

“THE PSALM OF THE ASCENSION”

(Preaching Through the Psalms – Part Seventeen)

(Psalm 68)

Note: Jesus stayed on the earth 40 days after His resurrection (*1 Corinthians 15:5-8*). Jesus’ ascension to Heaven was prophesied 950 B.C. (*Mark 16:19 / Luke 24:50-51 / Psalm 68:18*).

I. THE ASCENSION OF JESUS EXPLAINS {HIS ABSENCE FROM THE EARTH}!

**Matthew 27:52-53*

**Revelation 1:18*

**Romans 8:34*

**Psalm 110:1*

**Acts 1:9*

Note: The ascension of Jesus was prophesied in the Psalms.

II. THE ASCENSION OF JESUS WAS NECESSARY FOR {GOD TO SEND THE HOLY SPIRIT}!

**John 16:28*

**John 16:6-7*

**John 14:16-18*

**Psalm 68:18*

**Ephesians 4:8*

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Note: The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of the risen Jesus.

III. JESUS’ ASCENSION CHANGES THE {FOCUS OF OUR WORSHIP}!

**Mark 16:19*

**Psalm 121:1-2*

**Psalm 123:1*

**1 Timothy 2:8*

**Philippians 3:20*

**Revelation 1:9-11a*

**Revelation 1:17-18*

**Acts 1:11*

Note: Jesus appeared to John many years after His ascension.