Spirituality**—Ephesians 5:1-18

“For the equipping of the saints for the **work of ministry** for the edifying of the body of Christ.” Ephesians 4:12

I. Be Skillful with the Word of God— “And He Himself gave some **pastors and teachers**” Ephesians 4:11

- You will be **equipped** with The Word— “For the **equipping** (perfecting, outfitting, preparing) of the saints.” Ephesians 4:12

- You will be **edified** by the Word— “For the **edifying** (building up) of the body of Christ.” Ephesians 4:12

II. Be Seeking the knowledge of the Son of God— “To a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ . . .” “May **grow up** in all things in to Him.” Ephesians 4:14-15

- Grow in the **doctrines** of Jesus— “Till we all come to the **unity of faith.**” Ephesians 4:13

- Grow in **devotion** to Jesus— “And of the **knowledge** of the Son of God.” Ephesians 4:13

- ❖ **Moses** grew— Exodus 2:11-12 (51); Numbers 12:3 (132)

- ❖ **David** grew— Psalm 51:10 (507), 32:8 (472)

- ❖ **Paul** grew— Philippians 3:12-14 (1044)

- ❖ **Jesus** grew— Luke 2:52 (906); Hebrews 5:8 (1064)

III. Be Solid in the truths of God— Not “tossed to and fro” Ephesians 4:14

- Do not be **children** (infants) in the things of God— “That we should no longer be children.” Ephesians 4:14

- Do not be **carried** away by cunning deception— “Every wind of doctrine by the trickery of men in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting.” Ephesians 4:14

IV. Be Sharing the Gospel of God— “But **speaking** the truth in love.” Ephesians 4:15

- Share the Gospel **lovingly**— “But speaking the truth **in love.**” Ephesians 4:15

- Share the Gospel **convincingly**— “May grow up in all things into Him who is **the head** –Christ.” Ephesians 4:15

V. Be Supportive of all the Family of God— “The whole body joined and knit together.” Ephesians 4:16

- Support the **smallest** member of the family— “By what every **joint** supplies.” Ephesians 4:16

- Support by doing your **share**— “The effective working by which every part does its share.” Ephesians 4:16
- Support to **strengthen** every member— “Causing growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.” Ephesians 4:16

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Evening: “**What Does The Future Hold?**” Daniel 7:1-28 (Pew Bible page 788)

Recent prophetic developments include:

- ❖ **A world filled with terror and violence.** “And God said to Noah, “The end of all flesh has come before Me for the earth is filled with **violence** through them; and behold I will destroy them with the earth.” Genesis 6:13 (7)
- ❖ **The Islamic intent to destroy Israel** as articulated by numerous statements by the President of Iran. “They have said, “Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, that the name of Israel may be remembered no more.” Psalm 83:4 (525)
- ❖ **Tattoos are trendy.** “ No one may buy or sell except one who has the **mark (tattoo)** or the name of the Beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: his number is 666.” Revelation 13:17-18 (1096)

Daniel seven begins the prophetic section of the book. Daniel seven is one of Scripture's most crucial prophetic passages. The Lord Jesus Christ referred to Daniel 7:9, 13 in the trial that ended in His crucifixion. (Mark 14:62) (900) Daniel seven covers the time from Daniel to Christ, to today, the Anti-Christ, and the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Daniel seven tells us what the future holds.

I. A Storm in a Great Sea. Daniel 7:1-8 “Daniel spoke saying, “I saw my visions by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea.” Daniel 7:2 The “sea” is the sea of the nations.

- The Past Storm. Daniel 7:2
- The Power in the Storm. Matthew 4:8-9 (851); Daniel 9:23, 10:20
- The Present Storm. Daniel 7: 7b-8

II. A Judge Seated in a Great Courtroom. “I watched till thrones were put in place, And the Ancient of Days was seated . . . The court was seated. And the books were opened.” Daniel 7:9-10.

- **The Contrast**— “The Ancient of Days was seated.” Daniel 7:9a
- **The Control**— “Thrones were put in place...His throne was a fiery flame.” Daniel 7:9b.
- **The Courtroom**— “The court was seated, and the books were opened.” Daniel 7:10.

III. A Beast with a Man's Mouth. Daniel 7:11-12, 7:15-25. “Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was exceedingly dreadful . . . that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words.” Daniel 7:19-20.

Three times the Holy Spirit speaks of a “**little horn**,” the final Anti-Christ with a mouth speaking “boastful, pompous words,” “very great things” about himself. “The sin of man finds its fulfillment in this “man of sin,” the coming final Anti-Christ.

- A **Pompous** Beast-Daniel 7:9,11,20
- A **Powerful** Beast-Daniel 7:7b-9, 7:23-24
- A **Perverse** Beast-Daniel 7:25
- A **Punished** Beast-Daniel 7:11, Revelation 19:20

IV. The Coming of an Everlasting Kingdom. Daniel 7:13-14, 7:26-27 “But the court shall be seated...His Kingdom is an everlasting Kingdom.” Mark 14:62

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
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How great Thou art, how great Thou art!