

Scriptures: Ex. 20 (Ten Comm) – Isaiah 53

Singing: 71:1, 3, 4 – 69:1-2 – 51 – 184:1, 6, 7 – 417 – 381 – 362

The glory of our Lord Jesus Christ

I. He stands apart from all men II. His ministry is as a shielding shade

III. The fruit of His ministry is sweet

I. His glory is that our Lord Jesus Christ stands apart from all men

A. The suitable image of Jesus: *an apple tree among the woods*

B. Why so fitting as a symbol of Him Whom we are called to remember!

1. Ponder Him

a. in His obedience to His Father

b. in His meekness and willingness to deliver us

c. in His commitment to drink the bitter cup

d. in His loyalty to His failing followers

e. in His suitability as our High Priest in heaven's court

II. His glory is that His ministry is as a shielding shade

A. This 'apple tree' is best tree in providing cooling shade

B. Why is this such a fitting symbol of Jesus' ministry to *remember*?

1. His life and death obedience is our covering righteousness

2. To sit under His shading ministry describes act of faith

a. He calls not merely to *sit* but to *remember & delight in Him* (5:1)

b. We to eat and drink in remembering Him what *He says to us*

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III. The Fruit of His Ministry is exceeding sweet

A. This apple-tree is a *year-long prolific* producer of sweet fruit

1. What are some of the fruits of Christ's ministry?

a. the forgiveness of sins

b. the reconciliation with God

c. the perfect robe of His righteousness

d. the hope in midst of our battles

e. the everlasting peace and rest to come