

INSPIRED WORD

July 17, 2019

PRAYER

Jesus, we trust in you tonight. Grant us the ability, Lord, to deeply surrender to You.

PRAYER

O Lord, let Your holy fire touch each one here tonight. Let Your holy fire ignite our hearts, O Jesus, that we might indeed be Your light, Your light to this world. Come, fire of God; come, Spirit of God; come, O holy Lord, come and fill this temple with Your holy glory, with Your fire, Lord. Come, Your people ask for You.

PRAYER

Lord, we take time right now to turn our hearts to You, the famous One, the One who's great beyond the earth and on the earth and in the earth and in our hearts tonight. Just draw us into Your loving arms.

PROPHECY

Receive me.

SCRIPTURE

I found this passage of scripture the other day and I wasn't necessarily going to share it tonight unless the Lord prompted me to do so and He did based upon several of the songs we sang and a couple of them are "every blessing you pour out, I'll turn back to praise" and then another song had "for all you've done and yet to do, I'm praising you." So this is from **Sirach 42 and 43**; it's a little bit long but there's nothing I'd leave out. **(42:15-43:33)** *I will now call to mind the works of the Lord, and will declare what I have seen. By the words of the Lord his works are done. The sun looks down on everything with its light, and the work of the Lord is full of his glory. The Lord has enabled even his holy ones to recount all his marvelous works, which the Lord the Almighty has established that the universe may stand firm in his glory. He searches out the abyss, and the hearts of men, and considers their devices. For the Most High knows all that may be known, and he looks into the signs of the age. He declares what has been and what is to be, and he reveals the tracks of hidden things. No thought escapes him, and not one word is hidden from him. He has ordained the splendors of his wisdom, and he is from everlasting and to everlasting. Nothing can be added or taken away, and he needs no one to be his counselor. How greatly to be desired are all his works, and how sparkling they are to see! All these things live and remain for ever for every need, and are all obedient and he has made nothing incomplete. Who can have enough of beholding his glory? The pride of the*

heavenly heights is the clear firmament, the appearance of heaven in a spectacle of glory. The sun, when it appears, making proclamation as it goes forth, is a marvelous instrument, the work of the Most High. At noon it parches the land; and who can withstand its burning heat? A man tending a furnace works in burning heat, but the sun burns the mountains three times as much; it breathes out fiery vapors, and with bright beams it blinds the eyes. Great is the Lord who made it; and at his command it hastens on its course. He made the moon also, to serve in its season to mark the times and to be an everlasting sign. From the moon comes the sign for feast days, a light that wanes when it has reached the full. The month is named for the moon, increasing marvelously in its phases, an instrument of the hosts on high shining forth in the firmament of heaven. The glory of the stars is the beauty of heaven, a gleaming array in the heights of the Lord. At the command of the Holy One they stand as ordered, they never relax in their watches. Look upon the rainbow, and praise him who made it, exceedingly beautiful in its brightness. It encircles the heaven with its glorious arc; the hands of the Most High have stretched it out. By his command he sends the driving snow and speeds the lightnings of his judgment. Therefore the storehouses are opened, and the clouds fly forth like birds. In his majesty he amasses the clouds, and the hailstones are broken in pieces. At his appearing the mountains are shaken; at his will the south wind blows. The voice of his thunder rebukes the earth; so do the tempest from the north and the whirlwind. He scatters the snow like birds flying down, and its descent is like locusts alighting. The eye marvels at the beauty of its whiteness, and the mind is amazed at its falling. He pours the hoarfrost upon the earth like salt, and when it freezes, it becomes pointed thorns. The cold north wind blows, and ice freezes over the water; it rests upon every pool of water, and the water puts it on like a breastplate. He consumes the mountains and burns up the wilderness, and withers the tender grass like fire. A mist quickly heals all things; when the dew appears, it refreshes from the heat. By his counsel he stilled the great deep and planted islands in it. Those who sail the sea tell of its dangers, and we marvel at what we hear. For in it are strange and marvelous works, all kinds of living things, and huge creatures of the sea. Because of him his messenger finds the way, and by his word all things hold together. Though we speak of much we cannot reach the end, and the sum of our words is: "He is the all." Where shall we find strength to praise him? For he is greater than all his works. Awesome and glorious is the Lord and very great and marvelous is his power. When you praise the Lord, exalt him as much as you can; for he will surpass even that. When you exalt him, put forth all your strength, and do not grow weary, for you cannot praise him enough. Who has seen him and can describe him? Or who can extol him as he is? Many things greater than these lie hidden, and we have seen but just a few of his works. For the Lord has made all things.

PRAYER

Lord, we praise You and we thank You for Your magnificent creation, for Your love and power, for Your great knowledge of us. You see deep within our hearts and nothing is hidden from You. For You love us, You love us. And Lord, there is nothing that You cannot do.

IMAGE / SCRIPTURE / SENSE

When we were singing “salt and light”, I got the image of fireworks in the sky. I had just the sense of going up to the temple and the outer court and the inner court and **Psalm 95:1-7**: *Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation! Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods. In his hands are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it; and his hands formed the dry land. Come, let us bow down and worship and kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.* We know when we go into the inner court, there’s the Holy of Holies. When Jesus died on the cross, the curtain was torn in two so instead of the mercy seat, there is the God of mercy Himself. And He has His hands open wide and just says, “Come.” That’s the sense I was getting. We go up to praise Him; we praise Him for His mighty creation but it gets more personal than that. He is there with His arms opened wide. The Father is pleased; His Son already did it; He paid the price. And all Jesus is saying, with love in His heart, is “Come.”

SCRIPTURE / PROPHECY

I confirm that. From the prophet **Zephaniah 3:17**, it says: *The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love.* And the whole sense is... the words I was hearing is this is a time of refreshing. This is a time of refreshing. And the Lord says to us, “I see you every day and every moment. I know the things you struggle with. I know the things you rejoice over. I know your coming and your going. And I have invited you to this place, at this time, that I may renew you in my love.”

SCRIPTURE

One thing that’s overwhelming me right now is a combination of God’s immensity and just the incomprehensible hugeness of His love and the depths of His humility. It’s stunning. So here it is from **Philippians 2:1-2, 4-7**: *So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any incentive of love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Let each of you look not only to his own interests but also to the interest of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.* So that God would come to man. Jesus, I trust in You. Can we say anything else to Him?

CONFIRMATION / SCRIPTURE

I confirm what Katarina said. The word that’s been in my head for most of the evening is “awe” – just how awesome God is and how awesome Jesus is and what He has done, and the immensity of it. The other phrase was “God’s name – holy is His name.” From **Luke 1:49**, Mary

says, *“He has done great things for me and holy is his name.”* And then in **Exodus 20:7**, it says, *“Thou shall not take the name of the Lord in vain.”* And that’s kind of the immensity of it, the largeness of it. But then the last song we sang, the line about “see your Savior, how wonderful”, just trying to put into words what He’s done.

PRAYER

Lord, we thank You. We thank You for Your word this evening; thank You for Your encouragement; thank You for Your promise. We thank You for Your magnificence; we thank You for calling us to this place tonight.

SENSE / EXHORTATION

Before we continue, I just have a real sense that God wants to remind us that, as we worship Him through His creation, we are part of His creation. We are worthy of His love and we reflect His glory as part of His creation. And the evil one will come with the lie that is shame. Guilt and honesty says I have made mistakes. Shame and lies say I am a mistake. You are not a mistake. You are a precious gem in the palm of the Lord and He created you from the moment of your conception as beautiful and loved and worthy, worthy of His love as His precious son and daughter. Remember that distinction. While we make mistakes and need a Savior, we are not a mistake. We are the Lord’s.

PRAYER

Jesus, we trust in You. We trust in Your love, Your guidance, and Your word. And as we go forth from here touched by Your Holy Spirit, give us that zeal to spread Your love, to step out in faith, to minister to those, in the power of Your Holy Spirit, who need to know who You are, who need to be touched by Your love.