

limax many references - 7/8/47 The ASCENSION - Acts 1:1-11
 B 16:19 olive - awe - expecting
 450 (40 days) { to establish his identity - } calm - simplicity of account
 { to comfort & instruct disciples }
ANGELS at birth - at grave - at ascension - foretold 2nd coming

The DEPARTURE - THE JOURNEY - THE ARRIVAL & WELCOME -

The preface - { 1. His leadership - "He led them out"
 2. To mt. of Olives
 3. His farewell blessing - "lifted hands + blessed them"

The Process of His Ascension -
 { 1. Gradually "parted from them" - "He went -"
 2. "Received up" - "Carried up" - "He ascended."
 3. The celestial welcome - "and a cloud received him up out of their sight." - "He was taken up"
 "He " carried up"
 "He was received up in glory."

The effect on the people -
 { 1. "They looked steadfastly into heaven" - "gaze held on".
 2. Reassured by heavenly messengers. 1:11
 rebuke + encouragement -
 3. Reverent worship -
 4. Unbounded joy filled their hearts. Praise

Christ's Position in heaven - Throne -
 { 1. Rest + repose - "Seated at right hand of God"
 2. Absolute (power) dominion - enthroned
 3. Active help - (Stephen)

The Meaning for us - ADVOCATE -
 1. Continuous intercession - "ever at rt. hand of God intercedi
 2. Universal availability - [They lost him to have him]
 3. Full-orbed immortality - Death had no more dominion over
 4. Complete ultimate victory - Hel 10:12 - Expecting
 11: triumphal return in inseparable connection with his ascen

The Ascension - Climax of 40 days.

He tarried
to establish fully his identity -
for the comfort + instruction of his disciples -

The preface -

1. His leadership - "He led them out"

{ He never leads astray -
He knows where he is going & how to get there -
He convinces us of his complete mastery of the situation

2. The place to which he led them - Mt. of Olives -

3. His farewell blessing -

"He lifted up his hands & blessed them" -

The Process of His Ascension -

1. "He was parted from them" gradual - in no sense abrupt or sudden -

2. "He was received up" - "was carried up" -

3. - The celestial welcome - "and a cloud received him up out of their sight" -
(Enwrapped in a cloud of glory)

The Reaction to His Ascension -

1. "They looked steadfastly into heaven" -

"a continued gaze held on" - Their eyes could not be turned hastily from looking at him

2. Reassured by two messengers from that glorious sphere into which he had entered.
message of rebuke & encouragement - (1:11)

God maintains line of communication between heaven & earth

3. Reverent worship - "they worshiped him"

4. Joy filled their hearts - "returned to Jerus. with great"

5. Continued praise as he

The Position climaking his ascension - Throne

1. Rest + repose - "seated at the right hand of God"
His work was finished - all he had come to do was done
The Father accepted his finished work.
2. Absolute power + dominion - Enthroned -
3. The position of active help -
(Stephen saw him standing)

The perennial meaning of his ascension -

1. Continuous intercession - "even at the right hand of God, who makes intercession for us."
2. Universal availability -
(It was only by losing their Lord they could hope to keep him) (They lost him to have him)
3. Full-orbed immortality -
Death had no more dominion over him -
Earth - no home for such a person -
4. A complete ultimate victory - Heb. 10:12
Expecting final + certain victory -

His triumphant return is inseparably connected with his ascension -
Acts 1:11 -

Ascension

The fact - more references to it -

foretold by Jesus -

Ten references in John -

In 1st Ch. of Acts -

Hebrews

the manner of his going - { the departure -
the journey -
the arrival + welcome

1 "He went -"

"He ascended -"

"He was taken up"

"He was carried up"

"He was received up in glory" 1 Tim 3:16
joy in heaven

The Significance of it -

The Consequences of it -

His enthronement -

"from henceforth shall the Son of Man be seated at the right hand of the power of God." Lu 22:69

Stephen - "looking up steadfastly into heaven"

saw the glory of God, + Jesus standing on the right hand of God." acts 1:55 -

Col 3:1

Heb 8:1

Rom 8:34

Olivet

awe - expectancy -

tone of leave-taking -

Calm simplicity of the account

Cloud received

angels who had heralded his birth - watched his grave -

announced his resurrection now proclaimed his 2nd coming

active - passive -