

Daily Devotion For January 23, 2021

"This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." Matthew 3:

This past week, the world witnessed an inauguration that marked the 46th peaceful transfer of power here in America. Each one of those transitions have been remarkable in their historical rarity, and yet they've all been accompanied by the excitement of some and the disappointment of others depending on how votes were cast a couple months prior.

Jesus' "inauguration" took place in Matthew chapter 3:17 in the Jordan River, where he was baptized by John. As he was leaving the river, the Spirit of God descended on him like a dove and the Father's voice beamed with pride: **"This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."** Then, in chapter 4, after being tempted in the wilderness by Satan, Jesus begins to share details about the kingdom of heaven that he brought near. It would be a kingdom with no end, characterized by love, justice, mercy, and grace; a kingdom void of all suffering, disease, and division.

Unlike government inaugurations, Jesus's inauguration was a one-time event. Jesus has never been on the ballot, but he's still very much in control.

Thought For Today: Just as God the Father beamed with pride at the baptism of Jesus, our Father in heaven beams with pride for each of us. We are his adopted children and citizens of the kingdom of heaven. Take time today to thank God for the gift of heaven.

Today's Prayer Focus: Continue to pray for the new administration as they lead and guide our nation. Pray that they would be surrounded by godly counsel as they make decisions that affect each of us. Pray this week's prayer fuel. Deo Volente.