

INSPIRED WORD

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PRAYER

Lord, that's the prayer of our hearts tonight. Lord, we want to see You tonight, Lord. We want to see You; we want to come into Your holy presence in a special way. O Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. Send Your Spirit upon us that we might praise, Lord, from the depths of our being and with freedom tonight. Draw us close.

SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

Revelation 4:6-11: *Before the throne there was a sea of glass like crystal. And in the midst of the throne and around the throne were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back. The first living creature was like a lion; the second living creature was like a calf; the third living creature had a face like a man; and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle. The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within, and they do not rest day and night, saying, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!" Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, "You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they exist and were created."* Lord, we do praise You and exalt You and magnify Your name, for You are the King, the righteous King of kings. We do praise You and exalt You and magnify Your name.

IMAGE / EXHORTATION

This is really silly but God does have a sense of humor and it can't be more odd than those creatures that Jimmy just described. But this is the first time when we've sung this song that I thought of Mr. Potato Head, because you also flashed up a verse there that said "open the ears of my heart because I want to hear you." So you have the ears, the eyes, and that's what Mr. Potato Head is, you know, you have to put in his ears and eyes and whatever. And I was thinking, you know, it relates to that intentionality. We need to put ears onto our heart before we can hear; we need to put eyes onto our heart before we can see.

PRAYER

And Lord, we just pray for that grace, that our eyes be open, Lord, here in this place tonight, that our ears be open, that our hearts be open. Send grace upon us, Lord. We want to praise You in this place, Lord. We want to praise You in this place. Glory to You!

SCRIPTURE / EXHORTATION / PRAYER

From the **Gospel of Matthew (11:28-30)**: *Come to me, all you who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke and put it on you and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in spirit and you will find rest. For the yoke I will give you is easy and the load I will put on you is light.* Come to me, come to me, all you who are tired. Come to me and I will give you rest. Come to me; I am gentle and humble in spirit. Come to me, for the yoke I will give you is easy and the load I will put on you is light. And Lord, you call on us; You speak to us; You talk to our hearts and beckon us to come, to come close to You, to come and give it all to You, Lord. And that's what we want to do here tonight is to give it all to You, Jesus. Jesus, Jesus, all to You. And we want to draw closer. Let this be the prayer of our hearts, truly.

PRAYER

Reign, O Lord, in this place tonight. Reign over your people, over their hearts. Reign, O Lord. We surrender to You, Lord. Draw us close.

SCRIPTURE / EXHORTATION

As we were singing that song I just kept hearing this **Song of Solomon** echoing through and it's our cry to the Lord but it's His call to us. *"You are beautiful, my beloved. How beautiful you are"* (**v.1**). And he just goes on to describe for chapter after chapter after chapter all the ways that he sees his beloved as beautiful. And then she just cries back how she sees him as beautiful. And I just like... instead of reading all of the Song of Solomon (read it on your own), but let that resonate. Hear the Lord saying, "You are so beautiful to me, my sweet song. I will sing you again." His breath in our life is our breath of life. The rule that went out over the waters, the breath of God, gave life, gave breath. He breathed into Adam and he had life. The first breath of a child is life in a new form, in a new way, a new joy, a new adventure. Feel His breath in you, and let Him say, "You are beautiful, my sweet, sweet song."

PROPHECY

About a week ago, Jesus gave me this message: "To my children of this age, are you not growing weary of the state you find yourselves in? (By state, He means the state of the world we have to live in.) Does the preponderance of evil around you dishearten your spirits and cause you to think that there is no hope for a better future, one devoid of the pervasive evil which has tainted the fabric of your universe? I say to you now, children, to look up. Raise your little heads above the muck and mire and look for my signs – for they are there. My signs and wonders are there for all to see, but you must have an open heart to experience the joy and happiness that they bring. I do not leave you alone, my children, to wander around an arid wasteland, the world, not remembering the goodness and peace that I have given my little ones throughout the ages, especially when faced with all the encompassing evil you are facing. The coming time is the time of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of love who will unite all who

love me into one. Have I not prayed before that quote, "They may all be one as you and I, Father, are one." (That comes from John 17:21.) This will occur after the world and its inhabitants have been cleansed and purified. I love you, my children, and I became one of you to testify to this love. I am Jesus, your friend."

PRAYER / EXHORTATION

And Lord, we just give You permission, we give You permission to have Your way in us tonight, in this place, right this moment. We give You permission to have Your way in our lives, long-term, no taking it back. Lord, we give You permission to have Your way in our world, big scale, little scale, our neighbor next door and our country across the globe. Lord, we give You permission to have Your way in our faults and brokenness. God, I just give You those things that I can't fix, that I can't control. Take them, Lord, and have Your way in them. Lord, I give You permission to have Your way in my strengths and in my joys and in my accomplishments. You gave it all to me and I give it back to You, for Your glory, that I could truly reflect your beauty. Lord, I give You permission – have Your way in me, in me.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 116:1-19: *I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffer distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I beseech thee, save my life!" Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful. The Lord preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me. Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you. For thou hast delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling; I walk before the Lord in the land of the living. I kept my faith, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted"; I said in my consternation, "Men are all a vain hope." What shall I render to the Lord for all his bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. O Lord, I am thy servant; I am thy servant, the son (the daughter) of thy handmaid. Thou hast loosed my bonds. I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!*

PRAYER / EXHORTATION

Lord, we call upon You, call upon You from our hearts. Glory to you! Hear the cry of our hearts, Lord. Are you crying out to Him, people of God? Do you want Him here? Do you want Him to touch you? Do you want Him to change you where you need to be changed? Do you want to experience His love and His mercy tonight? Do you want to be closer to Him? Then let's tell Him that! Glory to You, glory to You, Jesus!

EXHORTATION / PRAYER

Let's welcome Him! Glory to You, God. Welcome! Glory to You, Lord Jesus. Praise you, Holy Spirit! Glory to You, Father. We welcome You in this place, Lord. Let our praise welcome You. Glory to You! Every knee will bend, Lord, in Your holy presence, God.

SCRIPTURE

This is from the end of **Psalm 50:14-15**: “*Offer to God praise as your sacrifice, and fulfill your vows to the Most High. Then call upon me in time of distress; I will rescue you and you shall glorify me.*”

EXHORTATION

Let praise be your sacrifice – is that what that scripture said? Let praise be our sacrifice! Let us continue to do that then. Glory to you!

PROPHECY

“Good evening, my little ones. Thank you for gathering here so faithfully for so many years. I now stand in your midst, ready to reveal myself to each of you individually. For the moment of my divine wrath, which is my divine mercy, must be let loose on your world. Like a coming tsunami, you can feel the lifeless creatures dead on your world as the waters of my love have receded. Where is my Moses of your day, willing to hold up my staff to hold back the black waters of filth ready to deluge all my children and sweep them away forever? You must be my Moses; you must be my staff. Each of you here tonight has been specially chosen by me to help me, but you need to know up front that it will be far worse than the flood, which was over in a matter of a heartbeat. Yet at the time, how I regretted the making of mankind. This time it will be far worse for both you and I, for I must separate the good from the evil, or try to, a painstaking and painful process. But I have sent my Holy Spirit to comfort and guide you, to give you hope, to give you joy, to bring you my love. Bring forth the land of the evening twilight. You shall offer this as a sweet smelling oblation to the Lord, an appeasement to my divine justice. (That’s Exodus 29:38-42.) My second coming and (.....) and so it must be for it is time. God.”

PRAYER / EXHORTATION

Let praise be our sacrifice, Lord. To exalt You in this place, to exalt you and lift high Your holy name. Now let us sing with energy, people of God, with commitment, with truth, to raise Him up, because He is exalted, mighty and glorious.

EXHORTATION

Can we sing that song again? And this time instead of saying “He is the Lord”, let’s say “You are the Lord.” Let’s make it intentional and personal.

SCRIPTURE / REVELATION

In **Revelation 5:1-10:** *And I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose it seals?” And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look at it. So I wept much because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll. But one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.” And I looked and behold, in the midst of the throne and the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth; and he came and took the scroll out of the right hand of him who sat on the throne. Now when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints; and they sang a new song saying, “You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain and have redeemed us to God by your blood, out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation and have made us kings and priests to our God and we shall reign on the earth.” We praise You and exalt You, Almighty God. We do praise You and exalt You and magnify Your holy name, for You alone are worthy. Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb, worthy the Lamb of God, worthy the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. We just magnify and glorify and exalt Your holy name.*

WORD OF WISDOM

And the name of the Lamb is what, is who? Jesus! And the name of the Lion of Judah is? Jesus! And the name of the King of Kings and Lord of lords is? Jesus! Yes, Jesus!

IMAGE / PROPHECY

All night as we sang the songs, we were kind of here and there, but our hearts were moving toward Jesus. But I've had this image for the whole night and I think this is what the Lord would want to leave us with. He showed me a person, and I think it's us, the person, standing, and they're kind of looking to the right or to the left, and He's standing in front of them; it's Jesus standing in front. And the person keeps looking this way and that way and up and down. And finally, like a gentle father would or a gentle lover would, He takes his hand and He places it on the side of the face of the person and very gently turns it to look directly at Him. And when we fix our gaze on Him, He says to us, “And now you know. Now you know the greatest of love. Don't look to the right or to the left. Do not fear; do not be dismayed, for there is nothing greater than I. Look into my eyes. See my gaze looking at you. For I am Jesus; I am your Savior; I am the one who gave my life for you.” He just does it so gently but the great love coming from His eyes says, “Look to me and all will be well.”

CONFIRMATION

I have confirmation of that. So we look to Him now.

EXHORTATION

I just have the sense that when the apostles said to Jesus, “Teach us how to pray”, He gave us that perfect prayer for looking into the Father’s eyes and knowing the Father’s will. So together let’s pray the Our Father.

CONFIRMATION / EXHORTATION

Thank you, Barb, for summing that up so beautifully because I also had that sense that Jesus was just saying, “Look at me. Just look at me; I’m right here.” And sometimes we don’t want to be convicted... But to look into His beautiful eyes of love – let’s take that with us this week and just look in His eyes.

SHARING

Ever since the reference to the Song of Solomon earlier and then Barb’s summation at the end, the song “Beautiful Savior” has kind of been going through my head, and I don’t know all of the words to that but talking about Jesus and talking about His beauty tonight and the beauty of God, that’s been in my head the whole meeting.

SCRIPTURE

And **Psalm 146: 1-2:** *Praise the Lord, my soul! I will praise him as long as I live. I will sing to my God all my life.*