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## **Considering Missions Around the World: Adoniram Judson and South Asia**

### **Goal for This Week:**

To consider the providence, intercession, power, and promise of God in Romans 8:26-34 as it relates to Adoniram Judson's (1788-1850) life and ministry in South Asia.

### **Review of Past Weeks:**

Our Ecclesiology and Missiology flow out of our doctrine of God and leads to doxology.

In Matthew 16 we see Jesus give the keys of the kingdom of heaven to the \_\_\_\_\_

and in Matthew 18 we see the keys of the kingdom given to \_\_\_\_\_.

The church is the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of missions because the church is the

\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ helping the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ (the *means*) get ready for the

\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ (the *end*).

The task of the missionary is to do the task of the \_\_\_\_\_, which means the missionary (or missionary family or team) are individual representatives of the local church who sends them to do their sending church's task in a different region of the world.

### **The Life of Adoniram Judson (1788-1850)**

#### *Introducing Judson*

#### *Four Lessons from Romans 8:28-39 That Was Lived Out by Judson<sup>1</sup>*

##### 1. We Have God's Providence (Romans 8:28-32)

*Romans 8:28-32*, "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn

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<sup>1</sup> Daniel Akin, *10 Who Changed the World* (Nashville: B&H Publishing, 2012), 13-27.

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among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

God's Providence in Judson's Life

## 2. We Have God's Prayers (Romans 8:26-27, 33-34)

*Romans 8:26-27, 33-34*, "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God..."

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died – more than that, who was raised – who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us."

God's Sustaining Intercession in Judson's Life

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3. We Have God's Power (Romans 8:35-37)

*Romans 8:35-37*, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."

God's Sustaining Power in Judson's Life

4. We Have God's Promise (Romans 8:38-39)

*Romans 8:38-39*, "For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

God's Promise in Judson's Life

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