

INSPIRED WORD
January 30, 2019

PRAYER

We thank You, Lord, for being our beacon of hope in the darkness.

PRAYER

Glory to You, O Lord. Lord, You are our light and You call us to be lights as well. In this place tonight, Lord, we open our hearts to receive Your love and mercy and to receive the anointing of Your Holy Spirit here, that we might be transformed, to be bearers of that light, O Jesus Lord, we want to give You the praise that is due here tonight. We want to be free in Your presence tonight. We want to be able to give You our hearts here tonight. Anoint us, God, that we may look to You, look to You only tonight, look to You. Praise You, Jesus!

SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

From **Psalms 149:1-5**: *Sing a new song to the Lord. Praise him in the assembly of his faithful people. Be glad, Israel, because of your Creator. Rejoice, people of Zion, because of your King. Praise his name with dancing, play drums and harps in praise of him. The Lord takes pleasure in his people; he honors the humble with victory. Let God's people rejoice in their triumph and sing joyfully all night long. Give us that energy, Lord, to sing joyfully all night long. Rejoice!*

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 68:1-4: *Let God arise; let his enemies scatter; let his opponents flee before him. You dispense them like smoke, as wax melts before the presence of a fire, so the wicked melt in the presence of God. The upright rejoice in the presence of God, delighted and crying out for joy. Sing to God, play music to his name. Build a road to the rider of the clouds. Rejoice in Yahweh, dance before him!*

PRAYER

Give us a heart to rejoice here tonight, Lord. We have reason, Lord, because of the love that You pour forth upon us and Your faithfulness, Jesus. You know, my heart is still rejoicing. Glory to You, God! Lord, we affirm You; we affirm Your love.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 60:1-2 (sung): *Arise, shine out, for your light has come. The glory of Yahweh is rising in you. Though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples, above you Yahweh now rises above you. His glory appears alive.*

PRAYER

Let Your glory appear, O Lord. Praise You!

SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

Psalm 113:1-6: *Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forward and for evermore! From the rising of the sun to the going down, the Lord's name is to be praised. The Lord is high above all nations; his glory above the heavens! Who is like the Lord our God who dwells on high, who humbles himself to behold the things that are in the heavens and the earth?* (The following is sung): From the rising of the sun to going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised. Praise ye the Lord, from this time forth and forevermore. We praise You, O God, magnify Your name, for You are the King, the holy King of kings. Righteous and true are You, Lord, from this time forth and forevermore.

SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

From **Psalm 18:2-3:** *The Lord is my protector; he is my strong fortress. My God is my protector and with him I am safe. He protects me like a shield; he defends me and keeps me safe. I call to the Lord and he saves me from my enemies. Praise to the Lord!* O Jesus, in all circumstances, Lord Jesus, You are with us, Savior God. We affirm that today and always. Glory to You! Thank You, God!

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:4-7: *Rejoice in the Lord always; I say it again, rejoice, because everyone should see how unselfish you are. The Lord is near. Dismiss all anxiety from your minds. Present your needs to God in every form of prayer and in petition, full of gratitude. Then God's own peace, which is beyond all understanding, will stand guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*

PRAYER

Thank You for that promise, O God.

SHARING

This next song came to mind when I was planning for the music this week because we've had testimonies, though the mountains may fall, and the Holy Spirit put it on my heart so we're going to sing another classic.

SHARING / PRAYER

We have the honor of living at the foot of a giant mountain, and so when we sing "Though the mountains may fall and the hills turn to dust", we have a picture in our heads of a really big peak with a really white top. And what would it take for that mountain to fall and its foothills to

turn to dust? Yet the love of the Lord will stand. And there's just such a comfort in knowing that the infinite God is so much more infinite than the mighty mountains and the hills that are their footstools. And that's our God, that's the one who loves us, who called us, who chose us, who asked us to be set on fire and live for Him in a new way and a holy way. That's the infinite God who's greater than that mountain. Lord, let us never forget to sing the praise and glory of our God.

CONFIRMATION / SENSE

I have to confirm that because I had the same visual. I'm really visual and I had the same visual of Pikes Peak just collapsing and hills turning to dust as we were singing that. And I also was thinking about the scripture that Doug read, where he said "rejoice in the Lord always". We are to rejoice in the Lord always but I think the Lord wants us to know that we don't have to rejoice in certain bad things. We don't have to rejoice about bad things that happen. What we rejoice about is that the love of the Lord stands, even should that mountain fall and the hills turn to dust. The love of the Lord will stand, no matter... In other songs, we've heard about enemies... no matter what the enemies hurl at us, no matter that a mother will forsake her child, the love of the Lord will stand.

PROPHECY

Worship me only. Whatever occupies your mind the most becomes your god. Worries, if indulged, develop into idols. Anxiety gains a life of its own, infesting your mind. Break free from this bondage by affirming your trust in me and refreshing yourself in my presence. What goes on in your mind is invisible, undetectable to other people. But I read your thoughts continually, searching for evidence of trust in me. I rejoice when your mind turns towards me. Guard your thoughts diligently. Good thought choices will keep you close to me.

SCRIPTURE / EXHORTATION

All evening long this one verse has just been sitting in my head and I just heard it loud enough to share it. It's from **Psalms 84:3**: *Even the sparrow has found a home at your altar.* And it just kept on coming back and kept on coming back. And the phrase that stuck out to me the most was "even the sparrow", that even the sparrow rests at the altar of God. How much more do you think we should rest there?

SHARING

"In the presence of my Savior"... That was actually an answer to a prayer. Usually when I call upon the Lord, less than a year ago, it was always for the big things, you know, the big problems, health issues, work issues, always big things. Well, my birthday's in January and I have a new job, and they don't celebrate birthdays there. And it was on a weekend. And I was right... no one is going to know it's my birthday or say happy birthday to me. A little thing, I know, but I actually prayed to God on it. I said, you know, I hope somebody says happy

birthday to me. So I was in a Christian bookstore that I've gone to before many times, and this time happened upon the cards. And I turned around and there was a card that said happy birthday. It was for a baby. And I thought that's nice but I didn't think anything of it; it was just a card with happy birthday on it. So I turned around and I'm walking and I saw a stuffed animal. And I said, "Oh, what a cute stuffed animal." I like stuffed animals. So I walk over and the stuffed animal is absolutely ugly but I pick it up and on the bib, it was a little bib - happy birthday. "In the presence of my Savior". At that moment it really felt that the Lord had come down to say happy birthday to me, and it was so sweet. And you know, I think of God as this conqueror, this Savior, this mighty Lord but I never really thought of the Lord as sweet or dazzlingly or, you know, someone who would do something like that. And it was just totally amazing, you know, the presence of the Lord being there in that way. And really, again, I thank this group because as I said, a year ago I would never have dreamed to ask the Lord for something like this. And it is a little thing but it really had me feeling close to God, in the presence of my Savior in a big way. And it was totally amazing and I just had to share that with you.

IMAGE

When we were praying earlier for God to help us see the mountains in our lives, I had an image of a boulder, like a big granite marble boulder that you would see like in Palmer Park. And in the middle of it, like it was hewn out like see through, an empty hole. So I don't know what that means.

MESSAGE IN TONGUES

INTERPRETATION

I am in the crushing of mountains and the leveling of hills, the same, and all these mighty things that I can do. But I am also in the tenderness of your hearts, in the quiet whispers you hear at night.

IMAGE / PRAYER

I had the image while Mel was speaking of Jesus sitting in a room and everyone was sitting around the room listening to Him teach. Some were sitting on windowsills and just kind of watching and listening and absorbing. Lord, help us to sit at Your feet when You speak to us directly and when You speak to us through the wisdom of the church and the leaders and our elders and our saints and our friends and our family. When You speak through all these things, Lord, help us to hear Your voice and pay attention.

WORD OF KNOWLEDGE

I believe the word of God is still upon the lips of His people. And it's a word the Lord wants to be spoken before we leave here tonight. If you have a thought, a word, an image, I ask you to

please share it. The sense that I have is perhaps the word is to be given by several people, and perhaps the first word spoken or the first thought shared will lead to others to come forth with the word that they are holding.

SHARING / SENSE

I was thinking of the image that Cici gave and I felt that as soon as she gave it, it was one that the Lord had for me and maybe what He told me will also be for others who are here. So when I came tonight, I just felt so weighted down. I have a lot a very big mountains and boulders in my life right now. And I had taken my eyes off the Lord and I was looking at those boulders, at those obstacles, and just how hard it is to be pushing against them by myself. And I was just so weary. And that image of the hole being bored through it... and God was saying, "Yes, there are a lot but I am working on them." And He gave me... He said, "Just look through that hole. Look what I'm going to do. Look where I'm taking you." And it was like He was giving me a gift to see past those and to be focused on Him again. And I just felt so much weight taken away by God. So I just feel the Lord saying that if you have boulders and mountains in your life, and they're blocking your vision of the Lord, He just wants you to turn Your eyes to Him and to see that He is working on them and you don't have to do it yourself, and He wants to give you that hope.

CONFIRMATION / PROPHECY

Thank you, because I've been hearing that and so I just want to confirm that. I just felt that the Lord was telling us a lot tonight about mountains to climb but that He can move them, about calling us out upon the waters where our trust is without borders. And I just felt Him saying, "I am calling you and you feel like the places are impossible". Like "How, Lord, can I go there? How can I climb that mountain? How can I walk where my trust is without borders?" And then there was a little word about the sparrow, just being in the presence of the Lord. But that's where we need to be. And as the lady was sharing just now, I heard again this word, "In my presence is the fullness of joy. And all of those places that I call you, know that I have gone before you, know that I am with you, and know that in my presence is fullness of joy."