Ascension Sunday 2025 "Pondering the Ascension of Our King" Text: Hebrews 1:3-4

I. Introduction
II. Pondering our ascended Lord
1. What did Luke say? (Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:6-11)
2. What did Daniel say? (Daniel 7:13-14)
3. What did Jesus say? (John 6:60-62; John 16:5-7; John 16:13-14; John 20:17)
4. What did Paul say? (Romans 8:34)
5. What did John say? (1 John 2:1)
6. What do we say?
III. Proclaiming the abundant life
IV. Conclusion – a final word

QUOTES

1. Sinclair Ferguson:

- Jesus was taken up into heaven in a cloud, and there's a reason for that. It wasn't just to hide Him from sight, but you remember, in God's mighty acts, a cloud regularly appears. It's sometimes called the shekinah cloud, the bright shining cloud that manifests the presence of the invisible glory of God. Our Lord went into heaven, riding on a kind of triumphal chariot of glory.
- We need to know that there is no condemnation for us because Jesus Christ, who alone can
 ultimately condemn us since the Father has placed all judgment into His hands, Jesus Christ
 alone who can condemn us has not only died for us, but He is now at the right hand of God
 interceding for us.

2. Westminster Shorter Catechism:

Q. 28. In what does Christ's exaltation consist?

A. Christ's exaltation exists in His rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up to heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

3. <u>R. C. Sproul</u>:

Jesus is no longer a peripatetic [itinerant] rabbi, walking around Galilee and Judea. He is enthroned, and no monarch in this world can rule for a second apart from His authority. He brings kingdoms up and brings kingdoms down. He is accountable to no earthly ruler.

4. ESV Study Bible:

Jesus calls his followers, not to a dour, lifeless, miserable existence that squashes human potential, but to a rich, full, joyful life, one overflowing with meaningful activities under the personal favor and blessing of God and in continual fellowship with his people.

5. Charles Spurgeon:

In heaven above, and on the earth beneath, and in the waters under the earth, and on every star, He is supreme Lord and Master. They that will not yield to Him shall be broken with a rod of iron; He shall dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. So His cause is safe; His kingdom is secure, for He is at the right hand of power.

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE TEXTS

- John 17; Heb. 7:25
- Rom. 8:1
- Acts 7:51-56
- Ps. 110:1; 1 Tim. 6:15; Rev. 17:14; Rev. 19:11-16
- John 10:10; John 6:63
- Gal. 5:22-23