

INSPIRED WORD
March 22, 2017

SCRIPTURE

Zephaniah 3: 17 – 18: “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; He will exalt over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.” So, the Lord blesses us and when we rejoice, He rejoices over us even more. Isn't that beautiful?

PRAYER

Come, Lord, here in this place tonight! We praise You, O Lord! Holy Spirit, come down upon us.

SCRIPTURE / SHARING

Luke 10: 23 – 24: “Turning to the disciples in private Jesus said, ‘Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. For I say to you, many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.’” I guess that I just have a strong feeling of being totally grateful for the gift of this community, and the gifts of renewal; that it came in our time to be able to seek the Lord, to find Him and connect with Him. I am grateful too that we are able to grow in that relationship with Him in a special way.

PRAYER / WORD OF KNOWLEDGE / PROPHECY

You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life, Lord! I am getting the word “confusion, confusion”. Some of you might be confused about something in your life, or are confused as to what direction you are supposed to go in life. The Lord is standing there and He is saying, “I am the Way, I am the Truth and the Life. Look to Me, look to Me, come to Me!”

CONFIRMATION / EXHORTATION / PRAYER

I want to confirm what Deacon Chuck just said. You know sometimes we make praising God and trying to understand God more difficult than what it really is. The thought that came to me is this: If there was an individual here who was throwing our dollar bills, and throwing out thousand dollar gifts, we wouldn't be tuned out, but we would be running and chasing those gifts. And here we have a Man Who is throwing out His gifts that are much more valuable than dollar bills and thousand dollar gifts. We should be scrambling up here to meet that Man and thanking Him, praising Him and grasping all of the gifts that He wants to give us. I don't think that there is any confusion; this is our God Who gives us gifts every day, and especially in a special way here on Wednesday nights. We should be scrambling for everything which He wants to give us. Once we are gifted and we receive those gifts, we should be giving His name to every one whom we see. Lord, Your praise will be forever on my lips! O God, Your praise will always be on my lips because of Your gifts, Your goodness, Your love, and because You are You, Lord! I don't need to get a gift from You, Lord, You are the Gift.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 34: 1 – 3: I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

EXHORTATION / IMAGE / PRAYER

As we were singing that refrain in the last song, it is so simple to say, “Your praise, Lord, will ever be on my lips, will ever be on my lips, will ever be on my lips.” I just couldn’t see us going through our day without praising Him. Sometimes there are things that are frustrating to us, like traffic, or standing in a grocery line, or maybe something that someone said that was not acceptable. But we just need to remember that refrain, “Your praise, Lord, will ever be on my lips, will ever be on my lips, will ever be on my lips!” I can see the Lord making us shine, so that His name **will** be glorified, maybe not in words, but in the way we act and respond. Thank You, Lord, for the gifts that You give us! Thank You, Lord, that You give us the desire in our hearts to praise You! Remind us, Lord, in those times of frustration that Your praise will ever be on our lips.

CONFIRMATION / SCRIPTURE

To confirm that, I got this scripture earlier this evening, from **Deuteronomy 6: 4 – 9, 20 – 25:** “Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I am commanding you today. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your wrist and let them be as a pendant on your forehead. Write them on the doorposts of your houses and on your gates.” Further down there are more instructions, “Later on, when your son asks you what these ordinances, statutes and decrees mean which the Lord, our God has enjoined on you, you shall say to your son, ‘We were once slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, but the Lord brought us out of Egypt with His strong hand and wrought before our eyes signs and wonders, great and dire, against Egypt and against Pharaoh and his whole house. He brought us from there to lead us into the land He promised on oath to our fathers, and to give it to us. Therefore, the Lord commanded us to observe all these statutes in fear of the Lord, our God, that we may always have as prosperous and happy a life as we have today; and our justice before the Lord, our God, is to consist in carefully observing all these commandments He has enjoined on us.’”

PROPHECY

This is an interesting gift and we know that the Lord works in mysterious ways. This is actually from Joe Martinez in Pueblo, he knows many of you and he has been active in the Charismatic Movement since 1981. The message says: “My dear wonderful children, know that I love you, that I walk with each of you every day! I give you My strength, I give you My Word, I send you out to the fields to proclaim My divine love, to set My children free from all of their addictions. I have called you by name to bring My healing to all of My people; there are many who are crying out for My help. So I am sending you out, My dear children, out into the fields that are as white as snow. My

children, do not hesitate, don't wait, just have faith and trust in Me! There will be a great out-pouring of My Holy Spirit upon My children who listen to My call. Pray and do not stop! I will set a fire upon the mountains and the plains, a mighty wind that will fill many hearts. It will transform lives, and they also will go out into the fields. So do not be afraid, stand up so that all may see My glory, and you be a lampstand so that all will see My radiant love and they will be transformed and renewed through the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you, My dear children; the angels and saints are with you." **(This is a message from God, given to me, Joe Martinez, to be shared at the prayer group tonight in Colorado Springs. May God bless all of you.)**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 4: The Rejection at Nazareth: Verses 18 – 21: Jesus came to Nazareth, where He had grown up, and went according to His custom into the synagogue on the Sabbath Day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." Rolling up the scroll, He handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at Him. He said to them, "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

PRAYER

Lord, we just pray that You would set a fire in our hearts tonight. Without that fire, without that zeal, we can't do Your will. So, Lord, here now, we open our hearts to receive that fire, that zeal which You pour forth upon us, so that we may proclaim Your word with confidence, and have the ability to speak Your word with caring and love. O Jesus, O Jesus, ignite our hearts in this place! Lord, send down Your holy fire, burn up the complacency, O God! Burn it up! We seek You and we praise You!!

PRAYER

The Lord said, "Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." **(Reference: Luke 11:9)** Lord, here we are asking for that anointing, that fire, that ability to walk. O Jesus, as You walked in the power of Your Holy Spirit to bring liberty to the captives, the recovery of sight to the blind, to proclaim a year of Your favor, help us, O Lord, to receive that anointing.

PRAYER

O God, I do ask for myself and I ask on behalf of my brothers and sisters gathered here tonight, burn away the apathy, Lord; burn away the tiredness; burn away the distractions, Lord; burn away whatever it is that is preventing each of us from fully, fully accepting Your love, Lord God. We are tired of smoldering, Lord God, we want to burn hot and bright for You! Let us not be unconcerned, let us not push You aside, Lord. Help us to walk with You, Lord, to be courageous, unafraid, and bold! Lord God, I ask on behalf of all of us here, set us on fire, we are a small group, but we desire to do Your will! Let us no longer sit on the sidelines, help us to be participants with You, Lord God!

Enough is enough; do for us what we cannot do for ourselves, Lord God; have Your way with us, do with us, do for us and do in us what is necessary!!

EXHORTATION

Sometimes Prophecy comes by action, I just can't sit down anymore. Sometimes Prophecy comes by action and doing and I can't sit there anymore! It's as if the fire of the Lord just impels and impels moving, and moving impels action, impels moving beyond comfort. You see sometimes, Prophecy comes through walking and action and not by word. I just couldn't sit there anymore!

TONGUES

INTERPRETATION

Spring is all around us, dandelions reaching toward the sky. How much more, My beloved, do I love you? Those dandelions will reach up for Me.

INTERPRETATION

Live the life that I have given you, in the pains and in the joy! Know that I am here!

INTERPRETATION

You may say, "But, Lord, I'm too old, or I'm too young, but I say, 'You are here in this place, at this time for a reason. I have called you for this time.'"

SENSE / SCRIPTURE

I have a strong sense that Jesus is asking for the remnant into eternity, but we feel weak, inadequate, feeling too busy to do that, or feeling that we are not good enough. **John 17: Jesus Prays for His Disciples: Verses 12 – 23:** This is Jesus speaking to the Father: "Father, while I was with them, I protected them in Your name that You have given Me. I guarded them, not one of them was lost except the son of perdition, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to You, and I speak those things in the world so that they may have My joy made complete in themselves. I have given them Your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking You to take them out of the world, but I ask You to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. As You have sent Me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself so that they also may be sanctified in truth. I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in Me through their word, that they may all be one. As You, Father, are in Me and I am in You, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. The glory that You have given Me I have given them, so that they may be one, as We are one. I in them and You in Me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that You have sent Me and have loved them even as You have love Me."

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 1: 4 – 8: Now the Lord said to me, “I chose you before I gave you life, and before you were born I selected you to be a prophet to the nations.” I answered, “Sovereign Lord, I don’t know how to speak; I am too young. But the Lord said to me, “Do not say that you are too young, but go to the people I send you to, and tell them everything I command you to say. Do not be afraid of them, for I will be with you to protect you. I, the Lord, have spoken!”

CONFIRMATION / SCRIPTURE

In confirmation of all those words, from the end of the **Gospel of Matthew: The Commissioning of the Disciples:** Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountains to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw Him, they worshipped Him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on the earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. **And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.**” (Verses 16 – 20)

EXHORTATION

This is not the time when we can sit and say, “Boy that was wonderful!” This is a time when we have to stand up and respond! This is an ‘**action**’ time. Yes, it was wonderful, but we can’t just sit and be happy with that!! **This is a tremendous call and I want to scream it out to everyone!** I know that I shouldn’t, but **please respond to the Lord, ask Him what He wants you to do, and then do it!** Please do not sit apathetically and allow that word to go forth and get lost! You know, scripture says that Mary ‘pondered’ the word, and you, me, **we** need to ponder this work and **we have to say ‘Yes’; we have to act on it!**

PROPHECY

I believe that the Lord is saying to us, “The action I call you to do is **to be ready**. The action that I call you to do is **to be available**. The action that I call you to do is **to step out when you hear My voice**.”

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 139: 1 – 3, 13 -18: Lord, You have examined me and You know me. You know everything I do; from far away You understand all my thoughts. You see me, whether I am working or resting; You know all my actions. You created every part of me; You put me together in my mother’s womb. I praise You because You are to be feared; all You do is strange and wonderful. I know it with all my heart. When my bones were being formed, carefully put together in my mother’s womb, when I was growing there in secret, You knew that I was there, You saw me before I was born. The days allotted to me had all been recorded in Your book, before any of them ever began. O God, how difficult I find Your thoughts; how many of them there are! If I counted them, they would be more than the grains of sand. When I awake, I am still with you.

PRAYER

Lord, enable us to be committed in our response to You, to be ready to act, to be available always, never letting fear stop us, but always to be ready to step out of our comfort zone. We, as Your people, evangelizing in Your holy name. Amen.

(Praying for Bart (our music leader), Cathy and their family who will be physically leaving us at the end of this month, as I have previously told you, and moving to another parish – St. Peter's parish in Monument. They will be a blessing to that parish for sure. We thank Bart and his entire family for the gift that they have been to us, and we send them forth with our blessings into the new mission to which God is calling them.)

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