

## INSPIRED WORD

May 17, 2017

### PRAYER

Lord, we know You are present and You want to be present with us because of Your great and powerful love for us. Help us to be present to You. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

### EXHORTATION / PRAYER

Just take a moment and think about the things that may have happened in your day or are going on in your life that would keep you from entering into full praise and worship of God, and just mentally put them in this burden basket, and we'll offer them up to the Lord. Let's offer up to Him all those things that would keep us from keeping our eyes fixed on Him so that we may praise and worship Him with our whole mind, our whole heart, our whole will, for grace comes from You, Lord, so just keep us focused on You. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

**Isaiah 6:1-9:** *In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." And the post of the door was shaken by the voice of him who cried out and the house was filled with smoke. So I said: "Woe is me! For I am undone, because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people with unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sins purged." And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me." And he said, "Go, and tell this people." Lord Jesus, we thank You, that You have empowered us to go and tell the people, that You have empowered us and You have asked that we would go. We just ask that You would give us the courage to go forth and tell the people the things that You have wanted us to tell them. We just praise You and exalt You and magnify Your holy name. For You alone are worthy. Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb that was slain for the foundation of the earth: worthy of all honor, worthy of all glory, and worthy of all praise, Lord Jesus, for You alone are worthy, worthy, worthy, worthy of all praise. Alleluia to the Lamb, the holy risen Lamb of God.*

### PRAYER / EXHORTATION

Say to the Lord: Let Your will be done through me. Let Your will be done to me. And let my heart be one with Your heart and my mind one with Your mind, that I may cooperate with You

in building Your kingdom here. Let's all surrender. Lord Jesus, we're here tonight to give You praise and glory but we come also to surrender our hearts in a deeper way to You tonight. Let Your Father's kingdom come, Lord. Let Your Spirit come. Ignite our hearts and fill us with that Spirit, Lord, and enable us to be channels of His gifts, His charisms, for the good of others, without fear, but out of love for our brothers and sisters. Let Your kingdom come here tonight, Lord. Let Your kingdom come to each one of us tonight. Glory to You, Lord. Glory to You, Lord.

## **SCRIPTURE**

From **Revelation 7:11-17**: *And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor, power and strength be to our God for ever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes, who are they and where did they come from?" I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are the ones who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore, they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. Never again will they hunger. Never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes."*

## **PRAYER**

Your holy promise, God. Give Him praise for that promise. Wipe away every tear, O Lord.

## **SCRIPTURE / WORD OF WISDOM**

The word tonight seems to be: Praise Him! Praise Him! And I'm so glad we're all still standing and praising Him. In the scripture of John about the Samaritan woman, we often think that Jesus told her all these things about herself, but there's a part in there that goes right along with tonight. It says (**John 4:21-24**): *Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father, neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship him in spirit and truth."* And why does He ask us to worship Him and continue to worship Him? Because it's not just here; it's not here that the worship comes. It's out there too where He sends us, out there where we take praise and worship so that when we're up against things that bring us down, we remember to praise Him and worship Him and put our trust and love in Him. So thank You, Lord, for making this a night of praise and worship.

## PRAYER

Salvation! You are the Way and the Truth and the Life, our Shepherd who leads us. Glory to You! Lord, we love You!

## SCRIPTURE

To go along with what has already been said, I was led to the Book of Habakkuk; this is the prayer of Habakkuk. He's a prophet. He says (**Habakkuk 3:2-6**): *O Lord, I have heard the report of thee, and thy work, O Lord, do I fear. In the midst of the years renew it; in the midst of the years make it known; in wrath remember mercy. God came from Teman, and the Holy One from Mount Paran. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise. His brightness was like the light, rays flashed from his hand; and there he veiled his power. Before him went pestilence, and plague followed close behind. He stood and measured the earth; he looked and shook the nations; then the eternal mountains were scattered, the everlasting hills sank low. His ways were as of old. (3:9-16) He didst cleave the earth with rivers. The mountains saw thee, and writhed; the raging waters swept on; the deep gave forth its voice, it lifted its hands on high. The sun and moon stood still in their habitation at the light of thine arrows as they sped, at the flash of thy glittering spear. Thou didst bestride the earth in fury, thou didst trample the nations in anger. Thou wentest forth for the salvation of thy people, for the salvation of thy anointed. Thou didst crush the head of the wicked, laying him bare from thigh to neck. Thou didst pierce with thy shafts the head of his warriors, who came like a whirlwind to scatter me, rejoicing as if to devour the poor in secret. Thou didst trample the sea with thy horses, the surging of mighty waters. (3:17-19) Though the fig tree does not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will have joy in the God of my salvation. God, the Lord, is my strength.*

## SCRIPTURE

And from **Titus 3:4-8**: *But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, who he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.*

## SCRIPTURE

**Zephaniah 3:14-18**: *Shout for joy, people of Israel. Rejoice with all your heart, Jerusalem. Do not be afraid, city of Zion. Do not let your hands hang limp. The Lord, your God, is with you. His power gives you victory. The Lord will take delight in you, and in His love, He will give you new life. He will sing and be joyful over you, as joyful as people at a festival.*

## **PRAYER**

Lord, we give You praise for Your holy presence here in a very special way. Christina is going to now talk to us about the value of fasting and combining fasting and prayer. (Talk is not recorded.)

## **SHARING**

We're really honoring God the Father when we fast because if you think of the sacrifice; He sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross for us so that we may be saved and have eternal life. And that's the greatest sacrifice anybody can make. In our little world, we're just honoring the whole idea of giving up something to honor God the Father.

## **SCRIPTURE**

From the 2<sup>nd</sup> **Letter of Timothy 1:6-11**: *I'm reminding you now to fan into a flame the gift of God that you possess through the laying on of my hands. God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to our Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner, but share in my hardship for the sake of the gospel, relying on the power of God, who has saved us and called us to be holy, not because of anything we ourselves have done, but for his own purpose and by his own grace, this grace already granted to us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time that has only been revealed in the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who has abolished death and brought to life immortality and light through the gospel. In his service, we have been made heralds, apostles and teachers.*

## **SCRIPTURE / EXHORTATION**

...the value of praise. In today's gospel, this is our commission. For Jesus says (**John 15:1**): *"I am the true vine and My Father is the vine-grower."* And then He says (**John 15:5**): *"I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in Me, and I in them, bear much fruit."* And so we have our commission this night to abide in Christ, to abide in Him through prayer and praise and worship, that we indeed will bear much fruit. So be blessed as you go forward.