

INSPIRED WORD

February 11, 2015

SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

Psalm 37: 25: “I have been young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.” I can remember when I was 20 years old, when I was 30 and when I was 40, and older than that. God is going to watch over us and protect us. His mercies are new every morning. He will watch over us, protect us, and bless us every moment of our lives. I want to magnify His holy Name for all of the wonderful works He has done in my life. Father, thank You so much for all of the accomplishments You have brought into my life. Thank You for the wonderful work You have done in all of our lives. I thank You, Lord; I praise You and exalt Your holy Name! For You alone are worthy! You are worthy of honor, worthy of glory and worthy of all praise! Hallelujah to the Lamb Who takes away the sins of the world! Hallelujah!!

EXHORTATION

Ray began this evening by asking if anyone had any thanksgivings to share. I am going to ask you right now to remain seated, and in silence, think of one thing that happened in your lives for which you are thankful. If Jesus stood in front of you right now, think of the one thing for which you would thank Him. Surely all of us can think of one thing of which we are thankful! Now, for the hard part, think of one other thing for which you can give thanks to Jesus. Many years ago a priest said that in the Hebrew language, there is no word for ‘thank you.’ The closest words are: ‘I praise you.’ So now I want all of you to stand up and we are going to put on the garment of praise and we are going to thank God by praising Him. You don’t have to say individual things, but just say to Him, “I praise You, Lord!!” Let’s put on the garment of praise, instead of a spirit of heaviness which is in this room right now! We are going to get rid of that spirit of heaviness by praising God!

SENSE

I have a sense that the Lord is telling us that we have a choice. We can sit here and quietly praise Him, or we can stand up, put on that garment of praise, and out loud, praise Him from the bottom of our hearts.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 103: 1 – 5: Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy Name. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits – Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, Who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 12: On that day, you will say: I give You thanks, O Lord; though You have been angry with me, Your anger has abated, and You have consoled me. God is

indeed my Savior; I am confident and unafraid. My strength and my courage is the Lord, and He has been my Savior. With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation, and say on that day: Give thanks to the Lord, acclaim His Name; among the nations make known His deeds, proclaim how exalted is His Name. Sing praise to the Lord for His glorious achievement; let this be known throughout all the earth. Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel!

PRAYER

We ask You in faith, Lord, to touch and to hold each one of us, to heal and to guide, and let Your mercy, Lord, fall over everyone here tonight. Lord, let Your compassion flow and let Your forgiveness flow over each of us. We ask all of this in the Name of Jesus. Amen.

SUMMARY / PRAYER

Mel gave us a challenge tonight; we were to think of one thing for which we are thankful. Then he said to think of a second thing for which we are thankful. That was at the beginning of this praise and worship meeting. If we leave here tonight and keep that on our minds, we may think of more things for which we can thank God. But I think the challenge is to wake up in the morning and start giving thanks to the Lord for something new and different each day. Just be thankful to know that the Lord cares about us so much that He wants to hear our voices; that He wants to hear us talking to Him. We can say, "Thank You, Lord, for this new day! Thank You, Lord, for being beside me with each step that I take each day. Thank You, Lord, guide my every word that I am going to speak this day. Let my words somehow, Lord, always be a praise to You! Lord, in our giving thanks to You, help us to teach others to always give thanks to You as well. May it all be Yours, Lord, for Your praise, Your honor and glory! Amen."