

INSPIRED WORD

August 5, 2015

PRAYER

Lord, we come to You; holy are You, God! We praise and worship Your holy Name. You are exalted! We set aside our cares, our concerns and distractions of the week to come into Your temple, to come into Your holy place with the angels and the saints and community of friends and loved ones around us. We focus our minds, our eyes, and our hearts on You, Lord. We give praise to Your holy Name and worship You in the temple, we worship You on the earth, and we worship You here in this place. Transform our lives; transform our lives, Lord, that they may truly be tools for You. Lord, we know that Your gifts are not toys, but they are tools; they are meant for the building of the kingdom and the building up of our hearts in holiness before the altar.

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 150: Hallelujah! Praise Him in His holy sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens. Praise Him for His acts of power; praise Him for His great majesty. Praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise Him with the harp and the lyre, praise Him with tambourine and dancing, praise Him with the strings and flute, praise Him with the clash of cymbals, praise Him with triumphant song! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 29: 11 – 14: I alone know the plans I have for you, plans to bring you prosperity and not disaster, plans to bring about the future with hope. Then you will call to Me. You will come and pray to Me, and I will answer you. You will seek Me, and you will find Me because you will seek Me with all your heart. Yes, you will find Me.

SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

Jude 1: 1, 24: “Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James, to those who are called, who are beloved in God the Father and kept safe for Jesus Christ. Now to Him Who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of His glory with rejoicing, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.” Father, we thank You that You are able to keep us from stumbling. You have the glory and the dominion both now and forever. We praise You, exalt You and magnify Your holy Name! For You alone are worthy; You are worthy of honor, worthy of glory, worthy of all praise; You alone are worthy! We praise you, exalt You and magnify Your holy Name, for You alone are worthy! Jesus, Jesus, Jesus!!!

IMAGE / PRAYER

I had an image of a large curtain hanging from the ceiling, top to bottom. We were moving around to the edges of the curtain so that we could peek in. The Lord is saying, “Don’t just peek in, **come in!**” Lord Jesus, we give You praise! We don’t just want to

linger by the curtain; we want to come in to Your holy Presence, Lord, and give You glory!!

SCRIPTURE / SENSE / PRAYER

When we started this evening, Richard asked if we were going to be slaves to the world, or were we going to be slaves to God? In **Psalm 40: 6 – 8**: Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but my ears You have pierced, burnt offerings and sin offerings You did not require. Then I said, “Here I am, I have come; it is written about me in the scroll. I desire to do Your will, O my God; Your law is within my heart.” The thing about ears that have been pierced, back in this day when this Psalm was written, many people sold themselves to be slaves to a master because they couldn’t survive on their own. They agreed to be a slave for seven years; but when the seven years were up, they had a choice to make. They could totally walk away from the master and be free. But if life was good with the master, the house was good – there was food and it was a good place to be. If they decided to stay with the master, they told him to pierce their ears. If the master pierced the slave’s ear, that meant that the slave wanted to stay with the master. When we sang, “offering all of me”, I just felt an invitation for us to get our ears pierced and say to God, “There is nothing better; there is no place I would rather be than to be with You! Being with You is the best place.”

CONFIRMATION / SCRIPTURE

I confirm those words. In **1 Corinthians 2: 12**: We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the things freely given us by God.

CONFIRMATION / PROPHECY / EXHORTATION

In confirmation of all that has been said, one of the things that I received early on this evening is that some of us are coming to God with one of our hands behind our backs. We are reserving some things for ourselves, as though we are actually giving God something with the other hand. God is saying to us, “No, it is I Who want to give you something. If you reserve a part of yourself by holding back one of your hands, then you are only allowing Me to give you part of the gift that I want to give you. You are allowing Me to do only so much, and if that is what you are allowing Me, then that is all that you will be able give – only a part of yourself!” What God is asking us to do is come in front of Him with **both hands outstretched; to give Him all of ourselves** so that He can give us the fullness of the gifts that He wants to give us, for our sanctification and the sanctification of the world.

PRAYER

Lord, You call us to come to You with both hands outstretched, to give You our all, even though we may think that we can’t do that, with Your grace we can do it. **With Your grace we can do it!**

EXHORTATION / PRAYER

You may not feel that you can give your all to the Lord right now, but you can make an act of faith. You can say, “I want to do it; I want to give You more; I want to draw closer

to You; I want to be Your servant. So here in the midst of my weakness, I give You both of my hands; I give You my ear.” If you are willing to do that, then maybe you can stand in your place and put both of your hands out in front of you and use them as a symbol to the Lord. “Lord, here I am; here are both of my hands and here is my ear! I want to draw closer to You, I want to yield more to You. I may not feel like I can do this, but with Your grace I want to do it. **I want to do it!** There is no better place, Lord, than here in Your home; and what better Master, Lord, than You! You, Lord, love each of us so very, very much! So here are my hands, and here is my ear, here is my heart!”

PROPHECY

Come to Me, you who are hungry! Come to Me, you who are thirsty! Come to Me, you who need healing! Come to Me, you who are needy! **Come to Me; come to Me!** Let Me heal you; let Me feed you; let Me cleanse you from your sins. Come to Me, those of you who know that you are not full until I have filled you! Come to Me, for I will satisfy your heart’s desires! Come to Me, for I will take away your sins and give you glory. Come to Me with the sack cloth and the ashes that you have been wearing; I will exchange them for glory that does not fade; for a spring that never ends. **Come to Me, those who want My salvation; for I give it to you freely! My offer to you is always open, always free; never fear, for I have come to give you life and I have come to give you joy!** The world is going to give you trouble, but I am bigger than the world, I am more powerful than the world! I am stronger than the strongest man; the winds cannot blow Me down! **For I am God Almighty!!** I have stood here while you say, “We wait for You!” No, I am the One Who waits for you!!

SCRIPTURE

1 John 4: 9 – 16: God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. This is love; not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us. This is how we know that we remain in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he is in God. And so we know and rely on the love that God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.

IMAGE / PROPHECY

I had an image of someone in those wading boots, like some of the fishermen wear. This person was wading in the mud and the shallow water not very far from the shore. It was very, very difficult to walk in those wading boots through the mud and the shallow water. The person was just sloshing along. Then from the shore, the Lord called to the person and said, “Stop! Stop, look at Me! Come up here onto this dry land. Come up here onto this solid rock; take My hand and walk with Me. Let Me carry your burdens; let Me give you strength; let Me guide you along the path which I have chosen for you. Do not struggle in that mud and water, but come to Me and trust Me; come up out of there!! Come up onto this solid rock, onto this dry land! Let Me walk with you!!

SCRIPTURE / IMAGE

Psalm 37: 23 – 24: The steps of a man are from the Lord, and He establishes him in whose way He delights; though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong, for the Lord is the stay of the hand.” Then we sang that song which says that ‘God holds us in His hand’. So I had an Image of God holding our hands and we are holding His hands, and that is how we should walk – hand in hand with the Lord.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 27: 4 – 6: One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple. For in the day of trouble He will keep me safe in His dwelling; He will hide me in the shelter of His tabernacle and set me high upon a rock. Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at His tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

SENSE

I have a sense that there is someone here who has something to say, words that the Lord has spoken to them.

IMAGE

Before we sang the last song again about diamonds – ‘More precious than diamonds’, I had an image of a shower of diamonds falling down upon all of us here.

SUMMARY

We heard in **Jeremiah** tonight that God has a plan for each one of us, to bring us prosperity not disaster. We also heard that God is our Savior and He is full of glory. He keeps us from stumbling and falling. We heard that we should have a deep desire, so that we will be able to serve and to be that servant to our Master, and to offer everything that we are – our thoughts, our words and our deeds. Then we heard the Scripture from **1 Corinthians** that said we have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the things freely given to us from God. We heard about stretching out both of our hands to God, not just one hand, in order to receive from Him all of the things He wants to give us. In **1 John 4**, we heard how much God loves us and as we abide in Him, He also abides in us. That love abides in each one of us so we can take that love and give it away to others. He wants us to take His hand and walk with Him and to remember that He is always with us at all times. God is with us!! Then we heard about the desires to dwell in the house of the Lord, from **Psalm 27**. Isn't that our desires, to be able to dwell in the house of the Lord?